



**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**

January 11, 2024

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 Stephanie Terry	City of Evansville			X
Mary Allen	Evansville City Council	X		
Rusty Fowler	Vice Chairman, Indiana Department of Transportation	X		
Jill Hahn	Vanderburgh County Council	X		
Deneatra Henderson (Thomas Witt)	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet		X	
Nick Stallings	Henderson County Appointment		X	
William “Buzzy” Newman (Dawn Kelsey)	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)	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		
Lorenzo Marsh		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent

Jack Corn directed the meeting. Jack also welcomed new member, Mary Allen, to the board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robb Myers 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 Weinbach intersection is open to traffic.
- Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41): Utility relocations continue along the corridor. Contractor is installing green infrastructure features at Grand and Evans Avenues.

Vanderburgh County

- Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd): Project is on the January 18, 2024 letting.
- Wimberg Rd Bridge (over Locust Creek): Hydraulic analysis work is continuing.

Warrick County

- Oak Grove Rd Phase IV (SR 261 to Anderson Rd): Notice to Proceed with design issued December 28, 2023.

City/County of Henderson

- Green River Rd (Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr): Seventeen parcels are secured. One remains in negotiations.
- Wathen Lane (US 60 to City Limits): Bid opening was on January 5, 2024. Three bids were received and are under evaluation.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler

- (R-40567) SR 65 over I-64 Bridge Replacement: Construction will begin mid-January 2024. Traffic will be diverted to off ramps so I-64 can be closed for demolition and construction of the new structure.
- (B-44156) US 41 over SR 66/Diamond Ave: Last pipe was installed in December.
- (B-42187) I-64 over abandoned N and S RR: Awarded to Ragle for \$2,494,331.20. Pre-Con at Evansville sub-district on January 29, 2024.
- (R-41410) US 41 from SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd) to SR 66 (Diamond): Construction on the southbound side has begun, shoulder strengthening will be the first phase, this will accommodate the traffic while the northbound side is worked on.
- (R-44898) Intersection Improvements on SR 66 (at Vann, Burkhardt, Cross Pointe, Stockwell): Contract was not awardable on the November letting. We moved the contract to the January 18, 2024 letting.
- (R-42287) SR 62 Lloyd4U project: Project moved to the March 13, 2024 letting. Files have been moved to Central Office for advertisement. Working through final utility information and railroad coordination.

Jack Corn asked about the timeline for the Walnut Street project. Pam Drach responded that the downtown section just started construction, so it will be awhile yet.

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	43226	2001940	SR 65	over UNIT, 6+50, S JCT 56	Vanderburgh	Small Structure Replacement	NHS	80/20	Add Project	2025	CN	\$0	\$2,100	\$1,680	\$420
Includes Des# 2000987															
INDOT	42736	2001053	US 41	Various locations on US 41	Vanderburgh	Small Structure Replacement	NHS	80/20	Remove Des#	2024	CN	\$2,417	\$839	\$671	\$168
Remove Des# 2000987															
INDOT	42653	1902845	I-64	Various locations along I-64	Vanderburgh	Lighting Installation / Maintenance	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2024	CN	\$0	\$5,847	\$5,262	\$585
Includes Des# 1902848, 2002581															
INDOT	45427	2301883	SR 66	From US 41 to Epworth Rd (0.66 mi E of I-69)	Vanderburgh	Planning - Multimodal Network Connectivity	STBG	100	Add Project	2025	PE	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$0
INDOT	2301569	US 41	Over Ohio River, Access Rd. 2.65 mi S of I-69	Vanderburgh	Bridge Inspections	BR	80/20	Add Project	2024	PE	\$0	\$1,200	\$960	\$240	

Robb Myers made a motion for approval and John Stoll 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 November 13, 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															
Vanderburgh County	42809	1902794	Boonville New Harmony Rd	Bridge #252 over tributary of Big Creek, 0.9mi west of St Joseph Ave.	Vanderburgh	Bridge Replacement	STBG	-	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$1,230	\$1,481	\$984	\$497
Vanderburgh County	41778	1802074	Oak Hill Rd	From Eastwood Drive to Millersburgh Rd.	Vanderburgh	Road Reconstruction	CMAQ	-	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$9,200	\$10,309	\$5,860	\$4,449
Warrick County	42004	1802906	Myers Rd	Bridge #310, 0.42 Miles West of Bullocktown Road	Warrick	Bridge Replacement	STBG	-	Revise Funding	2024	CN	\$3,298	\$4,211	\$2,638	\$1,573

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program on January 10, 2024 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	44695	2201132	SR 68	1.2 miles E of US 41 and W of SR 61	Warrick	Small structures and drains construction	STBG	80/20	Move FY	2024	CN	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2025	CN	\$575	\$725	\$580	\$145

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

c. 2024 Safety Target Setting Recommendations – presented by Pam Drach

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking established five performance measures related to safety. These measures are:

- Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled
- Number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Federal regulations require state DOTs to establish and report annual targets to each of these five performance measures by August 31st of each year. MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOT's statewide targets or set their own targets specific to their areas within 180 days of that date. At this time, the EMPO is recommending the adoption and support of the statewide targets for both INDOT and KYTC.

		Indiana	Kentucky
		2024 Targets	2024 Targets
Safety	Number of fatalities	876.3	757.0
	Rate of fatalities (per 100 million VMT)	1.072	1.560
	Number of serious injuries	3281.1	2644.0
	Rate of serious injuries (per 100 million VMT)	3.987	5.520
	Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	399.6	297.0

Robb Myers made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2024 EMPO Policy Meetings:
 - March 14 (Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman)
 - May 9
 - July 11
 - September 12
 - November 14

Meeting adjourned.