



**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**

September 14, 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	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		
Xinbo Mi		X		
Kari Akin		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Thomas Witt		X		
Robert Kania		X		
Jennifer Scott			X	

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Beane made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn 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 project is approximately 85% complete. The Vann Ave speed hump is under construction and will be open on September 8th. The Boeke Ave intersection is operating in a 4-way flashing red condition on the signal. The Weinbach Ave intersection will be closed within the month for 30-day reconstruction.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): The first phase of the project is under construction from US 41 to Kentucky Ave. This will take approximately 30 to 45 days. Utility relocation is being completed along the rest of the corridor with gas relocation currently at Denby and Walnut.
- 2nd St/Parrett St/Jefferson St: Additional public meeting was held on August 16, 2023.

Vanderburgh County

- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Right of way activities are continuing with 45 of 48 parcels secured.

City/County of Henderson

- Wathen Lane: The environmental document is being updated.

INDOT Updates – presented by Pam Drach

- (B-42718) SR 66: Project complete.
- (R-41160) SR 68: Project complete.
- (R-39921) SR 66 at Epworth Rd: Construction is ongoing.
- (B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave: Ground breaking is scheduled for September 28, 2023.
- (R-41410) US 41 from SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd) to SR 66 (Diamond): Final plans sent to central office to be published on the October letting. Finalizing revisions to avoid utility conflicts.
- (R-44898) Various intersection improvements on SR 66: Final plans were sent to central office; finalizing pre-print revisions. Set to be advertised on the November letting.
- (R-42748) SR 61 (Lynnville): Utility reimbursement agreement in process with INDOT. Finalizing right of way condemnations. Letting moved to January 18, 2024.
- (R-42287) SR 62 Lloyd4U project: Three project numbers were separated out of this contract (Wabash Ave, St Joe Ave and the pavement between Barker Ave and Wabash Ave); these three moved out to a July 2025 letting. This is to accommodate utility relocations. The rest of the projects in this contract are set to let in February; final field check held August 29, 2023; Stage 3 plans will be submitted in September; INFRA Grant Application submitted. Working on utility reimbursement agreements. Public hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2023.
- (T-45152) SR 62 Lloyd4U project: New contract for the three projects separated out from R-42287 to allow for utility relocations. Public hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2023.

Jack Corn asked if the intersection at Weinbach Ave and Walnut St is going to be completely closed. Pam Drach responded that she wasn't sure, but can look into it and get back with him.

This item was informational and did not require a 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/S ource	Current TIP Entry Total	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
All amounts in thousands															
INDOT	42287	1900308	SR 62	From Vanderburgh/Posey County Line to St Joseph Ave Includes Des# 1500041, 1600060, 1602258, 1702066, 1900258, 1900260, 1900262, 1900264, 2001917, 2100041	Vanderburgh	Road reconstruction and intersection improvements	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$0	\$1,031	\$825	\$206
										2024	RW	\$510	\$1,041	\$833	\$208
										2024	CN	\$77,078	\$74,900	\$59,920	\$14,980
										2025	CN	\$46,172	\$23,300	\$18,640	\$4,660
									2026	CN	\$0	\$20,000	\$16,000	\$4,000	
INDOT	44898	1900292	SR 66	Burkhardt Rd, Cross Point Blvd, Vann Ave and Stockwell Rd. Includes des 1900268,1900317,2000217, 2201283	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvements	NHPP	80/20	Separate Contract	2024	ROW	\$0	\$65	\$52	\$13
										2024	CN	\$0	\$27,251	\$21,801	\$5,450
										2025	CN	\$0	\$10,600	\$8,480	\$2,120
INDOT	45152	2301254	SR 62	SR 62 from 3.92 mi W of S US 41 (Ingle Ave) to 2.72 mi W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave) Includes Des# 1900263, 2000187, 1900308	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvements	NHPP	80/20	Separate Contract	2024	PE	\$0	\$10	\$8	\$2
										2025	PE	\$0	\$40	\$32	\$8
										2026	CN	\$0	\$3,670	\$2,936	\$734
										2027	CN	\$0	\$34,411	\$27,529	\$6,882
INDOT	44763	2201283	SR 62/ SR 66	2.72 mi W of US 41 (Wabash Ave) to 0.18 mi E of SR261 Remove as a separate contract and add to Contract 44898	Various	Pavement Markings	HSIP	90/10	Remove Contract	2024	CN	\$1,051	\$0	\$0	\$0
INDOT	44506	2200972	I 64	From 0.82 miles E of SR 65 to 0.96 miles E of SR 65 Includes Des# 2200519	Vanderburgh	Slide Correction	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$284	\$900	\$720	\$180
										2027	CN	\$1,231	\$3,321	\$2,657	\$664
INDOT	42748	2000860	SR 61	From 0.81 mi N of SR 68 (N Town Limits Lynnville) to SR 64	Warrick	Pavement and bridge deck overlay	STBG	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$4,020	\$8,500	\$6,800	\$1,700
INDOT	44987	2300274	Various	Electric vehicle charging infrastructure at various locations along Indiana Interstates	Various	Other Type Project	STBG	80/20	Add Project	2024	PE	\$0	\$5,540	\$4,986	\$554
										2024	CN	\$0	\$21,215	\$16,972	\$4,243
										2025	PE	\$0	\$5,540	\$4,986	\$554
										2025	CN	\$0	\$21,215	\$16,972	\$4,243
									2026	CN	\$0	\$21,215	\$16,972	\$4,243	
KYTC	-	02-10091	KY 145	At Beaver Dam Creek	Henderson	Bridge Project	BR	100	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$390	\$1,241	\$993	\$248

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and Ron Beane 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 August 14, 2023 with the following:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/S ource	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
All amounts in thousands															
City of Henderson	-	02-382	Wathen Ln	From US 60 to city limits; lane widening, sidewalks, and curb & gutter Contract carried forward from previous TIP.	Henderson	Road upgrade	SHN	80/20	Add Contract	2024	CN	\$0	\$5,484	\$4,387	\$1,097
City of Henderson	-	02-321	Green River Rd	Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr Contract carried forward from previous TIP.	Henderson	Sidewalk construction	TA	80/20	Add Contract	2024	CN	\$0	\$380	\$304	\$76

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program on August 15, 2023 with the following:

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/S ource	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
													Total	Federal	State/Local
All amounts in thousands															
EMPO	N/A	2101668	N/A	STBG UPWP Planning Activities	Various	UPWP Planning	STBG	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$125	\$255	\$204	\$51

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program on August 29, 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	44499	2200044	US 41	At St. George Rd and SR 57	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvements	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$956	\$2,362	\$1,890	\$472
				Includes Des# 2200040											
INDOT	44547	2200879	I-64	3.04 miles E of SR 65	Vanderburgh	Bridge Painting	STBG	80/20	Add Contract	2024	PE	\$0	\$200	\$160	\$40
				Grouped Project: Bridge, culvert, and small structure preservation Includes Des# 2200870, 2200880											
INDOT	44356	2101774	Various	Wrong Way Ramp Entry Initiative - Various locations	Vanderburgh	Signs, Lighting, Signals And Markings	NHPP	90/10	Add Contract	2024	PE	\$0	\$300	\$270	\$30
				Grouped Projects (Signing, marking, striping, and rumble strips)											
INDOT	44505	2200518	I 64	From 3.32 miles E of SR 65 interchange to 1.69 miles W of SR 37 interchange	Vanderburgh	Small Structures and Drain Construction	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$1,270	\$1,499	\$1,199	\$300
INDOT	44890	2300158	I 64	LED Luminaire conversion at various routes and locations in Vincennes District	Vanderburgh	Lighting Project	HSIP	80/20	Add Project	2024	CN	\$0	\$1,480	\$1,184	\$296
				Grouped Project: Traffic signal system improvements and lighting											
KYTC	-	02-383, 02-383.1	US 41	Intersection at Watson Ln (from Catalina Dr to MP 1.2)	Henderson	Improve safety and reduce congestion	STBG	80/20	Move Phase	2024	CN	\$2,840	\$0	\$0	\$0
KYTC	-	02-383.2	Watson Ln	Sunset Ln to Catalina Dr, and MP 1.2 to Green River Rd	Henderson	Improve safety and reduce congestion	STBG	80/20	Move Phase	2024	CN	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2026	CN	\$0	\$1,555	\$1,244	\$311

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program on August 31, 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															
KYTC	-	02-930.00	Various	Installation of Wrong Way Driving Signs and Pavement Markings on Various Off Ramps in District 2	Various	Signs and Pavement Markings	HSIP	100	Add Project	2024	CN	\$0	\$1,537	\$1,537	\$0
Grouped Project: Highway signage and pavement markers and striping															

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

c. Henderson 2023 SHIFT Regional “Boost” Projects – presented by Pam Drach

As part of the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) Transportation Prioritization Plan, the Evansville MPO must select two of their highest priority projects from Kentucky’s statewide projects list to “boost”. The projects selected to boost will have additional points added to the KYTC quantitative scoring to increase the potential ranking going into the statewide selection of projects.

In coordination with local leaders from the City of Henderson and Henderson County, the MPO has selected the following projects for submittal to KYTC to “boost” by September 15, 2023.

- Watson Lane and US 41 intersection: CHAF-IP20230196
- KY 1539/Zion Larue Road from KY 351 to Kimsey Lane: CHAF-IP20080095

Public comment will be accepted on the proposed selection starting September 7 and continuing through the public meeting scheduled for September 14.

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

d. FY 2023 Performance and Expenditures Annual Completion Report – presented by Kari Akin

The Annual Unified Planning Work Program Performance and Expenditures Completion Report for FY 2023 presents a summary of the activities and products completed by the Evansville MPO during FY 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023). Described in the report is the progress attained in completing each of the work elements contained in the approved FY

2023 and FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program. This report is submitted to Indiana and Kentucky state agencies by September 19th and to FHWA by September 30th of each year.

Each work element includes a purpose, finished products, and funds expended. The document also includes budget and expenditure summary tables for each funding source and staff hours per element.

The Report is on the Evansville MPO website under “publications and links” and “finance”.

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

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke made a motion for approval and Ron Beane seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Kania asked for more information regarding a microtransit program that was mentioned previously during the meeting. Seyed Shokouhzadeh answered that METS, the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System, is working with a contractor to get this rolling, and offered to show Robert more information in the MPO office.

7. UPCOMING DATES

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

Meeting adjourned.