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# 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

July 10, 2025

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

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Jack Corn directed the meeting.

# 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Allen made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

# 3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update - presented by Pam Drach

Project	Description	Most Current Status Information
City of Evansville	,	
Walnut Street Ph 3: MLK Jr Blvd to US 41	Road Diet with bike and pedestrian accommodations, green infrastructure, and a multiuse path	Work continuing on the final phases. Asphalt base is being installed to MLK. Anticipate August completion of construction activities.
Third Street: from Court St to Parrett St	Road reconstruction with multi- modal improvements	NTP has been issued to VS and survey is underway.
Warrick County		
Epworth Rd Phase 1: Tecumseh Dr to south of SR 66	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Environmental document Public Involvement Certification received and Final CE submitted for approval on 05/29/25. RW Engineering is ongoing and anticipated to be completed in July 2025.
Epworth Rd Phase 2: SR 662 to Tecumseh Dr	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Initial Section 106 coordination with archeologists and historian is underway.
Oak Grove Rd Phase IV: SR 261 to Anderson Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Public Information Meeting is being scheduled for early August 2025. Preliminary date is August 7.

**INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler** 

Contract	Project	Description	Most Current Status Information						
INDOT									
	SR 57 Over Schlensker Ditch, 4.44 mile N US-41	Bridge Deck Overlay							
	I 69 over UNT, 3+19 S JCT SR 57	Small Structure Pipe Lining							
	I 69 over UNT, 0+98 S JCT I-64	Small Structure Pipe Lining							
	I 69 over UNT, 0+74 S JCT I-64	Small Structure Pipe Lining	Construction is completed. A lessons learned meeting took						
R-42753	SR 57 From US 41 to 1.32 mi N of US 41 (End of Concrete)	Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)	place to discuss challenges to the project.						
	I 69 From 2.3 mi E of US 41 to I-64	Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)							
	SR 57 From S. Jct. of I 69 (end of Asphalt) to S. Jct. of I69 (Fly Over Ramp over I69)	Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)							
B-42876	US 41 Pedestrian walk at US41 & Washington Ave	Pedestrian Bridge	Project complete.						
B-428/0	US 41 0.87 mi S of SR62/66 (Washington Ave)	Intersection Improvement, Median U- Turn	Project complete.						
R-41410	US 41 From N of SR 66/SR 62 (Lloyd Expwy) to 0.74 mi N of SR 66 (Diamond Ave)	Pavement replacement	Moved into Phase 4, alternating closures on US 41 & Lloyd ramps to finalize reconstruction. Working on water line on Fares Ave ahead of pavement replacement on west side of Fares.						
	SR 66 At 1.79 mi E of US-41 (Vann Ave)	Intersection Improvement	Stockwell has been opened to traffic. Contractor is working						
R-44898	SR 66 At 1.20 mi W of I-69 (Burkhardt Rd)	Intersection Improvement	on pre-phase work in the center of the Lloyd at Burkhardt. Southside, eastbound lane of the Lloyd will be closed soon for						
N-44070	SR 66 At 0.58 mi W of I-69 (Cross Pointe Blvd)	Intersection Improvement	approx. 4 months. During this closure right turns onto and off of the Lloyd from Burkhardt and Cross Pointe will be						
	SR 66 At 2.25 mi E of US 41 (Stockwell Rd)	Intersection Improvement	periodically restricted.						

R-42748	SR 61 From 0.14 mi S of I-64 to 0.88 mi N of SR-68 (Lynnville)	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	Pre-final held on June 16, 2025.					
	SR 62 Pedestrian Walk at SR-62 EB/WB	Bridge Replacement						
	SR 62 At 6.62 mi W of US-41 (Schutte Rd)	Intersection Improvement						
R-42287	SR 62 At 4.58 mi W of US-41 (Rosenberger Ave)	Intersection Improvement	Open graded asphalt, the base layer is being placed on mainline pavement. Middle Mount Vernon Rd north of the					
	SR 62 From Rosenberger Rd (4.59 mi W of S Jct US-41) to 3.92 mi W of S Jct US-41 (Ingle Ave)	Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards)	Lloyd will close 7/7 for 14 days. Boehne Camp Rd north of the Lloyd will close 7/14 for 30 days. Beams have been set at Tekoppel and Carpenter Creek bridges. Work on walls at CSX bridge is ongoing.					
	SR 62 From 8.56 mi W US 41 to 4.59 mi W of US 41 (East of Posey/Vanderburgh Count Line to Rosenberger Rd	Rubblize PCCP & HMA Overlay						
	SR 62 At McDowell Road, 7.75 mi W of US41	Intersection Improvement						
	SR 62 from 3.92 mi W of S Jct US 41 (Ingle Ave) to 2.72 mi W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave)	Pavement Replacement	Getting utility work plans. Final field check was held,					
R-45152	SR 62 At 3.09 mi W of US-41 (St. Joseph Ave.)	Intersection Improvement	working through a couple utility conflicts and gather the last few utility workplans.					
	SR 62 2.72 mi W of US 41 (Wabash Ave)	Intersection Improvement						
	SR 62 (Morgan Ave.) At Boeke Road, 1.01 mi E of US 41	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	Des 2100044 has the CE document approved, Stage 3 plans are in the process, have finalized maintenance of traffic and					
R-44013	SR 62 At Stockwell Road, 2.01 mi E of US 41	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	utility coordination is ongoing on Boeke and Stockwell with notices and relocations taking place. Right of way					
	SR 62 SR 62 Bridge over HARPER DITCH, 01.78 mi E US 41	Bridge Deck Overlay	appraising/buying taking place, some parcels might go to condemnation. Des 2300807 preliminary field check took place on May 12, 2025.					

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

## **4. 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:

Date Processed	Sponsor							Fundan			Fiscal	Phase/S	Current TIP	1	New TIP Entry	
		Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split		Year	ource	Entry	Total	Federal Stat
														All amounts in	thousands	
	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 )	Vanderburgh	Pavement replacement and intersection improvements	NHPP	80/20	Revised Funding	2026	PE	\$0	\$300	\$240	\$60
29-May-25					includes Des# 1900263, 2000187, 1900308, 240067	2					2026	CN	\$38,081	\$43,670	\$34,936	\$8,734
20-May-20																
	INDOT	45274	2301147	US 41	3.3 miles N SR 57 to 0.85 mi S SR 168	Vanderburgh	Rubblize PCCP & HMA Overlay	NHPP	80/20	Revised Funding	2026	PE	\$0	\$300	\$240	\$60
					Includes Des# 2301093											
11-Jun-25	INDOT	45035	2300710	SR 62	At Green River Rd, 1.5 mi W of I-69	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement	NHPP	80/20	Moved Funding	2025	PE	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$0
											2026	PE	\$0	\$1,100	\$880	\$220
01-Jul-25	INDOT	45455	2400049	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Various	Pavement Preservation	NHPP	80/20	Revised Funding	2026	CN	\$250	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$250
					Includes Des# 2401852, 2401853, 2401854											

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

## b. 2024-2028 TIP Amendments - 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				Phase/ Source	Current TIP Entry Total		New TIP Entry Federal Sta	
													All amounts	in thousands					
INDOT	46142	2002519	SR 62	Pigeon Creek Bridge, 2.45 miles west of US 41	Vanderburgh	Bridge Rehabilitation Or Repair	BR	80/20	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$30	\$24	\$6				
										2028	CN	\$0	\$2,900	\$2,320	\$580				
INDOT	45456	2400048	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Vanderburgh	Bridge Rehabilitation Or Repair	BR	80/20	Revise Estimate	2026	CN	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,600	\$400				
				Includes Des# 2500027, 2401891, 2401890, 2300031	2300032									\$0	\$0				

Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

## c. Draft Participation Plan Update - presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) is in the process of updating its Participation Plan. The Participation Plan is the MPO's policy document used to ensure participation, outreach and involvement in transportation planning and related activities. The Participation Plan is typically updated every 4-5 years and is guided by federal legislation.

The MPO Participation Plan's goals are to:

- Improve and increase the opportunity for involvement and consultation in transportation planning activities.
- Improve access to the planning process for populations that may have lacked access in the past.
- To encourage participation, that will result in transportation planning and decisions that reflect the needs of the community.

A 45-day public comment period will be open from July 21, 2025, through September 4, 2025. A draft of the Participation Plan will be available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the EMPO Office. A PDF of the documents will also be available on the MPO website: <a href="www.evansvillempo.com">www.evansvillempo.com</a>.

Please review the draft document and submit any questions, comments, and/or requests for additional information prior to September 4, 2025, the close of the comment period. Comments and significant changes will be presented when the Participation Plan is presented for final adoption at the September 11, 2025 meetings.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

#### d. Title VI Plan Update – presented by Jennifer Scott

The *Title VI Implementation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan* identifies the actions of the MPO to ensure that the organization conducts all programs, policies, and activities without regard to race, color or national origin. The Plan also identifies the procedures for filing a complaint in the case an individual feels they have been subjected to discrimination due to the actions of the MPO.

The plan is updated annually with the annual goals and accomplishments report, current Title VI Policy Statement, current Notification to the Public of their Rights under Title VI, required updates from FHWA/FTA, and any suggested edits from INDOT and KYTC. Approximately every 5 years, a full update of the Plan is completed to include new demographic data, charts, and maps and reflect any changes in policies and programs made by the MPO since the last update.

The MPO is requesting your approval and adoption of the full update to the *Title VI Implementation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan*. The final version can be found on the MPO website at www.evansvillempo.com. The last full update of the Plan was adopted on July 6, 2022. The next full update will be in approximately five years.

Mary Allen made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

#### e. Draft Transportation Safety Policy - presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO has developed a Draft Transportation Safety Policy to establish a regional approach for prioritizing safety in transportation planning and project development. Similar to the MPO's Complete Streets Policy, the Transportation Safety Policy should be considered in project development and when applying for Federal funds through the MPO Call for Projects application process.

Please review the Draft Transportation Safety Policy attached. If you have any questions or comments about the policy, please send them to Matt Schriefer (<a href="mailto:mschriefer@evansvillempo.com">mschriefer@evansvillempo.com</a>).

The MPO will request approval of this policy during the Technical and Policy Committees in September. Any edits due to your questions or comments will be noted and discussed at the meeting.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

#### f. Mobility Hubs – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO first considered the concept of Mobility Hubs when working with the City of Evansville to apply for the EPA Community Change Grant. Even though the City did not get that grant, the MPO would like to keep the idea of Mobility Hubs moving forward. The hubs were determined by identifying locations where multiple transportation options were available, like having a METS transfer station, a bikeshare station, trails or bike routes, and multiple transit routes concentrated in one area. The MPO has identified 15 different mobility hubs that we are producing maps of to share on our website to help people move around Evansville. The 15 hubs are all located on one overall map. The back of the map has an in-depth matrix showing how to get from one mobility hub to another. It identifies which bus routes need to be taken to and from each hub, and it also shows METS Micro availability, bike share availability, or other trails and bike routes. Each mobility hub will have a detailed map showing what is in and around that area and how to access transportation options nearby. Each mobility hub map will also have a matrix showing how to get from that hub to the other hubs around Evansville.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### a. Approval of Bills

Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jack Corn asked Rusty Fowler about the bridge that is 2.45 miles west of US 41 that INDOT is rehabilitating that was discussed prior in the TIP amendment. Rusty responded that is the Pigeon Creek bridge on SR 62.

Jack Corn also announced that there will be a public open house for the Lloyd 4 All project on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Harrison High School from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Jill Hahn asked for clarification that the focus on this project is from US 41 to Epworth Rd. Seyed Shokouhzadeh confirmed that that was the study area boundaries, and explained that this project is a partnership between INDOT and the EMPO. He also announced that there was a presentation earlier in the day at the Technical Committee meeting where they explained more about what the project entails, adding that the focus is on bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The presentation can be viewed at <a href="http://www.evansvillempo.com/Meetings.html">http://www.evansvillempo.com/Meetings.html</a> by selecting the Technical Committee audio button for July 10.

#### 7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2025 EMPO Policy Meetings:
  - o September 11
  - November 13

Meeting adjourned.