



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

May 8, 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

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	Indiana Department of Transportation			X
Jill Hahn	Vanderburgh County Council	X		
Deneatra Henderson	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	X		
Nick Stallings	Henderson County Appointment			X
Dylan Ward (Buzzy Newman for)	City of Henderson Appointment		X	
Chris Cooke	Town of Newburgh Appointment	X		
Todd Robertson	City of Evansville Mayoral Appointment		X	
Sarah Seaton (Bobby Howard for)	Warrick County Commission		X	
Amy Canterbury	Vanderburgh County Commission	X		
John Stoll	Vice Chairman, Vanderburgh County Commission Appointment	X		
EMPO Staff Members		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Seyed Shokouhzadeh		X		
Pam Drach		X		
Kari Akin		X		
Matt Schriefer		X		
Erin Schriefer		X		
Amir Varshochi				X
Jennifer Scott		X		
Lorenzo Marsh				X
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Thomas Witt		X		
Dawn Kelsey			X	

John Stoll directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Cooke 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	Final Asphalt surface is expected to be placed from US41 to Garvin Street. Work continuing on the final phases. Anticipate early summer completion of construction activities.
Third Street: from Court St to Parrett St	Road reconstruction with multi-modal improvements	Preliminary Engineering (PE) contract awarded to VS Engineering.
Vanderburgh County		
Oak Hill Rd: Lynch Rd to St George Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	45 parcels have been acquired; 2 parcels are being condemned. Geotechnical work has started.
Wimberg Rd Bridge: over Locust Creek	Bridge Replacement	Stage 2 plans submitted. Center Point Gas to proceed with acquiring a utility easement. Right of way engineering complete and notice to proceed with acquisition given. Environmental document submitted to INDOT for comments.
Warrick County		
Telephone Rd: Bell Rd to Fuquay Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Water main relocation complete.
Epworth Rd Phase 1: Tecumseh Dr to south of SR 66	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Environmental document release for public comment. The Legal Notice of Planned Improvement was issued with a response date of May 2, 2025.
Epworth Rd Phase 2: SR 662 to Tecumseh Dr	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Notice to proceed issued 4/7/25.
Oak Grove Rd Phase IV: SR 261 to Anderson Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	MPPA submitted to INDOT for review and concurrence.
City of Henderson/Henderson County		
Green River Rd: Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr	Sidewalk extension with ADA improvements and markings	Project was advertised on April 16th, Prebid held on April 29th with Bid opening scheduled for May 8th.
Wathen Lane: US 60 to the City Limits	Corridor upgrade with widened travel lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalk	Road work continues with closure between Wolf Hills Blvd and Braxton Park Drive. Placement of curbs and pavement continues. Targeting for a late summer completion.

INDOT Updates – presented by Pam Drach

Contract	Project	Description	Most Current Status Information
INDOT			
R-42753	SR 57 Over Schlensker Ditch, 4.44 mile N US-41	Bridge Deck Overlay	Pre-final inspection took place on 3/12/2025, working on punch list items.
	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	
	SR 57 From US 41 to 1.32 mi N of US 41 (End of Concrete)	Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)	

	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	Median U-turn is open to traffic. Aesthetics for the Ped Bridge will be installed soon. We will host a ribbon cutting when aesthetics are complete.
	US 41 0.87 mi S of SR62/66 (Washington Ave)	Intersection Improvement, Median U-Turn	
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	Continuing to place Asphalt in Phase 3, Working on pavement removal at Maxwell and Columbia.
R-44898	SR 66 At 1.79 mi E of US-41 (Vann Ave)	Intersection Improvement	Centerpoint has completed relocations at Burkhardt & Cross Pointe, Communication lines need to be moved to new poles. Stockwell is expected to be complete by end of May early June and permanent pavement markings will be placed.
	SR 66 At 1.20 mi W of I-69 (Burkhardt Rd)	Intersection Improvement	
	SR 66 At 0.58 mi W of I-69 (Cross Pointe Blvd)	Intersection Improvement	
	SR 66 At 2.25 mi E of US 41 (Stockwell Rd)	Intersection Improvement	
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	Mill and surface through Lynnville still needs to be done. Then on to lining and touching up.
R-42287	SR 62 Pedestrian Walk at SR-62 EB/WB	Bridge Replacement	Contractor is setting beams at Tekkoppel Bridge 5/1. Demo of Railroad bridge is ongoing. Contractor is installing T-Wall at Carpenter Creek Bridge. Roadway foundation earthwork is ongoing. Pavement work will start soon.
	SR 62 At 6.62 mi W of US-41 (Schutte Rd)	Intersection Improvement	
	SR 62 At 4.58 mi W of US-41 (Rosenberger Ave)	Intersection Improvement	
	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)	
	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 Pedestrian Walk at SR-62 EB/WB	Bridge Replacement	
	SR 62 At 6.62 mi W of US-41 (Schutte Rd)	Intersection Improvement	
R-43248	I 64 From 0.5 mi E of US 41 to 0.41 mi E of I-69	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	Pre-Con held 3/10/25. Is in active construction.
R-45152	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	Stage 3 has been submitted. Getting pot holes to locate AT&T. Getting utility work plans.
	SR 62 At 3.09 mi W of US-41 (St. Joseph Ave.)	Intersection Improvement	
	SR 62 2.72 mi W of US 41 (Wabash Ave)	Intersection Improvement	
R-44013	SR 62 (Morgan Ave.) At Boeke Road, 1.01 mi E of US 41	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	Utility relocations are ongoing and Maintenance of Traffic plans are getting finalized.
	SR 62 At Stockwell Road, 2.01 mi E of US 41	Intersect. Improv. W/ Added Turn Lanes	
	SR 62 SR 62 Bridge over HARPER DITCH, 01.78 mi E US 41	Bridge Deck Overlay	
R-45274	From 3.30 mi N SR-57 (0.20 mi N Boonville/New Harmony Road) to 0.85 mi S. SR 168 (0.20 mi N. Coal Mi	Rubblize PCCP & HMA Overlay	Continued work on Stage 1 design plans and geometric report. Working on Utility verification and the waters report. Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) field investigations are underway. Environmental and Right of Way work is ongoing.
	From 3.30 mi N SR-57 (0.20 mi N Boonville/New Harmony Road) to 0.85 mi S. SR 168 (0.20 mi N. Coal Mi	Small Structures & Drains Construction	Stage 1 design plans are in development. Continued work on the following documents; Environmental, Right of Way, and Utilities.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 2026 Budget – presented by Kari Akin

The FY 2026 Evansville MPO budget, budget trend sheet, and a sheet explaining the changes in budget from the previous year were provided for review and approval. These were the same values that were approved in March for the FY 2026 UPWP amendment.

Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and Mary Allen 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 with the following:

Date Processed	Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Road	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	% Split	Action	Fiscal Year	Phase/S	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry		
														Total	Federal	State/Local
25-Mar-25	INDOT	45152	2301254	SR 62	SR 62 From 3.92 m W of S Jct US 41 (Ingle Ave) 2.72 m W of Jct US 41 (Wabash Ave.)	Vanderburgh	Pavement Replacement and Intersection Improvements	NHPP	80/20	Revise Funding	2025	CN	\$7,531	\$11,300	\$9,040	\$2,260
	Warrick	43468	2002539	Epworth Rd Ph 1	Tecumseh Dr to S of SR 66	Warrick	Road reconstruction	STBG, CMAQ	N/A	Revise Funding	2025	RW	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$1	\$2,899
11-Apr-25	INDOT	45753	2200037	US 41	At Petersburg Rd, 0.66 mi. S of SR 57	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement Project	HSIP	90/10	Add Funding	2025	PE	\$0	\$10	\$9	\$1
	INDOT	44506	2200972	I-64	From 0.82 miles E of SR 65 to 0.96 miles E of SR 65	Vanderburgh	Slide Correction	NHPP	80/20	Revise Des#s	2027	CN	\$3,321	\$2,100	\$1,680	\$420
	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	Revise Funding	2026	CN	\$3,670	\$38,081	\$30,465	\$7,616
23-Apr-25	Warrick	43468	2002539	Epworth Rd Ph 1	Tecumseh Dr to S of SR 66	Warrick	Road reconstruction	STBG, CMAQ	N/A	Revise Funding Year	2025	RW	\$2,900	\$0	\$0	\$0
											2026	RW	\$0	\$2,900	\$1	\$2,899

Sponsor	Contract	Des#/ID#	Description	County	Work Type	Funding Type	Action	Fiscal Year	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry
METS	N/A	EMP-25-001	Operating Assistance	Vanderburgh	Operating Assistance	5307	Revise funding	2025	\$915	\$213
						5310		2025	\$150	\$0
						PMTF		2025	\$2,308	\$2,278
						Local		2025	\$3,127	\$4,153
METS	N/A	Various	Capital Assistance	Vanderburgh	Capital Assistance	5307	Revise Funding	2025	\$1,725	\$2,694
						5339		2025	\$115	\$242
						Local		2025	\$460	\$734
METS	N/A	EMP-25-006	Acquisition of Fixed Route Bus	Vanderburgh	Fixed Route Bus	CMAQ	Revise funding	2025	\$360	\$0
						Local		2025	\$90	\$0
METS	N/A	Various	Acquisition of Paratransit Bus	Vanderburgh	Paratransit Bus	5307	Revise funding	2025	\$0	\$280
						5339		2025	\$60	\$0
						CMAQ		2025	\$60	\$0
						Local		2025	\$32	\$70

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

c. Final 2026 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and associated Conformity Determination – presented by Pam Drach

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is requesting approval of the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the associated Conformity Determination documentation. The TIP was developed cooperatively with local government, transit operators, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and other appropriate state and federal agencies. The purpose of the TIP is to fulfill federal requirements and to serve local officials and the public as a complete program of federally funded transportation improvements proposed to be undertaken during the next five years (fiscal years 2026-2030) in the Evansville-Henderson Metropolitan Planning Area.

The Draft 2026-2030 TIP was advertised for a public comment period from March 17 through April 16, 2025 during which three open house meetings were held. While during the open house meetings staff answered questions on the

projects included in the draft TIP program, only one official comment on the TIP document was received and has been incorporated into the TIP Appendix C. Changes to the draft document presented at the March 13, 2025 meeting are:

- At the request of Henderson County and the City of Henderson, project ID# 02-714.00 Intersection of KY 2183 with KY 1539 was added to the TIP.
- Added right-of-way estimates to the Third Street project in Evansville and the Epworth Rd Phase 1 project in Warrick County.
- At the recommendation of FHWA, Table 2.6: Amendment Thresholds, was revised to align with the INDOT thresholds.
- Table 3.1: Local Program Fiscal Constraint, MPO Attributable funding amounts were revised based on refined future estimated funding levels.

The fiscal constraint and performance measures tables were updated, as appropriate, to reflect the project changes made for the updated document. The TIP program of projects is fiscally constrained, and the projects included in the TIP are consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2050 and air quality conformity determination report.

The updated document is available on the Evansville MPO website. Adoption of the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Conformity Determination document is an action item for the May 8, 2025 Policy and Technical Committee meetings. Should you have any questions or need additional information please let me know. *Rick Wilson offered to post flyers for the upcoming Open Houses at the METS terminal. The MPO followed up with Rick and the flyers were posted.*

Buzzy Newman made a motion for approval and Deneatra Henderson seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. Memorandum of Agreement between EMPO and METS for Grant Financial Reporting – presented by Jennifer Scott

The Evansville MPO requests approval of the agreement for services to assist METS with grants and financial reporting of their grants for CY 2025. Compensation will be \$52,500 in local funds. Legal services have reviewed the document and BPW approved the METS signatures on 03/13/2025.

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

e. Henderson 2025 SHIFT Project Sponsorship – presented by Matt Schriefer

As part of Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) Kentucky Ahead transportation prioritization plan, the Evansville MPO must select six of their highest priority projects from Kentucky's unfunded projects list to "sponsor". The selected projects, along with those sponsored by KYTC, District 2 will then be analyzed and given a data-driven score based on safety, congestion and reliability, economic growth, benefit/cost, asset management, resilience, etc.

After projects are scored, local and regional agencies will then have a chance to review the scores and apply "boost points" to any project that has merit above and beyond the identified performance measures. The Evansville MPO has two "boost points" to increase the score of two of the six sponsored projects. The MPO has selected the projects listed below in coordination with local leaders from the City of Henderson and Henderson County and is asking for approval to submit these projects to KYTC for sponsorship by May 9, 2025.

1) KY 812 (IP20230002)

- Add turn lanes on KY 812 near sports complex

2) Watson Lane (IP IP20230213)

- Reconstruction from Green River to Sunset Lane

3) KY 416 (IP20080091)

- Reconstruction from US 41 to I-69

4) Elm Street (IP20080098)

- Reconstruction from Watson Lane to Hi-Y Drive

5) KY 1539 (Larue Road) (IP20080095)

- Reconstruction from KY 351 to Kimsey Lane

6) KY 2183/KY1539 (IP20240001)

- KY 2183 and KY 1539 intersection upgrade

Deneatra Henderson made a motion for approval and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of Bills

Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and Bobby Howard seconded the motion; motion carried.

Pam Drach provided follow-up on the Certification Review that was discussed at the January meeting. The Evansville MPO is required to go through a certification review process every four years. During this process, FTA and FHWA, as well as state DOT agencies, came in for several days and discussed the planning process, federal regulations, and what the MPO is doing to meet the regulations. The certification review took place in January, and there was also opportunity for public involvement. After we meet in person, FTA, FHWA and the DOTs go back and review the information from the meetings and prepare a certification document. In that documentation, they can make recommendations, commendations, and if there are any areas where the MPO is not meeting the regulations, they will make corrective actions. As a result of their review, it was determined that the planning process for the Evansville metropolitan planning area complies with the spirit and intent of the federal MPO planning laws and regulations. Because of that, the EMPO and the planning process has been certified for another four years.

Amy Canterbury congratulated the MPO and said that was something to celebrate.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2025 EMPO Policy Meetings:
 - July 10
 - September 11
 - November 13

Meeting adjourned.