

## 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

March 10, 2022

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### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Members Present (voting):

***In person:*** Greg Wathen, Thomas Witt

***Webex/Phone:*** Doug Boom, Matthew Bullock, Kari Carmany-George, Mychelle Christian, Lea Dycus, Nate Hahn, Nick Hall, Michael O'Daniel, Jeff Whitaker, Lorie Van Hook, Rick Wilson, Shawn Hayden

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

***In person:*** Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Matt Schriefer, Amir Varshochi, Erin Schriefer, Kari Akin

*Greg Wathen directed the meeting.*

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

*Seyed Shokouhzadeh nominated Greg Wathen for Chairman and Nate Hahn seconded the nomination. The committee approved the nomination by acclamation.*

*Matthew Bullock nominated Nate Hahn for Vice-Chairman and Mychelle Christian seconded the nomination. The committee approved the nomination by acclamation.*

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Nate Hahn made a motion for approval and Jeff Whitaker seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach**

##### **City of Evansville**

- Walnut St Phase 2 (Weinbach Ave to Vann Ave): Scheduled for relet on April 6, 2022.  
*Nate Hahn asked what changes were made to the project before it was sent out for bid again. Pam Drach explained that they typically review feedback from contractors and believes in this case there were some cost differences in the system for piping. No design adjustments were made that we are aware of. Matthew Bullock also added that the market is a little crazy right now for materials.*

- 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.  
*Mychelle Christian asked what complete street components will be added? Pam Drach believes that the county's intent is to continue the cross-section that is south of Lynch Rd through this phase, but will confirm with the county and follow up with Mychelle via email.*
- 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 Matthew Bullock, 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.  
*Greg Wathen asked if there were any negative comments received during the public hearing. Matthew Bullock said that he hasn't heard of anything yet. Jeff Whitaker said that he was at the meeting and he didn't hear anyone make any really negative comments; he thought the meeting went really well.*
- (B-42725) SR 62 over Barker Ave: Project moved to June 15, 2022 letting. Contract files have been sent to Central Office for advertising.
- (R-40551) SR 62 (various locations between SR 61 and the West Jct SR 161): Letting moved to June 15, 2022 due to needing additional funding and right-of-way time. Utility coordination causing delay. Have meeting with utilities on March 4, 2022. Will readdress after meeting.
- (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.
- (B-42185) US 41 1.80 mi N Jct SR 57: Working through Maintenance of Traffic options, crossover likely in order to construct with Hillsdale median U-Turn R-37845.
- (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): Preliminary Field Check for eastside

intersections scheduled for March 9, 2022 and westside projects for March 30, 2022. A public meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2022 in person and a virtual meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2022.

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

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. 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
						5310		2023	\$112	\$280
						Local		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.*

*Rick Wilson made a motion for approval and Nate Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### **b. 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: February 2022									MPO Action:	2/1/22	Resolution, Minutes, or N/A:	N/A	Air Quality Conformity (AQC) Date or N/A:	5/3/21	
Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/Source	Active TIP	New TIP	Project Total	
All amounts in thousands														All amounts in thousands	
INDOT	R-37845	1400005	US 41	At Hillsdale Rd, 2.04 mile N SR 57	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement Project, Median U-Turn	HSIP	90/10	Move CN	2022	CN	\$2,432	\$0	\$ 2,864	
										2024	CN	\$0	\$2,432		
INDOT	B-42643	2000386	I 69	over Base Line Road/CR 600N, 3.30mi S 1-64	Vanderburgh	Bridge Maintenance And Repair	STBG	80/20	Remove Des#	2022	CN	\$430	\$200	\$ 255	
		1902739	SR 62	over Harper Ditch, 0.178 E US 41	Vanderburgh	Substructure Repair And Rehabilitation									
INDOT	B-44147	1902739	SR 62	over Harper Ditch, 0.178 E US 41	Vanderburgh	Substructure Repair And Rehabilitation	STBG	80/20	Add Contract	2025	CN	\$0	\$271	\$ 359	
INDOT	B-39418	1593066	SR 68	Over Simpson Branch, 2.33 miles E of SR-61	Warrick	Bridge Replacement	STBG	80/20	Remove Des#	2023	CN	\$1,990	\$1,000	\$ 1,201	
		1593067	SR 68	Over Pigeon Creek Overflow, 2.08 miles E of SR-57	Warrick	Bridge Replacement									
INDOT	B-40541	1700167	SR 68	Over Wallace Creek, 00.95 miles E SR-161	Warrick	Bridge Replacement	STBG	80/20	Add Des#	2022	CN	\$829	\$1,587	\$ 2,049	
		1593067	SR 68	Over Pigeon Creek Overflow, 2.08 miles E of SR-57	Warrick	Bridge Replacement									
INDOT	T-42464	1902031	VA VARI	Various Locations in the Vincennes District	Various	Curve Sign and Marking Visibility Improvements	HSIP	90/10	Change FY and Revise CN	2023	CN	\$1,337	\$0	\$ 1,350	
										2022	CN	\$0	\$1,350		
INDOT	B-42725	2000701	SR 62	over Barker Avenue EB/WB, 3.60mi W US 41	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay	NHPP	80/20	Change FY and Revise CN	2023	CN	\$520	\$0	\$ 638	
										2022	CN	\$0	\$515		

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2022-2026 and the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Programs on March 3, 2022 to revise the following projects:

2022-2026 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:	5/3/21
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	B-40541	1700167	SR 68	Over Wallace Creek, 00.95 miles E SR-161	Warrick	Bridge Replacement	STBG	80/20	Move CN	2022	CN	\$1,587	\$0		
		1593067	SR 68	Over Pigeon Creek Overflow, 2.08 miles E of SR-57	Warrick	Bridge Replacement				2023	CN	\$0	\$1,587		
INDOT	B-42725	2000701	SR 62	over Barker Avenue EB/WB, 3.60mi W US 41	Vanderburgh	Bridge Deck Overlay	NHPP	80/20	Move CN	2022	CN	\$515	\$0		
										2023	CN	\$0	\$515		
INDOT	B-42643	2000386	I 69	over Base Line Road/CR 600N, 3.30mi S 1-64	Vanderburgh	Bridge Maintenance And Repair	STBG	80/20	Move & Revise CN	2022	CN	\$200	\$0		
										2023	CN	\$0	\$203		
INDOT	R-40551	1700170	SR 161	10.46 miles N Jct SR-66	Warrick	Small Structure Replacement	STBG	80/20	Move CN	2022	CN	\$2,025	\$0		
		1701058	SR 62	3.57 mile East, West Jct SR-161	Warrick	Small Structure Replacement				2023	CN	\$0	\$2,025		
		1702071	SR 62	4.79 mile E SR-61	Warrick	Small Structure Replacement									
		1702072	SR 62	3.88 mile E, W Jct SR-161	Warrick	Small Structure Replacement									

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	Revise funding	2022	\$0	\$0				
			Project will also use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding.					PMTF	2022	\$2,216	\$2,263			
								Local	2022	\$3,334	\$2,263			
METS	N/A	EMP-22-002	Capital Assistance	Vanderburgh	Capital Assistance	5307	Revise Funding	2022	\$1,679	\$413				
								5339	2022	\$224	\$116			
			Project will also use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding.					5310	2022	\$76	\$0			
								Local	2022	\$495	\$132			
METS	N/A	EMP-22-006	Acquisition of Fixed Route Bus	Vanderburgh	Fixed Route Bus	5339	Revise funding	2022	\$0	\$2,214				
			Project will also use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding.					CMAQ	2022	\$360	\$0			
								Local	2022	\$90	\$553			
METS	N/A	EMP-22-007	Acquisition of Paratransit Bus	Vanderburgh	Paratransit Bus	5310	Revise funding	2022	\$54	\$0				
			Project will also use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding.					5339	2022	\$0	\$144			
								CMAQ	2022	\$66	\$0			
								Local	2022	\$32	\$36			
HART	N/A	-	Operating Assistance	Henderson	Operating Assistance	5307	Revise funding	2022	\$253	\$24				
			Project will also use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding.					Local	2022	\$617	\$24			
HART	N/A	-	Capital Assistance	Henderson	Capital Assistance	5307	Revise Funding	2022	\$435	\$471				
			Project will also use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding.					5339	2022	\$56	\$28			
								KYTC	2022	\$66	\$62			
								Local	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
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.*

### **c. 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
Transit Asset Management	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		
Transit Safety	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		

Thomas Witt noted that the 2021 and 2022 Rolling Stock buses for HART were "n/a", so he asked if they didn't have any vehicles that fall under that category. Matt Schrieffer explained that per the FTA guidelines Rolling Stock Buses are the larger 30'-35' buses. Rolling Stock Cutaways are considered to be the E450 or F450 vehicles with a body on the back of the chassis. HART only has cutaway buses in their fleet.

Shawn Hayden made a motion for approval and Lorie Van Hook seconded the motion; motion carried.

**d. 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.*

**e. 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.

*Thomas Witt asked about Chemo Buddies being listed in the public hearing notice, but not included in the program of projects. Matt Schriefer explained that the Section 5310 program is a reimbursement program at 50%, and because Chemo Buddies relies and operates on donations, spending the money upfront and waiting for reimbursement was going to be a challenge for them and they decided to not pursue the 5310 funding.*

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

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None.*

**8. UPCOMING DATES**

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

Meeting adjourned.