



**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**

**March 10, 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](http://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	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		
Xinbo Mi		X		
Kari Akin		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Dawn Kelsey			X	

*Jack Corn directed the meeting.*

## **2. ELECTION OF CY 2022 OFFICERS – CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

*Bill Hubiak nominated Jack Corn for Chairman and Christy Powell seconded the nomination. The committee approved the nomination by acclamation.*

*Jack Corn nominated Rusty Fowler for Vice-Chairman and Jill Hahn seconded the nomination. The committee approved the nomination by acclamation.*

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- Walnut St Phase 2 (Weinbach Ave to Vann Ave): Scheduled for relet on April 6, 2022.
- Signal Head Replacement: Eight intersections are complete; four intersections remaining.

### **Vanderburgh County**

- Franklin St Bridge: Clearing activities to be completed by March 31. Bridge work not expected to begin until April.
- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Utility coordination is continuing. Plan revisions are being made where possible to help avoid relocations or improve the constructability.
- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): Working on addressing the comments from the PFC meeting.

### **Warrick County**

- Telephone Rd: The public meeting was held February 1, 2022. The final environmental document was submitted to INDOT for approval.
- Epworth Rd: Consultant contract negotiations for preliminary engineering is underway.

### **City/County of Henderson**

- Green River Rd: The right of way phase is underway.
- Wathen Lane: NOPA (notice of proposed acquisition) letters on City letterhead have been sent out to affected parcel owners. Appraisals are being completed.

### **KYTC**

- KY 2084 at KY 812/Airline Rd: Project let for bid in January 2022 and was awarded to Ragle Inc for a total of \$1,063,785.88.
- KY 2183 and KY 1539: The City and County are reviewing the project purpose, need, benefits and costs to identify a preferred alternative.

### **INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler, INDOT**

- (B-43148) US 41 Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Currently working on bridge piers. SB 41 will down to one lane on March 22, 2022. Bridge will need to be completed before northbound lanes can be completed.
- (R-39921) US 66 at Epworth Rd: Project moved to August 10, 2022 letting. Public hearing was scheduled for March 9, 2022.
- (R-37845) US 41 at Hillsdale Rd: Received signed Shared Use Agreement with CSX Railroad. Project is likely to be bundled with structure replacement to the south B-42185.

*Rusty Fowler also provided an update to the high-mast lighting project at US 41 and I 69. Work is continuing and most of the foundation work is done. Installation of the lighting will continue through the spring and looking to be done in early June.*

*Jack Corn asked Pam Drach if the project on First Avenue with the stop lights was being held up because of the construction. She answered that they just had not got to those yet. Jack also asked if anyone knew how long the construction was going to last, and Pam said that it's a city water and sewer department and the MPO hasn't heard when that should finish up.*

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

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. FY 2023 – FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program – presented by Kari Akin**

The Evansville MPO seeks review and approval of the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

The full document can be found on the EMPO website. Highlights are found below in the FY 2023 funding table, 600 level special projects, and the FY 2023 Planning Emphasis Areas.

SOURCE	FY 2023			
	Federal	State	Local	Total
IN PL/5303	\$518,483	\$0	\$129,621	\$648,104
IN HSIP 100%	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
IN STBG	\$60,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$75,000
IN STBG - Remix*	\$11,856	\$0	\$2,964	\$14,820
IN SPR - Planning	\$39,748	\$1,884	\$8,053	\$49,685
IN SPR Traffic Counts	\$50,000	\$12,500	\$0	\$62,500
CRRSSAA funding	\$675,000	\$0	\$0	\$843,750
KY FTA 5303	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$12,500
KY FTA 5307	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$12,500
IN FTA 5307	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$12,500
FTA Section 5310	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
KY PL FUNDS	\$74,400	\$4,650	\$13,950	\$93,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,584,487</b>	<b>\$19,034</b>	<b>\$177,088</b>	<b>\$1,949,359</b>

\* Remix purchase order has already been issued for this project

600 Level Special Projects:

- 600.1: Remix software purchase for transit planning and Title VI analysis
- 600.2: Streetlight software purchase for traffic pattern data for modeling
- 600.3: Regional Pavement Management System (RPMS) software purchase
- 600.4: Regional Pavement Management System consultant contract to perform data collection for Vanderburgh and Warrick counties

The 2023 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) have been added in the work elements of the UPWP. These are issued by FHWA and FTA:

- National Areas of Focus:
  - Tackling the Climate Crisis-Transition to a Clean Energy Resilient Future (National)
  - Equity and Justice40 in Transportation Planning
  - Complete Streets
  - Public Involvement

- Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/US Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination
- Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination
- Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)
- Data in Transportation Planning
- Local Areas of Focus:
  - TIP/STIP Process Review
  - Metropolitan Planning Area and Urbanized Area Boundaries

The draft UPWP has been sent to Federal and State planning partners for review.

*Bill Hubiak made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.*

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

The Evansville MPO seeks approval of the following amendments to the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	Action	Fiscal Year	Active TIP	New TIP
All amounts in thousands										
EMPO	N/A	EMP-22-009	Capital Assistance to Non-Profit Organizations - Acquisition of Paratransit buses/vans	Vanderburgh	Capital Assistance	5310	Move Funding	2022	\$172	\$0
						Local		2022	\$43	\$0
						Local		2023	\$112	\$280
								2023	\$28	\$70
EMPO	N/A	-	Operating Assistance to Non-Profit Organizations	Vanderburgh	Operating Assistance	5310	Add Project	2022	\$0	\$132
						Local		2022	\$0	\$132

*Pam Drach asked the committee to also consider approval of the non-profit operating amendment into the 2020-2024 TIP. The 2022-2026 TIP has been adopted and included in the KY STIP, but the INDOT 2022 STIP has not been approved yet. From INDOT and FHWA Indiana Division’s perspective, they are still working off of the 2020-2022 TIP. The MPO needs this approval to be in both TIPs so the grant can move forward.*

*Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Todd Robertson seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**c. TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach**

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program on February 1, 2022 to revise the following projects:



2022-2026 TIP Modifications Transit: March 3, 2022							MPO Action:	3/3/22	Resolution, Minutes, or N/A:	N/A	Air Quality Conformity (AQC) Date or N/A:	5/3/21
Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	Action	Fiscal Year	Active TIP	New TIP		
All amounts in thousands												
METS	N/A	EMP-22-001	Operating Assistance	Vanderburgh	Operating Assistance	5307 PMTF Local	Revise funding	2022	\$0	\$0		
								2022	\$2,216	\$2,263		
								2022	\$3,334	\$2,263		
METS	N/A	EMP-22-002	Capital Assistance	Vanderburgh	Capital Assistance	5307 5339 5310 Local	Revise Funding	2022	\$1,679	\$413		
								2022	\$224	\$116		
								2022	\$76	\$0		
								2022	\$495	\$132		
METS	N/A	EMP-22-006	Acquisition of Fixed Route Bus	Vanderburgh	Fixed Route Bus	5339 CMAQ Local	Revise funding	2022	\$0	\$2,214		
								2022	\$360	\$0		
								2022	\$90	\$553		
METS	N/A	EMP-22-007	Acquisition of Paratransit Bus	Vanderburgh	Paratransit Bus	5310 5339 CMAQ Local	Revise funding	2022	\$54	\$0		
								2022	\$0	\$144		
								2022	\$66	\$0		
								2022	\$32	\$36		
HART	N/A	-	Operating Assistance	Henderson	Operating Assistance	5307 Local	Revise funding	2022	\$253	\$24		
								2022	\$617	\$24		
HART	N/A	-	Capital Assistance	Henderson	Capital Assistance	5307 5339 KYTC Local	Revise Funding	2022	\$435	\$471		
								2022	\$56	\$28		
								2022	\$66	\$62		
								2022	\$95	\$62		

2020-2024 TIP Modifications: March 3, 2022							MPO Action:	3/3/22	Resolution, Minutes, or N/A:	N/A	Air Quality Conformity (AQC) Date or N/A:	4/5/19	
Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/S ource	Active TIP	New TIP
All amounts in thousands													
Warrick	R-41772	1802049	Telephone Rd	Bell Rd to Fuquay Rd	Warrick	Road widening: 2 to 3 lanes, pedestrian accommodations, and drainage improvements	STBG/CMAQ	-	Add \$3,000 in Fed\$	2022	RW	\$500	\$500

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

**d. FY 2023 KY FTA Section 5303 Application Local Share – presented by Kari Akin**

KYTC’s application process for Federal Transit Administration Section 5303 Transit Planning Funds is entirely online. The enclosed resolution gives Seyed Shokouhzadeh authorization to upload the required documents for the Section 5303 application. The resolution also states that the Evansville MPO will provide the required 20% local match, which is currently part of the City of Henderson’s local share in the amount of \$2,500.

*Bill Hubiak made a motion for approval and Buzzy Newman seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**e. 2022 Transit Targets (TAM & PTASP) – presented by Matt Schriefer**

METS and HART have been required to develop annual Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets since completion of the Group TAM Plan in September 2018. At the end of each year, the MPO gathers fleet data from METS and HART to calculate the end of the previous year Performance Metrics and set the end of the current year Targets. Although not required, the MPO also calculates Performance Metrics and sets Targets for the non-profit vehicles. With your approval of these Targets, the MPO will include them in the TIP and MTP documents. The table below includes TAM Performance Measures definitions, end of 2021 Performance Metrics, and end of 2022 TAM Targets.

Starting in 2021, METS and HART are also required to develop annual Safety Targets. These Targets are listed in the recently completed Public Transit Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) for both METS and HART. The MPO worked with METS and HART to collect safety data to calculate Performance Metrics and set Targets. With your approval of these Targets, the MPO will include them in the TIP and MTP documents. The table below includes Safety Performance Measure definitions, end of 2020 Performance Metrics, and end of 2022 Safety Targets.

**2022 Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Safety Targets**

		METS		HART		MPO	
		End 2021 Measures	End 2022 Targets	End 2021 Measures	End 2022 Targets	End 2021 Measures	End 2022 Targets
<b>Transit Asset Management</b>	Rolling Stock (buses) - % of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	28%	16%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Rolling Stock (cutaways) - % of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	53%	58%	0%	25%	17%	13%
	Equipment - % of equipment that has exceeded ULB or with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA's (TERM) Scale	73%	63%	33%	0%	22%	22%
	Facilities - % of facilities with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA's Transit Economic Requirement Model (TERM) Scale	0%	0%	0%	0%	n/a	n/a
		METS		HART			
		End 2020 Measures	End 2022 Targets	End 2020 Measures	End 2022 Measures		
<b>Transit Safety</b>	Fatalities - Total number of fatalities that occurred at a transit facility or involving a transit revenue vehicle	Fixed Route	0	0	0	0	
		Demand Response	0	0	0	0	
	Injuries - Any injury (other than a fatality) requiring immediate medical attention that occurred at a transit facility or involving a transit revenue vehicle	Fixed Route	0	0	0	0	
		Demand Response	0	0	0	0	
	Safety Events - Any fatality, injury or other safety event (property damage, collisions, evacuations), that occurred at a transit facility or involving a transit revenue vehicle.	Fixed Route	2	0	0	0	
		Demand Response	0	0	0	0	
	System Reliability (major failures) - Distance between major mechanical failures that limit actual vehicle movement, require a tow, or create safety issues (n/a if no major mechanical failures)	Fixed Route	61,823 miles	75,000 miles	n/a	75,000 miles	
		Demand Response	34,773 miles	50,000 miles	n/a	50,000 miles	

*Bill Hubiak made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**f. 2022 Title VI Goals & Accomplishments Report – presented by Matt Schriefer**

At the beginning of each year, the Evansville MPO develops a list of Title VI accomplishments from the prior year and Title VI goals for the upcoming year. These goals and accomplishments include completed and upcoming trainings and workshops, updates to the Title VI documents and surveys, and the total number of Title VI complaints from the previous year.

The complete list forms the annual Title VI Goals & Accomplishments Report. The report will be added to the appendices of the *Title VI Implementation Plan & Limited English Proficiency Plan*.

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

**g. 2022 MPO Section 5310 Grant Public Hearing – presented by Matt Schriefer**

Public Notice of the 2022 MPO Section 5310 grant application for FTA funding for non-profits was placed in the Evansville Courier & Press on March 1, 2022. The Notice provided an opportunity for the public to review, comment, and ask questions about the grant application, as well as be notified of the public hearing to be held at the MPO Technical and Policy Committee meetings on March 10, 2022. Public comments will be accepted through March 18, 2022.

If the MPO receives comments, the application will be reviewed and revised as needed. If no comments are heard, the grant application will be submitted with the funding amounts listed in the program of projects.

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

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Approval of Bills**

*Bill Hubiak made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Jack Corn mentioned that he's seen Todd Robertson's patching crews out working on patching potholes.*

**8. UPCOMING DATES**

- CY 2022 EMPO Policy Meetings:
  - May 12
  - July 14
  - September 8
  - November 10

Meeting adjourned.