

## 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**

**November 13, 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](http://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 (Thomas Witt for)	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	X		
Nick Stallings	Henderson County Appointment			X
Dylan Ward	City of Henderson Appointment		X	
Chris Cooke	Town of Newburgh Appointment	X		
Todd Robertson	City of Evansville Mayoral Appointment			X
Sarah Seaton	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		
Cory Marshall		X		
Others Present		In Person	Webex/ Phone	Absent
Dawn Kelsey			X	
Chris Gentry			X	
David Reamer			X	

*Jack Corn 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
<b>City of Evansville</b>		
<b>Walnut Street Ph 3:</b> MLK Jr Blvd to US 41	Road Diet with bike and pedestrian accommodations, green infrastructure, and a multiuse path	Construction is complete and the corridor is open to traffic.
<b>Vanderburgh County</b>		
<b>Oak Hill Rd:</b> Lynch Rd to St George Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Right of way acquisition complete. Project is ready for letting.
<b>Wimberg Rd:</b> Bridge over Locust Creek	Bridge replacement	Comments on the environmental document have been addressed and the document resubmitted to INDOT.
<b>Warrick County</b>		
<b>Telephone Rd:</b> Bell Rd to Fuquay Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Mainline work is ongoing from Bell Rd to Coal Mine Rd.
<b>Epworth Rd Phase 1:</b> Tecumseh Dr to south of SR 66	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Environmental document approved. Right of way services is underway.
<b>Oak Grove Rd Phase IV:</b> SR 261 to Anderson Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Public information meeting held August 7, 2025. Design revisions are being considered based on feedback from the meeting. Utility coordination is ongoing.
<b>City/County of Henderson</b>		
<b>Green River Rd:</b> Bend Gate Rd to Osage Dr	Sidewalk extension with ADA improvements and markings	Project is complete.
<b>Wathen Ln:</b> US 60 to City Limits	Corridor upgrade with widened travel lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalk	Project is complete.
<b>KYTC</b>		
<b>Watson Ln:</b> Sunset Ln to Green River Rd	Intersection project to improve safety	Right of way acquisition process is underway with offers being made.

### **INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler**

Contract	Project	Description	Most Current Status Information
<b>INDOT</b>			
R-44898	SR 66 At 1.79 mi E of US-41 (Vann Ave)	Intersection Improvement	Lane restrictions in place at Burkhardt and Cross Pointe are still in place; construction continues.
	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-42287	SR 62 Pedestrian Walk at SR-62 EB/WB	Bridge Replacement	Work on pedestrian bridge between Lemke and St Joe has started; construction is ongoing.
	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	
R-43248	I 64 From 0.5 mi E of US 41 to 0.41 mi E of I-69	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	Lack gore area traffic markings, rpms and weigh station work. Otherwise open to traffic.
R-44695	SR 68 From 1.2 mi E. US 41 to 4.0 mi W. of SR 61 intersection on SR 68 (RPs 23.2, 31.59 and 31.79)	Small Structures & Drains Construction	Construction is on-going, Replacing pipes on SR 68, short road closures are in place.
R-40551	SR 62, various locations between SR 61 and the West Jct SR-161	Small structure replacements	Construction has begun on Des. 1900115. This bridge is now closed.
	SR 161 10.46 miles N Jct SR-66	Small Structure Replacement	
	SR 62 04.79 mile E SR-61	Small Structure Replacement	
	SR 62 3.88 mile E, W Jct SR-161	Small Structure Replacement	
	SR 261 over UNT, 3+70 N JCT SR 66	Small Structure Replacement with Bridge	
	SR 161 Over Coles Creek, 0.69 mi N SR-62	Replace Superstructure	
B-44147	SR 62 over HARPER DITCH, 01.78 E US 41	Substructure Repair and Rehabilitation	Construction was paused due to lack of permits, but now in process and will be completed in the next couple of weeks.
B-43972	SR 61 over CARTER-TRAYLOR DITCH, 00.08 E SR 261	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	Bid awarded to E & B Paving LLC. Awaiting Pre-Construction meeting invitation.
	SR 61 over CYPRESS CREEK, 00.19 E SR 261	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	
B-46016	I 69 NB and SB .41 miles S of SR 62	Bridge Maintenance and Repair	Project awarded to Ragle. Pre-Construction meeting will be scheduled soon.
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	Final Tracings have been sent to Central Office, waiting on letting. Utility relocations on-going.
	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	

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

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment – presented by Kari Akin**

The Evansville MPO amended the 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add 600.2 – Project 2 – Transit Feasibility Study to the 600 element of the UPWP. The Regional Transit Feasibility Study will analyze current transit operations and funding mechanisms in the City of Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Warrick County and the City of Henderson, Kentucky. Based on this analysis, the study will recommend opportunities for developing a more effective, efficient, and interconnected regional transit network that provides optimal service for the entire region.

The UPWP amendment includes adding the following funding source:

FY 2026	1-Nov-25	through	31-Dec-27
State	STBG	Local Match	Total
IN 600.2	\$ 159,995	\$ 39,999	\$ 199,994
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 159,995</b>	<b>\$ 39,999</b>	<b>\$ 199,994</b>

man hours: This is a direct payment to the consultant  
Note: This is a multi-year consultant contract. Any balance left over at 6/30/26 will carry-over to the 2027-2028 UPWP.

<b>Local Match:</b> City of Evansville	\$ 21,831
City of Henderson, KY	\$ 3,870
Vanderburgh County	\$ 7,532
Warrick County	\$ 6,766
<b>Total Local Match:</b>	<b>\$ 39,999</b>

Responsibility: The Consultant contracted, the MPO, the local LPAs involved in the contract.

The draft UPWP amendment will be sent out the MPO's federal and state planning partners for review. Material comments will be made available at an upcoming meeting. More information can be found on the MPO website <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Links.html> then click "operations" on the left side, and then "FY 2025 & 2026 UPWP Amendment".

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

#### **b. 2026-2030 TIP Modifications – presented by Pam Drach**

There were no modifications to review.

#### **c. 2026-2030 TIP Amendments – presented by Pam Drach**

The Evansville MPO amended the FY 2026-2030 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	46308	2500823	SR 62	From US 41 to 1.0 mi E of US 41 (Boeke Rd)	Vanderburgh	Bike and Pedestrian facilities	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$460	\$414	\$46
										2028	RW	\$0	\$250	\$225	\$25
										2030	CN	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,250	\$250
INDOT	46285	2500802	SR 62	At Posey County Line Rd	Vanderburgh	Intersection improvement project.	HSIP	80/20	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$511	\$409	\$102
										2030	CN	\$0	\$3,700	\$2,960	\$740
INDOT	45753	2200037	US 41	At Petersburg Road, 0.66 mi S of SR 57	Vanderburgh	Intersection improvement with added turn lanes and signals.	HSIP, NHPP	90/10	Add & Revise Funding	2026	PE	\$0	\$30	\$27	\$3
										2026	RW	\$0	\$50	\$45	\$5
										2026	CN	\$650	\$50	\$45	\$5
									2027	CN	\$943	\$160	\$144	\$16	
INDOT	46317	2500798	US 41	Intersections with Walnut St, Lincoln Ave and Bellemeade Ave	Vanderburgh	Intersection Improvement with new signals	HSIP	80/20	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$820	\$656	\$164
										2028	RW	\$0	\$123	\$98	\$25
										2029	PE	\$0	\$150	\$120	\$30
									2030	CN	\$0	\$5,900	\$4,720	\$1,180	
INDOT	46290	2500801	SR 62 & SR 66	Intersections with Epworth Rd, Bell Rd, and SR 61	Warrick	Intersection Improvement with new signals	HSIP	80/20	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$1,900	\$1,520	\$380
				Includes Des# 2500799, 2500800						2030	CN	\$0	\$13,700	\$10,960	\$2,740
INDOT	n/a	2500051	n/a	AASHTOWare Safety Software	Various	Other Type Project	HSIP	80/20	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$870	\$696	\$174
										2027	PE	\$0	\$450	\$360	\$90
										2028	PE	\$0	\$450	\$360	\$90
										2029	PE	\$0	\$450	\$360	\$90

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

**d. 2026 Safety Target Setting Recommendations – presented by Pam Drach**

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking established five performance measures related to safety. The 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Evansville MPO is recommending the adoption and support of the statewide targets for both INDOT and KYTC.

Safety		Indiana	Kentucky
		2026	2026
		Targets	Targets
	Number of fatalities	794.7	726.0
	Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	0.992	1.500
	Number of serious injuries	2965.5	2353.0
Safety	Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	3.702	5.610
	Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	462.96	321.0

*Jill Hahn asked why the number of fatalities for Indiana is higher than Kentucky. Pam Drach explained that target setting is based on past numbers for the area, as well as vehicle miles traveled.*

*Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**e. FY 2025 Transit MOAs for METS and HART – presented by Jennifer Scott**

The Evansville MPO seeks approval of the following FY 2026 Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs):

- Memorandum of Agreement between the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) and Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS)
- Memorandum of Agreement between the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) and Henderson Area Rapid Transit (HART)

The MOAs identify activities the EMPO will perform in FY 2026 for METS and HART in exchange for compensation by both. It also identifies the activities METS and HART must complete in order for the EMPO to complete their tasks. The approval sheets are found at the end of each MOA.

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

**f. Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2026 – presented by Jennifer Scott**

The Evansville MPO announced the Section 5310 Call for Projects for FY 2026 on Monday, November 3, 2025. The applications are due Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

The call for projects was sent by email to the Non-profit Transit Advisory Committee on November 3, 2025. The call and application have been added to the Section 5310 page of the MPO website. This call is only for projects eligible for Section 5310 funding (acquisition of buses and vans; wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices; transit-related information, technology systems including scheduling/routing/one-call systems; and mobility management programs to aid in the transportation of seniors and/or individuals with disabilities). Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations that provide transportation for seniors and/or individuals with disabilities.

If there are any questions about the call for projects or application, please contact Jennifer Scott at [jscott@evansvillempo.com](mailto:jscott@evansvillempo.com) or 812-436-7833.

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

**g. 2025-2029 Transit Asset Management Plan – presented by Jennifer Scott**

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Transit Asset Management (TAM) rule became effective on October 1, 2016, requiring transit agencies to have a written plan, with the first complete plans due by October 1, 2018.

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO), with the assistance of the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) and Henderson Area Rapid Transit (HART) developed and certified the first Transit Asset Management Plan in September 2018. Additionally, a revised TAM Group Plan for METS and HART was adopted for the period of 2022-2026.

In late 2024, HART became eligible to file grant applications under the KYTC Section 5311 program and joined the State of Kentucky Group TAM Plan. Due to the transition, the Evansville MPO assisted METS with the development of a new TAM Plan for the period of 2025-2029. The 2025-2029 METS Transit Asset Management Plan was certified on October 29, 2025.

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

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. How a Project Becomes a Project – presented by Chris Gentry and David Reamer, INDOT**

Chris Gentry and David Reamer, both with the INDOT Vincennes District, gave a presentation on the process of how a project becomes a project. The full presentation can be heard on the EMPO website:

[https://evansville.granicus.com/player/clip/7689?view\\_id=2&redirect=true](https://evansville.granicus.com/player/clip/7689?view_id=2&redirect=true)

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

**b. Approval of Bills**

*Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and Mary Allen seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jack Corn explained that this item was originally intended to be an Executive Session, but after giving it more thought, decided that it didn't need to be an Executive Session. Jack turned it over to Seyed Shokouhzadeh, who announced that he will be retiring and his last day will be March 31, 2026. Seyed noted that it has been a great honor to be a public servant and thanked the MPO staff for being a great team. Seyed also thanked the Policy Board members for being great leaders for the MPO.

Jack Corn explained that the MPO bylaws called for a Selection Committee to replace the Director's position, which was primarily done when we went outside of the organization for hiring. Because the MPO has an internal candidate that is highly qualified and is a long-term employee, Jack expressed that he saw no reason to select a Selection Committee. Jack then asked for a motion to waive the Selection Committee clause, and that the whole board participate in the vote to replace Seyed.

*Jill Hahn made a motion to waive the Selection Committee clause in the MPO Bylaws and Mary Allen seconded the motion; motion carried.*

Jack Corn then asked for a second motion to appoint Pam Drach to replace Seyed as Director.

*Jill Hahn made a motion to appoint Pam Drach to replace Seyed as Director and Mary Allen seconded the motion; motion carried.*

Jack then announced that April 1, 2026, Pam Drach will be the new MPO Director.

## **8. UPCOMING DATES**

- CY 2026 EMPO Technical Meetings:
  - January 8
  - March 12
  - May 14
  - July 9
  - September 10
  - November 12

Jack then thanked everyone, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned.