



**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 8, 2026

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	City of Henderson Appointment			
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 (Mike Goebel for)	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
Nick Hall			X	
Dawn Kelsey			X	
Gabrielle Herin			X	
Thomas Witt			X	

John Stoll directed the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and Deneatra Henderson seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach

Project	Description	Most Current Status Information
Vanderburgh County		
Oak Hill Rd: Lynch Rd to St George Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Project is currently out for bid; bid opening is January 14; the interlocal agreement with EWSU is being drafted.
Wimberg Rd: Bridge over Locust Creek	Bridge replacement	Right of way offers are still pending on all three parcels; they have all been submitted to the attorneys to determine if settlements can be reached or if they will have to be condemned; utility coordination is continuing.
Warrick County		
Epworth Rd Phase 1: Tecumseh Dr to south of SR 66	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Offers have been extended on 17 of the 25 parcels with 3 offers accepted.
Epworth Rd Phase 2: SR 662 to Tecumseh Dr	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	The draft Early Coordination Letter and Cemetery Development Plan was submitted and reviewed by INDOT Cultural Resources Office. The consultant addressed the comments received and resubmitted the document on 12/3/25.

INDOT Updates – presented by Rusty Fowler

Contract	Project	Description	Most Current Status Information
INDOT			
R-43248	I 64 From 0.5 mi E of US 41 to 0.41 mi E of I-69	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	Most paving is complete. Will have to wait until warmer weather to finish gore area traffic markings, raised pavement markings and weigh station work. Other than that it is open to traffic.
B-43972	SR 61 over CARTER-TRAYLOR DITCH, 00.08 E SR 261	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	Still waiting on 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	Still waiting on pre-construction meeting.
R-43982	SR 66 over UNT, 1.45mi E JCT SR 65	Small Structure Pipe Lining	Has been awarded to E&B Paving, but pre-construction meeting will not be until late winter/early spring. Work likely will not start until HMA plants fire back up next spring.
	SR 57 From 1.32 N. US 41(End of Concrete) to S. Jct. of I 69 (end of Asphalt)	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	
B-43235	SR 68 over MILL CREEK, 00.26 E SR 61	Bridge Replacement	Bid awarded to Ragle construction. Awaiting Pre-Construction meeting.
B-43969	I 64 EBL over CR 100 W, 01.92 E SR 61	Bridge Deck Overlay	Awarded to E & B paving. Waiting for Pre-con meeting to be scheduled.
	I 64 WBL over CR 100 W, 01.92 E SR 61	Bridge Deck Overlay	
	I 64 EBL over TRIB. OF COLES CREEK, 06.74 E SR 61	Bridge Deck Overlay	
	I 64 WBL over TRIB. OF COLES CREEK, 06.74 E SR 61	Bridge Deck Overlay	
R-45295	SR 66 From 1.81 mi E of US 41 to 1.91 E of US 41 (EB)	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities	Working on getting approval from the Technical Advisory Committee to sure everything is ADA complaint. Continuing work on environmental and right of way. Right of way has moved to appraising.
R-44500	SR 66 2.23 miles W of SR 65 at University Parkway Intersection	Intersection Improvement	Working towards stage 1 plans to be complete in 02/2026.
	SR 57 3.36 mi S of I-69 (N. Green River Rd. Intersection)	Intersection Improvement	-
	SR 57 3.36 mi S of I-69 (N. Green River Rd. Intersection)	ADA Sidewalk Ramp Construction	-

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 600.3 – Project 3 – SR 66/Diamond Avenue Corridor Analysis to the 600 element of the UPWP. The SR 66/Diamond Avenue Corridor Analysis will identify intermediate and long-term projects for SR 66 (Diamond Avenue) focusing on roadway safety, capacity, enhanced multimodal transportation, and placemaking. This will set the stage for future holistic transportation investments along the corridor that link transportation goals to investment decisions for both the state and local networks.

The UPWP amendment includes adding the following funding source:

FY 2026	1-Feb-26 through			31-Dec-27	
State	STBG	State Match	Local Match	Total	
IN 600.2	\$ 314,170	\$ 78,543	\$ -	\$ 392,713	
TOTAL	\$ 314,170	\$ 78,543	\$ -	\$ 392,713	

man hours: 360 (mostly in FY 27) The majority 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.

Responsibility: The Consultant contracted and the MPO

The draft UPWP amendment will be sent out to 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 Bobby Howard seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

The Evansville MPO modified the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program with the following:

Date Processed	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																
17-Nov-25	INDOT	44982	2300665	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Various	Raised Pavement Markings, Refurbish	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2027	CN	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,800	\$200
	Grouped Project: Signing, marking, striping and rumble strips															
	INDOT	46482	2501126	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Various	District Wide Bridge Maintenance	BR	80/20	Add Project	2027	CN	\$0	\$1,000	\$800	\$200
	Grouped Project: Bridge, Culvert and Small Structure Preservation															
INDOT	46483	2501127	Various	Various locations in the Vincennes District	Various	Pavement Other (Patching)	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2027	CN	\$0	\$1,000	\$800	\$200	
Grouped Project: Pavement Preservation																
KYTC	-	02-942.00	KY 351	Curve signing from MP 6.800 to 12.891	Henderson	Highway Signing	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	CN	\$0	\$128	\$115	\$13	
Grouped Project: Highway Signage																
18-Dec-25	INDOT	46142	2002519	SR 62	Pigeon Creek Bridge, 2.45 miles west of US 41	Vanderburgh	Bridge rehabilitation or repair	BR	80/20	Revise FY and Funding	2028	CN	\$2,900	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Grouped Project: Bridge Rehabilitation															
	INDOT	44013	2100044	SR 62	Various locations	Vanderburgh	Intersection improvement with added turn lanes	STBG, HSIP	80/20	Revise Funding	2026	RW	\$450	\$791	\$633	\$158
	Includes Des# 2100044 (at Boeke Rd), 2100051 (at Stockwell Rd), 2300807 (Over Harper Ditch)															
	INDOT	45274	2301147	US 41	3.3 miles N SR 57 to 0.85 mi S SR 168	Vanderburgh	Rubblize PCOP & HMA Overlay	NHPP, HSIP	80/20	Revise Funding	2026	PE	\$4,600	\$5,250	\$4,200	\$1,050
	Includes Des# 2301147, 2301093, 2200649, 2200650, 2500077, 2500089, 2500826, 2500827, 2500828, 2200033, 2501080, 2501081, 2501082, 2501079, 2500089															
	INDOT	44500	2301075	Various	Various Locations	Vanderburgh	Intersection improvement projects	NHPP, HSIP	80/20	Revise Funding	2027	RW	\$0	\$250	\$200	\$50
SR 66, 2.23 miles W of SR 65 (University Parkway) & SR 57, 3.36 mi S of I-49 (N. Green River Rd). Includes Des# 2301075, 2200038, 2400696																
INDOT	46286	2500772	US 41	Over UNT, 0.08 mi N of Jct. SR 57	Vanderburgh	Small structure replacement	BR	80/20	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$1,700	\$1,360	\$340	
Grouped Project: (Bridge, Culvert and Small Structure Preservation) Includes Des# 2500772, 2500773, 2500775																
INDOT	46076	2401846	Various	Various locations	Various	Signing installation/repair	HSIP	80/20	Add Project	2028	CN	\$0	\$3,875	\$3,100	\$775	
Grouped Project: (Signing, marking, striping and rumble strips) Includes Des# 2401846, 2401847, 2401848, 2401849, 2401850, 2401851																

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

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													Total	Federal	State/Local
INDOT	46488	2501051	I-64	From 1.91 mi W of SR 161 to 0.79 mi E of US 231 Includes Des# 2501051, 2501068	Warrick	HMA Overlay, Preventative Maintenance	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2027	PE	\$0	\$2,900	\$2,320	\$580
INDOT	45926	2401393	SR 61	Intersection with Roeder Rd, 4.62 mi S of SR 62 Includes Des# 2401393, 2401394	Warrick	Intersection improvement with added turn lanes (RCI)	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2026	PE	\$0	\$1,616	\$1,454	\$162
										2027	RW	\$0	\$350	\$315	\$35
										2028	PE	\$0	\$200	\$180	\$20
										2029	CN	\$0	\$6,500	\$5,850	\$650

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

d. 2026 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 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 & 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.

e. FY 2025 Evansville MPO Audit – presented by Kari Akin

The Evansville MPO FY 2025 annual Audit covering the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 was conducted by Crowe LLP through a contract with the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Two State Board of Accounts documents were provided in the packets. The smaller one is a compliance examination which resulted in no findings. The larger document is the Financial Statement and Audit Report. Pages 14 and 15 show the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. Seventeen (17) Federal grants were administered in FY 2025 totaling \$1,321,619 in Federal Expenditures. Of this total, \$122,006 were passed through to not-for-profits utilizing the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds. Page 22 lists the schedule of findings and questioned costs in which no matters were reportable.

Copies of the audit have been sent to the State Pass-Through agencies, Federal agencies, and the KY and IN State Clearing Houses.

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 Deneatra Henderson seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. UPCOMING DATES

- CY 2026 EMPO Policy Meetings:
 - March 12
 - May 14
 - July 9
 - September 10
 - November 12

Meeting adjourned.