



**EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Regular meeting held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 301
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building
Evansville, Indiana**

January 13, 2022

The following are minutes and not intended to be a verbatim transcript. An audio version of the proceedings can be heard or viewed on our website at www.evansvillempo.com.

1. ATTENDANCE

Policy Members	Organization	In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Jack Corn, Jr.	Chairman	X		
Mayor Lloyd Winnecke	City of Evansville			X
Ron Beane	Evansville City Council		X	
Rusty Fowler	Vice Chairman, Indiana Department of Transportation		X	
Jill Hahn	Vanderburgh County Council			X
Deneatra Henderson (Thomas Witt as proxy)	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	X		
William “Bill” Hubiak	Henderson County Appointment			X
William “Buzzy” Newman	City of Henderson Appointment		X	
Christy Powell	Town of Newburgh Appointment		X	
Todd Robertson	City of Evansville Mayoral Appointment		X	
Dan Saylor	Warrick County Commission		X	
Ben Shoulders (Robb Myers as proxy)	Vanderburgh County Commission	X		
John Stoll	Vanderburgh County Commission Appointment		X	
EMPO Staff Members		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Seyed Shokouhzadeh		X		
Pam Drach			X	
Erin Schriefer			X	
Matt Schriefer			X	
Amir Varshochi		X		
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Kari Akin		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dan Saylor made a motion for approval and Buzzy Newman seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

City of Evansville

- Walnut St Phase 2 (Weinbach Ave to Vann Ave): The project was let for bid on January 12, 2022. None of the bids received were below the engineers estimate.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Final environmental document has been approved. Right of way APAs (Appraisal Problem Analysis) are underway. Utility work plans have been requested.
- Signal Head Replacement: Construction was awarded to Ragle, Inc. for the low bid of \$220,952.75.

Vanderburgh County

- Franklin St Bridge: The project was let for bid on December 8, 2021 and has been awarded to Ragle, Inc. for the low bid of \$2,507,001.78. Local match for construction has been processed.
- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): The county commissioners approved right of way offer amounts for 23 parcels.
- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): A preliminary field check was held on December 9, 2021.

Warrick County

- Bell Rd: Project is complete and open to traffic.
- Warrick Trails SRTS: Project is complete and open for use.
- Telephone Rd: A public meeting has been set for February 1, 2022.

City/County of Henderson

- Wathen Lane: Right of way and utility work is underway.

KYTC

- Watson Lane: Title research has started for the right of way process.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT

- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: Working on Stage 2 design and right of way engineering. Finalizing environmental document to start looking at scheduling the public hearing.
- (R-41410) US 41 from N of SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expwy) to N of SR 66 (Diamond Ave): Preliminary Field Check was held on November 2, 2021. Will need additional funding. Working to summarize the drainage improvements and tree clearing need.
- (R-37845) US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Project moved to the November 15, 2023 letting. Right of way process with railroad has met delays.
- (R-42287) SR 62 from Rosenberger Ave to Wabash Ave; US 41 over SR 66/Diamond (including various intersections improvements from Rosenberger Ave to Cross Pointe Blvd): Completed final review of videos to be shared in February. Stage 1 design is complete for Burkhardt, Vann, Cross Pointe and pavement replacement from Wabash to Rosenberger. Bridge design has started. Environmental work underway.

Rusty Fowler provided an update to the Pigeon Creek Bridge on US 41. Northbound work has stopped for winter and both lanes are open. Northbound was completed north of Pigeon Creek, with work needing to be complete on the northbound side south of Pigeon Creek and the ramps at Diamond Ave. Work is still ongoing on the southbound side of the bridge. Work on the northbound side will start again in the spring.

Rusty Fowler also provided an update to the high-mast lighting project at US 41 and I 69. Work will continue through the winter and spring.

This item was informational and did not require a committee action.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. METS and EMPO Agreement of Services for Transit Admin – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO requests approval of the agreement for services to assist METS with grants and financial reporting for their grants for CY 2022. Compensation will be for \$45,600 in local funds. Legal services have reviewed the document and BPW approved the METS signatures on December 23, 2021.

Buzzy Newman made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/Source	Active TIP	New TIP
All amounts in thousands													
INDOT	R-41410	1601066	US 41	From SR 66/62 (Lloyd) to 0.02 mi S of SR 66, N Jct (Diamond Ave.	Vanderburgh	Pavement Replacement	NHPP	80/20	Remove Des#, Revise funding and FYs	2022	RW	\$760	\$0
		1901940	US 41	From 1.27 miles N of SR66 to 0.44 miles S of SR57	Vanderburgh	Small Structures & Drains Construction	ARPA	100 State		2022	CN	\$560	\$0
		2000638	US 41	over Pigeon Creek; .37mi N SR 66 -JBNB	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay				2023	CN	\$16,908	\$950
		1900782	US 41	Over SR 66/Diamond Ave. 00.46 mi N SR 62	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay				2024	CN	\$0	\$28,117
INDOT	B-44156	2000638	US 41	Over Pigeon Creek, 0.37 mi N SR 66 -JBNB	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay	STBG	80/20	Add Contract	2022	CN	\$0	\$560
		1900782	US 41	Over SR 66/Diamond Ave. 00.46 mi N SR 62	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay			2023	CN	\$0	\$2,996	
		1901940	US 41	From 1.27 miles N of SR66 to 0.44 miles S of SR57	Vanderburgh	Small Structures & Drains Construction			2023	CN	\$0	\$199	

Rusty Fowler made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization processed the following administrative modification to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on December 20, 2021:

ID# 02-711: KY 2084 intersection with KY 812: add dedicated right and left turn lanes and signal updates. Revise FY 2022 Construction (CN) from \$950,000 to \$1,360,000 to be funded using 80% Federal SHN funds and a 20% state match.

This item was informational and did not require a committee action.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Buzzy Newman seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kari Akin announced that everyone received an electronic copy of A Local Public Agency Guide to the Indiana Department of Transportation: January 2021. Hard copies are available in the Evansville MPO office for those interested.

Matt Schriefer announced that there was an additional update to the Regional Transportation Guide. The Carver Community Organization was added under Medical and Medicaid transportation. The guide is available for download on the front page of the Evansville MPO website (www.evansvillempo.com) and is ready to be shared with your organizations.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2022 EMPO Policy Meetings:
 - March 10 (Election of Officers)
 - May 12
 - July 14
 - September 8
 - November 10

Meeting adjourned.