



**EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. in Room 318
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.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (voting):

In person: Karen Brooks, Jenna Richardt, Nate Hahn, Greg Wathen, Thomas Witt

Webex/Phone: Matthew Bullock, Mychelle Christian, Khalil Dughaiash, Bernadette Dupont, Jay DuMontelle, Lea Dycus, Nick Hall, Shawn Hayden, Jonathan Siebeking, Lorie Van Hook, Jeff Whitaker, Rick Wilson

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

In person: Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Amir Varshochi, Kari Akin

Webex/Phone: Pam Drach, Matt Schriefer, Erin Schriefer

Greg Wathen directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nate Hahn made a motion for approval and Matthew Bullock seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

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.

INDOT Updates – presented by Matthew Bullock, INDOT

Matthew Bullock noted that two projects are now complete - (RS-39357) SR 66 from E of SR 161 to E Jct SR 161 Reo and (B-41059) SR 62 over Bruch Ditch.

- (B-42109) US 41 NB Ramp over Eagle Creek: Awarded to E&B for \$1,302,000.
- (R-39921) US 66 at Epworth Rd: Delays in environmental document, project could be moved to a later letting.
- (B-42725) SR 62 over Barker Ave: Final Field Check scheduled for January 27, 2022.
- (R-40551) SR 62 (various locations between SR 61 and the West Jct SR 161): Letting moved to May 5, 2022 due to needing additional funding and right of way time. Utility coordination causing delay.
- (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): Project moved to the September 13, 2023 letting to accommodate funding 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.
- (R-39923) US 41 at Lynch Rd: Project delayed to the November 13, 2025 letting.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 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 | All amounts in thousands | |
|---------|----------|----------|-------|--|-------------|--|--------------|--------------|---|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Active TIP | New TIP |
| 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 JB NB | Vanderburgh | Bridge Deck Overlay | | | | 2023 | CN | \$16,908 | \$950 |
| | | 1909782 | 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- JB NB | 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 | |

Shawn Hayden made a motion for approval and Mychelle Christian seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. 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.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

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.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Wathen mentioned that two items were sent out in the packets: A Local Public Agency Guide to the Indiana Department of Transportation: January 2021 and the Evansville MPO Express newsletter. He noted the articles about Evansville adopting its first Complete Streets Policy and the I-69 Ohio River Crossing project moving forward on the front page of the newsletter. He encouraged everyone to check out both of those items.

6. UPCOMING DATES

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

Greg Wathen added that officer elections will be held at the next meeting on March 10, 2022.

Bernadette Dupont pointed out that she sent a few items through the chat box. These include:

- *FHWA's website on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) can be found at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>*
 - *FHWA has also opened up a Request for Information (RFI) on the BIL/IJA asking the public and stakeholders for input on the implantation of the provisions of the law*
 - *She encourages the MPO and its members to review and consider providing feedback. This RFI is available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/12/01/2021-26145/infrastructure-and-investment-jobs-act-request-for-information>*
- *FHWA/FTA published the new Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) on December 30, 2021 and are usually addressed in the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) via a listing of activities that will address the PEAs. They include:*
 - *Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to Clean Energy, Resilient Future*
 - *Equity and Justice40*
 - *Complete Streets*
 - *Virtual Public Involvement*
 - *STRAHNET/DOD Coordination*
 - *Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination*
 - *Planning and Environmental Linkages*
 - *Data Sharing in the Planning Process*
- *She also congratulated Evansville on the Complete Streets Policy*

Meeting adjourned.