



**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**

November 9, 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			
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		
Amir Varshochi		X		
Kari Akin		X		
Jennifer Scott		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Thomas Witt			X	

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and Christy Powell seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

City of Evansville

- Walnut St Phase 2 (Weinbach Ave to Vann Ave): The Vann Ave speed hump will require some reconstruction. The Weinbach intersection is closed for a 35-40 day reconstruction.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Much of the construction on this phase is complete. The work at the New York Ave intersection has been delayed due to water main conflict, redesign, and material procurement.

Vanderburgh County

- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Permits are complete. Right of way activities are complete.
- Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd): The environmental document work continues and submittal to INDOT for review has moved from June 2023 to December 2023.
- Wimberg Rd Bridge (over Locust Creek): Survey work completed. Requested hydraulic information from INDOT so the hydraulic analysis and report can begin.

Warrick County

- Telephone Rd (Bell Rd to Fuquay Rd): Right of way parcels secured.
- Epworth Rd (SR 662 to south of SR 62): Preliminary field check moved to December 2023 to allow time for additional archeological studies.

City/County of Henderson

- Wathen Lane: The environmental document update is complete; project getting ready for bid letting.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler

- (B-44156) US 41 Small Structures and Bridge Decks: Worked through PP agreement/permit and utility conflict at the structure near the RR tracks. Last pipe will be installed by December 15th.
- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Construction is on-going; getting ready to change to Phase 2.
- (R-42753) Concrete pavement, patching, restoration work on I-69: It is still on-going, will be a two-season project, currently trying to get a few more things finished before snow comes this year.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Bridge: Nothing new to add, but work is starting.
- (R-41410) US 41 from SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd) to SR 66 (Diamond): Project was awarded to E&B Paving for \$35,829,065.
- (R-44898) Intersection Improvements on SR 66 (at Vann, Burkhardt, Cross Pointe, Stockwell): Project is currently advertised for the 11/15/23 letting. We are responding to contractor questions.
- (R-42287) SR 62 Lloyd4U project (East intersections): Post public hearing environmental document is being reviewed by INDOT Environmental Division. Working through final utility relocation agreements. Discussing public education plan going forward. We are going to ramp up our advertising to encourage people to subscribe to project updates – thelloyd4u.com.
- (T-45152) SR 62 Lloyd4U project (West intersections): Working to finalize utility relocation workplans and agreements.

Jack Corn asked if we know when the intersection at Weinbach Ave and Walnut St is going to be complete. Pam Drach responded that as of the quarterly report meeting on October 17, at which time they gave us a 35-40 day time frame.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2024-2028 TIP Amendment – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO amended the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program with the following:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/Source	Current TIP Entry Total	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
All amounts in thousands															
INDOT	45274	2301147	US 41	3.30 miles N SR 57 (N of BNH Rd) to 0.85 mi S SR 168 (N of Coal Mine Rd) Includes Des#: 2301093	Various	Rubblize PCCP & HMA Overlay	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2024	PE	\$0	\$10,740	\$8,592	\$2,148
										2026	RW	\$0	\$150	\$120	\$30
										2027	CN	\$0	\$475	\$380	\$95
										2028	CN	\$0	\$33,000	\$26,400	\$6,600
INDOT	44013	2100044	SR 62	At Boeke Rd 1.01 mi E of US 41 Includes Des#: 2100051 (Stockwell Rd)	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement with added turn lanes	STBG	80/20	Add Phase	2024	PE	\$0	\$980	\$784	\$196

John Stoll made a motion for approval and Mayor Lloyd Winnecke seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. 2024-2028 TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program on September 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
All amounts in thousands															
INDOT	37845	1900005	US 41	At Hillsdale Rd Includes Des# 1900273, 1900275	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvements	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$4,948	\$5,448	\$4,358	\$1,090

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

c. Budget Amendment – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval for a budget amendment of an additional 2% COLA increase from the 3% previously approved, resulting in a net 5% increase. COLA increases are effective January 1, 2024. Since August 2023, the MPO has lost 33% (3 full-time staff) to the private sector for significant increase in salaries.

The 2% increase will be covered by the reallocation of the salaries with vacancies. The balance of additional funding will be transferred to equipment for the purchase of a new hybrid vehicle. The new vehicle will replace the 2016 Camry hybrid that has exceeded its useful life and is approaching 100,000 miles.

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2024 – presented by Jennifer Scott

Before Jennifer presented, Seyed Shokouhzadeh introduced Jennifer, stating that she is the newest member of the Evansville MPO team and joined us from Mater Dei High School and Texas State University.

The Evansville MPO announced the Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2024 on Thursday, November 2, 2023. The applications are due Friday, December 1, 2023.

The call for projects was sent by email to the Regional Transit Advisory Committee (RTAC) November 6, 2023. This call is only for projects eligible for Section 5310 funding (acquisition of buses and vans; wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices; transit-related information, technology systems including scheduling/routing/one-call systems; and

mobility management programs to aid in the transportation of seniors and/or individuals with disabilities). Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations that provide transportation for seniors and/or individuals with disabilities.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Corn announced that this meeting is the last for two members – Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and City Councilman Ron Beane. Jack stated that the Mayor has been involved in the MPO board since 2000. Mayor Winnecke said that it's been a pleasure, and he appreciates the friendships that have been developed, especially with INDOT and Federal Highway, and with Seyed and the entire team. He said he's only going four blocks away to E-REP and looks forward to continuing partnering with the MPO. Jack then presented the mayor with an ink pen on behalf of the board and staff for his years of service. Everyone wished him well.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2024 EMPO Policy Meetings:
 - January 11
 - March 14
 - May 9
 - July 11
 - September 12
 - November 14

Meeting adjourned.