



**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**

**March 12, 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](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	
Julie Vann		X		

*Jack Corn directed the meeting.*

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

*Jill Hahn nominated Jack Corn for Chair and John Stoll for Vice Chair. Chris Cooke made a motion to elect Jack Corn and John Stoll as Chair and Vice Chair by acclamation and Jill Hahn seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Mary Allen made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Project Update – presented by Pam Drach**

Project	Description	Most Current Status Information
<b>Vanderburgh County</b>		
<b>Oak Hill Rd:</b> Lynch Rd to St George Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Project was let for bid on 1/14/26. The contract has been awarded to Blankenberger Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$9,756,450. The preconstruction meeting will be held on March 11. Right of way clearing has started.
<b>Petersburg Rd:</b> Clubhouse Dr to Boonville New Harmony Rd	Road reconstruction with multimodal improvements.	The county is currently working on updating the scope of the Structurepoint contract so that it matches the new project schedule.
<b>Wimberg Rd:</b> Bridge over Locust Creek	Bridge replacement	The right of way negotiations are continuing on two parcels. Payment has been issued for the one parcel that was secured. Utility work plans have been submitted. Public involvement has been certified.
<b>Warrick County</b>		
<b>Epworth Rd Phase 1:</b> Tecumseh Dr to south of SR 66	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	Offers have been extended on 21 of the 25 parcels with 14 offers accepted. Stage 3 design is ongoing.
<b>Epworth Rd Phase 2:</b> SR 662 to Tecumseh Dr	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	The Archaeological Work Plan was submitted to and reviewed by INDOT Cultural Resources Office. The consultant addressed the comments received and resubmitted the document on 2/4/26.
<b>Oak Grove Rd Phase IV:</b> SR 261 to Anderson Rd	Road widening with bike and pedestrian accommodations	RW Services Contract and Amendment for RW Engineering have been executed.

**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	In Phase 2 MOT. Working on overhead wiring for traffic signals. Working on pavement removal and subgrade treatment.
	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	Working on bridge foundations. Pavement work will restart when the weather breaks.
	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	

B-43972	SR 61 over CARTER-TRAYLOR DITCH, 00.08 E SR 261	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	Pre-Construction meeting is scheduled for March 3rd. Tentative schedule for this project is 5/1/26 - 8/30/2026.
	SR 61 over CYPRESS CREEK, 00.19 E SR 261	Bridge Thin Deck Overlay	
R-43982	SR 66 over UNT, 1.45mi E JCT SR 65	Small Structure Pipe Lining	Pre-Construction Meeting scheduled for 3/9/26. Tentative Schedule for this project is 6/8/26 - 7/1/26
	SR 57 From 1.32 N. US 41( End of Concrete) to S. Jct. of I 69 (end of Asphalt)	HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance	Pre-Construction Meeting scheduled for 3/9/26. Tentative Schedule for this project is 7/8/26 - 10/30/26
B-43969	I 64 EBL over CR 100 W, 01.92 E SR 61	Bridge Deck Overlay	Pre-construction meeting held on 02/26/2026. Construction to begin roughly on 03/09/2026.
	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	
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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	Waiting for Notice to Proceed be issued to contractor.
	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	Continue Stage 3 plans. The district approved Centerpoint work plan. HWC has requested from the other utilities. Right-of-Way: 2 parcels are now secured and 1 parcel at INDOT for review.
	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-45295	SR 66 From 1.81 mi E of US 41 to 1.91 E of US 41 (EB)	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities	Continuing work on environmental. Right of way has moved to appraising. Stage 2 due mid-May.
R-44500	SR 66 2.23 miles W of SR 65 at University Parkway Intersection	Intersection Improvement	-
	SR 57 3.36 mi S of I-69 (N. Green River Rd. Intersection)	Intersection Improvement	Stakeholder meeting held on 8/14/2025. Stage 1 plans have been turned in. Field Check held December 10th, 2025. Next meeting to be held will be the Traffic Management Plan meeting.
	SR 57 3.36 mi S of I-69 (N. Green River Rd. Intersection)	ADA Sidewalk Ramp Construction	-

Chris Cooke asked if the bridge deck overlay work on R-44013 (SR 62-Morgan Ave bridge over Harper Ditch) will keep the bridge deck itself below the flood line. Rusty explained that it is just an overlay. Chris followed up by asking if that meant that the bridge could still be susceptible to flooding periodically. Rusty confirmed that since it is just an overlay, meaning surface-level work only, that it may be susceptible to flooding.

This item was informational and did not require committee action.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. 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																		
9-Feb-26	INDOT	46526	2501053	SR 62	From 1.34 mi W to 8.45 miles E of Jct SR 69 (Posey County Line Road)	Various	Pavement Patching	NHPP	80/20	Add Project	2027	CN	\$0	\$3,000	\$2,400	\$600		
														Grouped Project: (Pavement Preservation)				
	Vanderburgh	N/A	2300131	Various	Inspection of all county bridges over 20 ft. in length (L52)	Vanderburgh	Bridge Inspections	STBG-B	80/20	Revise Funding	2026	PE	\$35	\$254	\$203	\$51		
														2027	\$219	\$57	\$46	\$11
														2028	\$45	\$247	\$198	\$49
														2029	\$192	\$58	\$46	\$12
Warrick	44747	2201249	Oak Grove Rd	SR 261 to Anderson Rd	Warrick	Road widening from 2 to 3 lanes, pedestrian facilities, and drainage improvements	STBG	80/20	Revise FY	2026	RW	\$1,900	\$0	\$0	\$0			
										2027	RW	\$0	\$1,900	\$3	\$1,897			
26-Feb-26	INDOT	46548	2500475	Various	Various locations in Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties	Various	Traffic signal modernization	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2028	CN	\$0	\$2,325	\$2,093	\$233		
														Grouped Project: (Traffic signal system improvements and lighting)				
	Warrick	46582	2501419	Various	Warrick County pavement marking initiative	Warrick	Pavement markings	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2027	PE	\$0	\$210	\$189	\$21		
														Grouped Project: (Signing, marking, striping and rumble strips)				
Warrick	46601	2501418	Various	Warrick County signing initiative	Warrick	Signing	HSIP	90/10	Add Project	2027	PE	\$0	\$110	\$99	\$11			
													Grouped Project: (Signing, marking, striping and rumble strips)					
Vanderburgh	46581	2501427	Darmstadt Rd	Bridge #400 over railroad, approx.1000ft N of Mt Pleasant Rd	Vanderburgh	Bridge rehabilitation or repair	STBG	-	Add Project	2027	PE	\$0	\$458	\$0	\$458			
										2028	RW	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100			
													2030	CN	\$0	\$2,731	\$2,185	\$546

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

**b. 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															
Warrick County	45920	2401529	Various	Various Intersections in Warrick County	Warrick	Un-signalized Intersection Sign & Marking Visibility Imp	HSIP	90/10	Revise Funding	2026	CN	\$120	\$326	\$108	\$218
													Total		
Vanderburgh County	45747	2401372	Petersburg Rd	Club House Dr to Boonville New Harmony Rd	Vanderburgh	Road reconstruction	STBG	80/20	Revise FY	2026	PE	\$0	\$1,757	\$0	\$1,757
										2027	PE	\$1,757	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2028	RW	\$0	\$560	\$0	\$560
										2029	RW	\$560	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2030	CN	\$0	\$11,503	\$8,275	\$3,228
Evansville	45746	2401371	Third St	Court St to Parrett St	Vanderburgh	Road reconstruction	STBG, CMAQ	80/20	Revise FY	2026	PE	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2029	PE	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
										2028	RW	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$0
										2030	CN	\$17,160	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor	Des#/ID#	Work Type	County	Description	Action	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	Current TIP Entry	New TIP Entry
METS	N/A	Operating Assistance	Vanderburgh	Includes fixed route, ADA paratransit, and Microtransit	Revise Funding	2026	5307	\$0	\$225
						2026	PMTF	\$2,293	\$2,278
						2026	Local	\$4,500	\$5,102
METS	N/A	Capital Assistance	Vanderburgh	Includes preventive maintenance and other capital projects	Revise Funding	2026	5307	\$3,033	\$1,812
						2026	5339	\$262	\$0
						2026	Local	\$824	\$453
METS	N/A	Fixed Route Bus	Vanderburgh	Acquisition of fixed route transit bus(es)	Add Funding	2026	5307	\$0	\$1,141
						2026	5339	\$0	\$23
						2026	Local	\$0	\$291
METS	N/A	Paratransit Bus	Vanderburgh	Acquisition of paratransit bus(es).	Add Funding	2026	5339	\$0	\$220
						2026	Local	\$0	\$55

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

**c. FY 2027-2028 UPWP – presented by Pam Drach**

Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization seeks review and approval of the FY 2027 & FY 2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The full document can be found on our website. The draft UPWP has been sent to our Federal and State Planning Partners for review. Material comments will be made available at an upcoming meeting. More information can be found on the Evansville MPO website at <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Links.html> then click “Operations” on the left-side ribbon and then “Draft FY 2027 & FY 2028 Unified Planning Work Program.”

Highlights of the document include the FY 2027 funding table which includes the breakdown of Federal and State and Local funding for FY 2027; and the 600 level special projects:

**FY 2027 Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Funding Sources**

SOURCE	FY 2027			
	Federal	State	Local	Total
IN PL/5303	\$555,100	\$0	\$138,775	\$693,875
Y410 (2.5% PL)	\$17,170	\$0	\$0	\$17,170
IN HSIP 100%	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
IN STBG	\$100,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$125,000
IN STBG- software	\$25,040	\$0	\$6,260	\$31,300
IN STBG -Transit Study*	\$159,995	\$0	\$39,999	\$199,994
IN STBG- Corridor Study*	\$314,170	\$78,543	\$0	\$392,713
IN SPR - Planning	\$65,440	\$4,210	\$12,150	\$81,800
IN SPR State Traffic Count	\$0	\$79,500	\$0	\$79,500
KY FTA 5304	\$20,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$25,000
IN FTA 5307	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$12,500
FTA Section 5310	\$30,618	\$0	\$0	\$30,618
KY PL FUNDS	\$84,000	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$105,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,481,533</b>	<b>\$172,753</b>	<b>\$240,184</b>	<b>\$1,894,470</b>

\* not new funds, contracted in 2026.

**600 Level Special Projects:**

The 600- Level Special Projects are as follows:

**600.1 Planning Software:** subscriptions of various software products to use as a tool to assist the EMPO in planning activities for use in traffic pattern data for modeling, assumptions in the 2055 MTP; street asset management and pavement, and transit planning and route design and title VI analysis and reporting.

**600.2 Project 2 Regional Transit Feasibility Study:** 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. **(initial amendment into FY 2026 UPWP)**

**600.3 Project 3 SR 66/Diamond Avenue Corridor Analysis:** 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. **(initial amendment into FY 2026 UPWP)**

*Jill Hahn made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**d. FY 2026 FTA Section 5310 Grant Application Resolution – presented by Jennifer Scott**

The Federal Transit Administration process for Federal FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program requires the passage of funding resolution by the governing body. The enclosed resolution states the amount of federal funding the Evansville MPO will requesting the Section 5310 application. The local match (20%) will be provided by the nonprofit organizations.

*Chris Cooke made a motion for approval and Amy Canterbury seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**e. 2026 Transit Targets (TAM and PTASP) – presented by Jennifer Scott**

The MPO gathered data from METS 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 table on the back of this memo includes TAM Performance Measure definitions, end of 2025 Performance Metrics, and end of 2026 TAM Targets.

Starting in 2021, METS was required to develop annual Safety Targets. These Targets are listed in the Public Transit Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) for METS. The MPO worked with METS 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 table below includes Safety Performance Measure definitions, end of 2024 Performance Metrics, and end of 2026 Safety Targets.

**2026 Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Safety Targets**

		METS		MPO	
		End 2025 Measures	End 2026 Targets	End 2025 Measures	End 2026 Targets
Transit Asset Management	Rolling Stock (buses) - % of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	25%	25%	n/a	n/a
	Rolling Stock (cutaways) - % of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	60%	39%	27%	23%
	Equipment - % of equipment that has exceeded ULB or with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA's (TERM) Scale	86%	87%	45%	48%
	Facilities - % of facilities with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA's Transit Economic Requirement Model (TERM) Scale	0%	0%	n/a	n/a
		METS			
		End 2024 Measures	End 2026 Targets		
Transit Safety	Fatalities - Total number of fatalities that occurred at a transit facility or involving a transit revenue vehicle	Fixed Route	0	0	
		Demand Response	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	9	0	
		Demand Response	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	23	0	
		Demand Response	2	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	39,014 miles	75,000 miles		
	Demand Response	39,829 miles	50,000 miles		

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

**f. FY 2027 KYTC FTA Section 5304 Application Local Share – presented by Jennifer Scott**

KYTC’s application process for Federal Transit Administration Section 5304 Transit Planning Funds is entirely online. The enclosed resolution gives Pamela Drach authorization to upload the required documents for the Section 5304 application. Additionally, the resolution states that the Evansville MPO will provide the required 20% local match, which is currently part of the City of Henderson’s local share in the amount of \$5,000.

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

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **a. Approval of Bills**

*Amy Canterbury made a motion for approval and John Stoll seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Jack Corn congratulated Seyed Shokouhzadeh on his upcoming retirement:*

*On behalf of the Policy Committee, we extend our sincere gratitude for your leadership and dedication. During your tenure as Executive Director, you guided the agency with a clear focus on safety, mobility, and community benefit, leaving a lasting impact on our region.*

*Over your remarkable 40-year career, you led many important initiatives. Under your direction, the agency adopted its first Complete Streets and Safety policies, strengthening our commitment to protecting all transportation users. Your leadership helped bring major projects to life, including the Walnut Street Corridor, Covert Avenue improvements, and the Oak Grove and Oak Hill Road projects—creating a safer, more connected network for our communities.*

*You also forged a strong partnership with INDOT on the SR 66/Lloyd Expressway Corridor Study, laying the groundwork for more than \$150 million in future improvements. In addition, you guided the successful implementation of a five-year plan to responsibly invest \$22 million in federal funding into local priorities.*

*While you won't oversee the upcoming Regional Transit Feasibility Study, your work securing the contract and establishing its foundation ensures the effort will move forward successfully.*

*Thank you for your vision, leadership, and lasting contributions to transportation safety and mobility. Your impact on the agency and the region will endure, and we wish you all the best in your retirement.*

*Seyed Shokouhzadeh responded:*

*None of these projects and initiatives could have been done without your leadership, and definitely the team that did all of the work. It's like anything else – you have to work hard at it, and we had good relationships and were honest with each other. Thank you everyone.*

*Jack also presented Seyed a retirement gift on behalf of the Policy Committee.*

## **8. UPCOMING DATES**

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

Meeting adjourned.