



**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**

May 11, 2023

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. ROLL CALL

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	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet		X	
Nick Stallings	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		
Matt Schriefer		X		
Erin Schriefer		X		
Amir Varshochi		X		
Xinbo Mi		X		
Kari Akin		X		
Brooke Vorbeck		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Kari Carmany-George			X	
Thomas Witt			X	
Jay Mitchell			X	
Dylan Ward			X	

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robb Myers made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

City of Evansville

- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): The pre-construction meeting has been held and preliminary submittals prior to construction activities have begun.

Vanderburgh County

- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): The environmental document is being drafted and is on track for submittal to INDOT for review in June 2023.
- Wimberg Rd Bridge: PE contract was awarded to Beam Longest and Neff.

City/County of Henderson

- Wathen Lane: HMG is in process of relocating gas mains along the corridor.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler

- (B-44156) US 41 over SR 66/Diamond Ave: Maintenance of Traffic in place, work has begun on bridge.
- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Temporary Signal work at Grimm Rd starting mid-May.
- (R-42753) Various locations in the Vincennes District, including I-69 and SR 57: Project was awarded to E&B Paving for the low bid of \$13,458,792.27.
- (B-39367) I-64 over Plum Creek: Project was not awardable on the March letting; will be relet May 10, 2023.
- (R-41410) US 41 from SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd) to SR 66 (Diamond): Final Field Check to be scheduled for the end of May.
- (R-44898) Various intersection improvements on SR 66: Working on Stage 3 plans. Obtaining SUE to identify utility conflict/relocations. Separated from R-42287.
- (R-42287) Lloyd4U project: Working on Stage 3 design. East side intersection improvement projects moved to contract R-44898. Contract R-42287 moved to February 15, 2024 letting.

Rusty Fowler also provided updates on the US 41 Pigeon Creek bridge replacement and the US 41/I-69 lighting project. The US 41 bridge is substantially complete and recently finished the pre-final inspection. The project will be complete once the punch list is complete. The lighting project at US 41 and I-69 is now in the street light phase.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 2024 Budget (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) – presented by Kari Akin

The proposed FY 2024 Evansville MPO budget, the budget trend sheet, and a sheet explaining the changes in the budget from the previous year were sent out for review. These are the same values that were approved in March for the FY 2024 UPWP.

The following was sent out to LPAs in February 2023 and was included with their FY 2023 local shares invoice:

The local share is the non-federal amount of funds needed to match the federal funds allocated to the MPO to operate and carry out its business. The federal allocation has not changed much in the past 10 years, however with the new bill, there has been a substantial increase in the transportation bill and therefore an increase in local shares is warranted which will be increased in for the next 2 years.

AGENCY	FY 2023	20%	NEW	FY 2024	FY 2025
City of Evansville	\$51,727.00	\$10,345.40	\$62,072.40	\$56,899.70	\$62,072.40
Vanderburgh County	\$50,542.00	\$10,108.40	\$60,650.40	\$55,596.20	\$60,650.40
Warrick County	\$40,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$48,000.00
Town of Newburgh	\$2,334.00	\$466.80	\$2,800.80	\$2,567.40	\$2,800.80
City of Henderson	\$9,138.00	\$1,827.60	\$10,965.60	\$10,051.80	\$10,965.60
Henderson County	\$5,858.00	\$1,171.60	\$7,029.60	\$6,443.80	\$7,029.60
LOCAL subtotal	\$159,599	\$31,919.80	\$191,518.80	\$175,558.90	\$191,518.80

Ron Bean made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modifications – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program on March 21, 2023 with the following:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/Source	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
INDOT	R-42753	2000889	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Vanderburgh	Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)	NHPP, STBG	80/20	Combine Contracts	2023	CN	\$11,527	\$11,867	\$9,494	\$2,373
	R-42787	2001114		Combine this Des#/Contract with R-42753 which includes moving the CN from 2024 to 2023.						2024	CN	\$340	\$0	\$0	\$0

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program on April 19, 2023 with the following:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/Source	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
INDOT	B-43235	2002063	SR 68	Over Mill Creek, 0.26 mi E of SR 61	Warrick	Bridge Replacement	STBG	80/20	Move PE	2022	PE	\$181	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2023	PE	\$0	\$181	\$145	\$36

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

c. KYTC 4-Year Target Revisions – presented by Pam Drach

The 2-year and 4-year performance measure targets for Pavement, Bridge and System Performance, along with other federally required targets, were originally approved by the EMPO Policy Board on November 10, 2022. KYTC has opted to revise the targets as shown:

	Kentucky - Previous		Kentucky - Revised	
	2-Year Target	4-Year Target	2-Year Target	4-Year Target
Interstate System - % of pavements in Good condition	n.a.	50%	55%	60%
Interstate System - % of pavements in Poor condition	n.a.	3%	4%	3%
Non-Interstate NHS System - % of pavements in Good condition	35%	35%	35%	40%
Non-Interstate NHS System - % of pavements in Poor condition	6%	6%	6%	5%
% of NHS Bridges, by deck area in Good condition	35%	35%	31%	27%
% of NHS Bridges, by deck area in Poor condition	3.7%	3.2%	3.7%	3.6%
Interstate System - % of person-miles traveled that are reliable Level of travel time reliability (LOTTR)	93%	93%	95%	93%
Non-Interstate NHS System - % of person-miles traveled that are reliable Level of travel time reliability (LOTTR)	n.a.	82.5%	91%	91%
Interstate System - Level of truck travel time reliability (TTTR)	1.25	1.25	1.3	1.35

At this time, the Evansville MPO is recommending the adoption and support of the KYTC revisions to the statewide targets as listed.

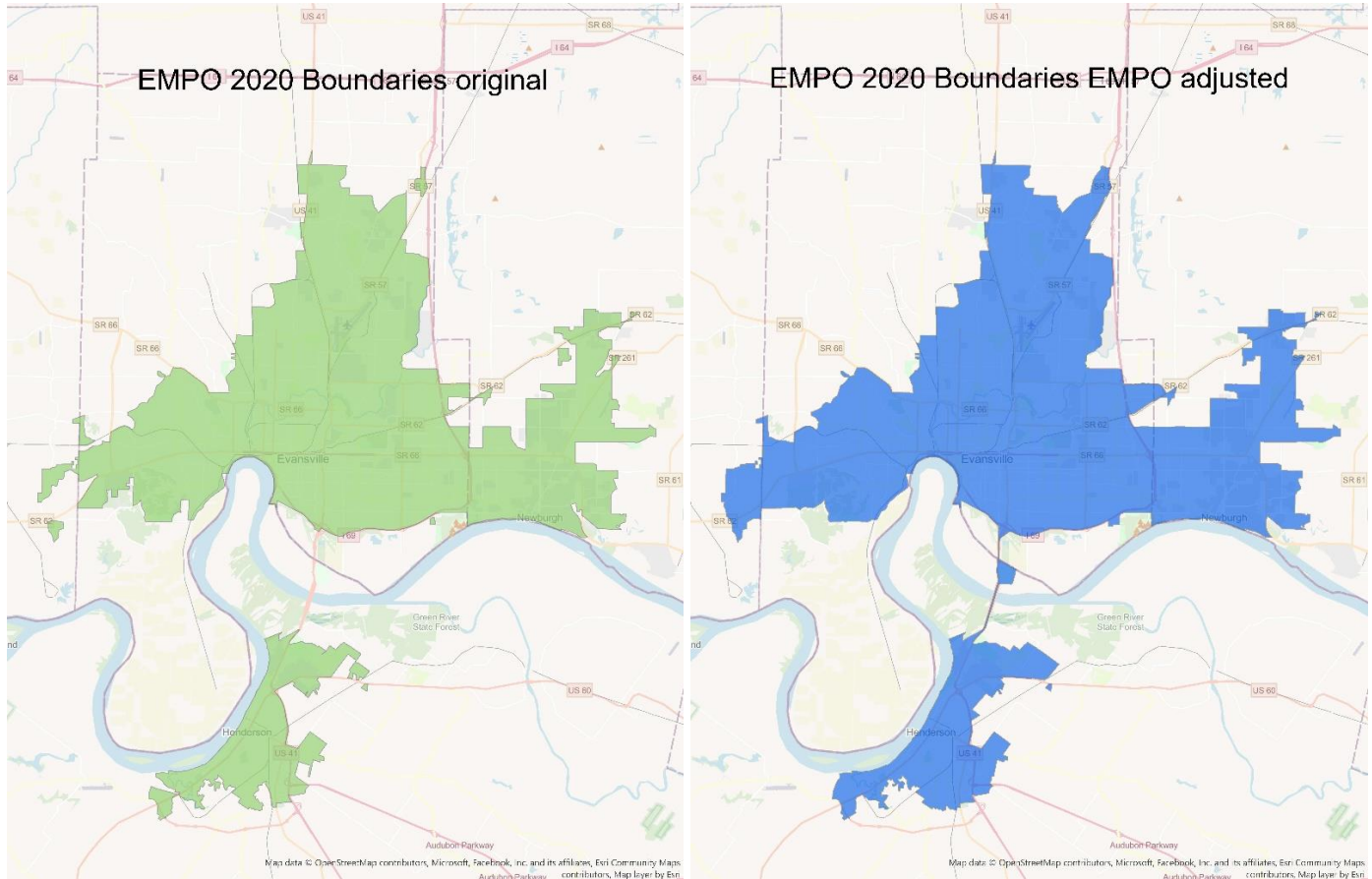
Jill Hahn made a motion for approval and Ron Beane seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. Evansville – Henderson Urbanized Area Boundary Adjustments – presented by Matt Schriefer

For each decennial Census, the U.S. Census Bureau revisits the regulations for developing urban area boundaries. Changes in regulations for the 2020 Census led to modifications of urban areas across the country. The Evansville MPO region received a map of those changes in the fall of 2022.

After receiving the map, the Evansville MPO conducted several meetings with local, State and Federal partners to discuss and review the 2020 Census Bureau designated urban boundaries and the appropriateness of the Census boundaries to the transportation planning process. The Census defined boundaries for 2020, developed for statistical purposes, separated the Evansville urban area and the Henderson urban area into two separate areas. This reflects a change from the single urbanized area that has been in place since the 1980s. Regulations provide an opportunity for local and State agencies to fix and/or adjust the Census defined areas as part of an adjustment process and submit and adjusted area to FHWA for consideration.

Based on the rules and guidelines presented by the Census and FHWA, using additional publicly available data from federal agencies, including FEMA and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and utilizing current aerial photography and local knowledge, the MPO recommends that the adjusted urbanized area boundary submittal provides appropriate expansion and supports the continuation of a single Evansville-Henderson Urbanized Area for planning and funding allocation.



Ron Beane made a motion for approval and Buzzy Newman seconded the motion; motion carried.

e. Vanderburgh County Safety Action Plan and Warrick County Safety Action Plan – presented by Brooke Vorbeck

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the new Safe Streets for All Discretionary Program. This program funds regional, local, and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The program requires an approved Safety Action Plan to apply for Demonstration or Implementation Grants. The Evansville MPO has prepared Safety Action Plans for both Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. Henderson County developed their own Safety Action Plan last year and GRADD was awarded a grant through the program to create a Safety Action Plan that will include the City of Henderson.

The Evansville MPO is committed to prioritizing safety in order to reduce the risk of death and serious injury that result from incidents on transportation systems in the region. The plans identify locations on the local road network that have experienced high crash rates and crashes involving fatalities and incapacitating injuries and outlines strategies to help achieve FHWA’s Zero Deaths Vision. The data was analyzed at a countywide level using the 2016-2020 Indiana Crash Database ARIES. This countywide level analysis was completed to determine locations that should be considered as focus areas. Additional detail and analysis are recommended beyond this countywide level plan for location specific crash analysis.

Stakeholder outreach included surveys and meetings in each county. Stakeholders included representatives from various city/county government agencies, law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency management agencies. Freight carriers were also engaged with a survey. State roads and intersections with state roads were not evaluated as part of this plan. Any comments that were received during the process on state roads were forwarded to INDOT and INDOT was also present during the Stakeholder meetings.

The Vision of the plan is to establish a safety focused culture that promotes and implements Toward Zero Death strategies.

The goals of the plan include:

- Encourage Implementing proven safety solutions systemically to reduce fatal and severe crashes.
- Improve the safety and security of the transportation system for all users.
- Support the INDOT state performance targets and their goal towards reducing fatalities from 862 in 2020 to 550 in 2042.

The approval of these Safety Action Plans will allow the local government agencies to apply for a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Demonstration or Implementation Grant.

Ron Beane made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Robb Myers made a motion for approval and Ron Beane seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2023 EMPO Policy Meetings:
 - July 13th; September 14th; November 9th.

Meeting adjourned.