



**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 14, 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

Members Present (voting):

In person: Luke Hill, Thomas Witt, Mike Labitzke, McKenzie May, La’Kesha Stewart

Webex/Phone: Karen Brooks, Duane Decker, Nick Vail

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Seyed Shokouhzadeh directed the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Mike Labitzke made a motion to nominate Nate Hahn for Chair; McKenzie May seconded the motion; motion carried.

McKenzie May made a motion to nominate Lorie Van Hook for the Vice-Chair; Mike Labitzke seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thomas Witt made a motion for approval and Mike Labitzke 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):** The Boeke Rd intersection traffic signal is in full operation. The Vann Ave speed hump was closed on March 11 for construction work and will be closed for approximately three weeks.
- **Walnut St Phase 3 (MLK Jr Blvd to US 41):** Stormwater sewer installation is continuing at Beford Ave and Walnut St. Pavement removed on Walnut St from Kentucky Ave to Bedford Ave with installation of subgrade treatment at Bedford. City, contractors, designers, and CenterPoint met out in the field to address conflict between

traffic signal strain pole and CenterPoint's transmission line. Relocation/redesign of traffic signal strain poles at Kentucky/Walnut is in the works.

Vanderburgh County

- **Oak Hill Rd (Eastwood Dr to Millersburg Rd):** Project was let for bid on January 18, 2024 and awarded to Koberstein Contracting Inc, for approximately \$8.44 million. The contractor will begin right-of-way clearing soon and is tentatively planning to close Oak Hill Rd beginning on March 27, 2024.
- **Oak Hill Rd (Lynch Rd to St George Rd):** A legal notice was published to advertise for the opportunity to request a public hearing. The IDEM Section 401 General Water Quality Certificate was approved on March 7, 2024. The Corps of Engineers permit application was submitted on March 1, 2024.
- **Wimberg Rd Bridge (over Locust Creek):** The hydraulic analysis was completed, and the alignment was set to allow phased construction at the site. The structure, size and type study is underway to determine the most cost effective structure; plans are being prepared for the utility verification request.

Warrick County

- **Epworth Rd (SR 662 to south of SR 66):** Preliminary field check moved to June 2024 to allow time for additional archeological studies.

City/County of Henderson

- **Green River Rd (Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr):** District 2 is negotiating for the acquisition of the one remaining parcel. Targeting a summer 2024 letting.
- **Wathen Lane (US 60 to City Limits):** Bid opening was on January 5, 2024. The construction contract has been awarded to Yager Materials Corp for \$4.115 million. A public meeting was held on February 21, 2024. Construction began March 4 and is scheduled to be completed by December 15.

INDOT Updates – presented by Luke Hill

- **(R-40567) SR 65 over I-64 Bridge Replacement:** Closure in place, construction on-going.
- **(B-44156) US 41 over SR 66/Diamond Ave:** Construction is complete.
- **(B-42876) US 41 Pedestrian Walk at Washington Ave:** Finalizing R/W acquisition, construction of foundations will begin soon.
- **(B-42187) I-64 over abandoned N and S RR:** June 4th is the planned start date for construction.
- **(R-41410) US 41 from SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd) to SR 66 (Diamond):** Shoulder strengthening is going down, drainage structures on the south end will be complete within two weeks, we expect to be in phase two with traffic switched to the southbound side by the end of April.
- **(R-44898) Intersection Improvements on SR 66 (at Vann, Burkhardt, Cross Pointe, Stockwell):** Contract was awarded to JBI for \$35,498,919.88. Pre-Construction meeting held 2/22/24. Construction is set to begin at Vann and Stockwell by July 1, 2024.
- **(R-42748) SR 61 (Lynnville):** Construction should begin early spring. Town is working with Commonwealth on lighting design.
- **(R-42736) I-69 near US 41:** Final Tracings have been submitted to Central Office.
- **(B-42728) SR 62 bridge thin deck overlay:** Contract awarded to Ram Construction with a winning bid of \$876,166.92.
- **(R-42199) SR 66 from 2.76 mi west of US 41:** Final Field Check scheduled for 5/14/2024.
- **(R-42287) SR 62 Lloyd4U project:** Project has been advertised on a special letting 3/27/24.

- (B-43235) SR 68 over Mill Creek: Permits acquired / all parcels are being secured. No delays/risk. Public involvement in the works.
- (R-44695) SR 68 from 1.2mi E. of US 41 to 4mi W. of SR 61 intersection: Letting date getting moved back up to October 2024 since the rebundling of projects.
- (B-45043) SR 161 over Coles Creek and SR 62 over Barren Fork: Project still moving forward.
- (B-43231) I-69 Bridge Painting around SR 662/SR62: Stage 2 files received /review as of 01/03/2024. Des# 2002134-2002135 will stay on contract. Limited Red Flag Investigation being requested for Des# 2002134 and Des# 2002135 (after discussion – no need for expedited).
- (B-43986) SR 66 over UNT (1.45mi E. JCT SR 65): Submission for CE-1 (02/13/24) Resubmit for corrections. STG2 and Permits in the works.
- (R-44499) US 41 at SR 57, Petersburg Rd, and St George Rd: Kick-off meeting held, early development for Stage 1 plans and utility coordination meetings are on-going.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

5. NEW BUSINESS

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

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

2024-2028 TIP Modifications - FHWA

Date Processed	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																
18-Jan-2024	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	Combine Contracts	2025	CN	\$750	\$3,350	\$2,680	\$670
					Includes Des# 2000737, 2000742, add 2001796									\$0	\$0	\$0
	INDOT	43255	2001796	I-64	Various Locations from 2 mi W of SR 165 to 1.27 mi E of SR 37	Warrick	Small structures and drains construction	STBG	80/20	Combine Contracts	2025	CN	\$2,733	\$0	\$0	\$0
16-Feb-2024	Warrick County	41772	1802049	Telephone Rd	Bell Rd to Fuquay Rd	Warrick	Road widening from 2 to 3 lanes, pedestrian accommodations, and drainage improvements	STBG, CMAQ, CRP	80/20	Revise Funding	2025	CN	\$8,497	\$10,176	\$6,798	\$3,378
											2024	CN	\$0	\$1	\$0.8	\$0.2
26-Feb-2024	INDOT	43231	2002024	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Varous	Bridge rehabilitation	STBG	80/20	Revise Funding	2024	PE	\$250	\$600	\$480	\$120
	INDOT	44512	2200588	SR 61	0.21 mi S of SR 68	Warrick	Bridge thin deck overlay	STBG	80/20	Revised Funding	2027	CN	\$902	\$606	\$485	\$121
					Remove Des# 2200714;									\$0	\$0	\$0
	INDOT	45442	2400032	Various	Scenic Byway Corridor in 13 Counties along the Ohio River	Various	Signing Installation / Repair	NHPP	90/10	Add Contract	2025	CN	\$0	\$800	\$720	\$80
					Grouped Project: Signing, marking, striping, and rumble strips											
INDOT	44356	2101774	Various	Various locations	Various	Wrong Way Ramp Entry Initiative	NHPP	90/10	Remove Contract	2024	PE	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	
				Grouped Project: Signing, marking, striping, and rumble strips						2024	CN	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
INDOT	45438	2400028	Various	Various locations	Various	Wrong Way Ramp Entry Initiative	NHPP	90/10	Add Contract	2024	PE	\$0	\$77	\$69	\$8	
				Grouped Project: Signing, marking, striping, and rumble strips						2024	CN	\$0	\$722	\$650	\$72	

2024-2028 TIP Modifications - FTA

Date Processed	Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	Action	Fiscal Year	Active TIP	New TIP
										All amounts in thousands	
26-Feb-2024	METS	N/A	EMP-24-001	Operating Assistance	Vanderburgh	Operating Assistance	5307	Revise Funding	2024	\$865	\$0
							5310		2024	\$150	\$0
							PMTF		2024	\$2,293	\$2,278
								Local	2024	\$3,192	\$4,534
	METS	N/A	Various	Capital Assistance	Vanderburgh	Capital Assistance	5307	Revise Funding	2024	\$1,725	\$2,613
							5310		2024	\$0	\$53
							5339		2024	\$115	\$0
								Local	2024	\$460	\$666
	METS	N/A	EMP-24-006	Acquisition of Fixed Route Bus	Vanderburgh	Fixed Route Bus	5307	Revise Funding	2024	\$0	\$131
							5339		2024	\$0	\$185
							CMAQ		2024	\$360	\$420
								Local	2024	\$90	\$184
	METS	N/A	Various	Acquisition of Paratransit Bus	Vanderburgh	Paratransit Bus	5339	Revise Funding	2024	\$60	\$0
							CMAQ		2024	\$60	\$0
Local							2024		\$32	\$0	
HART	N/A	-	Operating Assistance	Henderson	Operating Assistance	5307	Revise Funding	2024	\$355	\$318	
						Local		2024	\$570	\$318	
HART	N/A	-	Capital Assistance	Henderson	Capital Assistance	5307	Revise Funding	2024	\$460	\$245	
						5339		2024	\$100	\$0	
						KYTC		2024	\$70	\$31	
							Local	2024	\$70	\$31	
HART	N/A		Acquisition of Fixed Route Bus	Vanderburgh	Fixed Route Bus	5307	Revise Funding	2024	\$0	\$50	
						5339		2024	\$0	\$50	
						KYTC		2024	\$0	\$13	
							Local	2024	\$0	\$13	
HART	N/A		Acquisition of Paratransit Bus	Vanderburgh	Paratransit Bus	5310	Revise Funding	2024	\$0	\$50	
						5339		2024	\$0	\$50	
						KYTC		2024	\$0	\$13	
							Local	2024	\$0	\$13	
Non-Profits	N/A	EMP-24-009	Capital Assistance	Various	Capital Assistance	5310	Revise Funding	2024	\$174	\$112	
						Local		2024	\$44	\$28	
Non-Profits	N/A	EMP-24-	Operating Assistance	Various	Operating Assistance	5310	Revise Funding	2024	\$63	\$122	
						Local		2024	\$63	\$122	
Non-Profits	N/A	EMP-24-010	Planning Assistance	Various	Planning Assistance	5307	Revise Funding	2024	\$36	\$35	
						Local		2024	\$0	\$0	
27-Feb-2024	Non-Profits	N/A	EMP-24-009	Capital Assistance	Various	Capital Assistance	5310	Revise Funding	2024	\$112	\$59
							Local		2024	\$28	\$15

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

b. 2024 Title VI Goals and Accomplishments Report – presented by Jennifer Scott

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 and Accomplishments Report. This 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 committee action.

c. 2024 Transit Targets (TAM & PTASP) – presented by Jennifer Scott

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 following table includes TAM Performance Measure definitions, end of 2023 Performance Metrics, and end of 2024 TAM Targets.

Starting in 2021, METS and HART have also been required to develop annual Safety Targets. These Targets are listed in the 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 following table includes Safety Performance Measure definitions, end of 2022 Performance Metrics, and end of 2024 Safety Targets.

			METS		HART		MPO	
			End 2023 Measures	End 2024 Targets	End 2023 Measures	End 2024 Targets	End 2023 Measures	End 2024 Targets
Transit Asset Management	Rolling Stock (buses) - % of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)		36%	40%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Rolling Stock (cutaways) - % of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)		59%	73%	38%	63%	27%	27%
	Equipment - % of equipment that has exceeded ULB or with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA's (TERM) Scale		88%	88%	67%	67%	10%	33%
	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 2022 Measures	End 2024 Targets	End 2022 Measures	End 2024 Targets		
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	4	0	0	0		
		Demand Response	2	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	6	0	0	0		
		Demand Response	3	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	54,269 miles	75,000 miles	64,032 miles	75,000 miles		
		Demand Response	50,021 miles	50,000 miles	n/a	50,000 miles		

Thomas Witt asked if the MPO column on the table was representing the non-profit data. Jennifer confirmed.

Thomas Witt made a motion for approval and McKenzie May seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

8. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2024 EMPO Technical Meetings:
 - May 9
 - July 11
 - September 12
 - November 14

Meeting adjourned.