



**EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. in Room 318  
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**

**Members Present:**

Technical Members	Organization	In Person	Webex/ Phone
Luke Hill	INDOT	X	
Thomas Witt	KYTC	X	
Megan Seiler	Evansville Disability Community	X	
David Broderhausen	INDOT		X
Karen Brooks	Easterseals Rehabilitation Center		X
Nate Hahn	Evansville Regional Airport		X
Nick Hall	KYTC		X
Shawn Hayden	Eastland Mall		X
Cinda Phillips	Arc of Evansville		X
Camille Robinson	FHWA		X
Jonathan Siebeking	METS		X
Lorie Van Hook	Evansville Trails Coalition		X
Jessica Waddle	KYTC		X
Jeff Whitaker	Lochmueller Group		X
Rick Wilson	METS		X
Crystal Windhaus	HART		X

**Evansville MPO Staff Present:**

EMPO Staff	In Person	Webex/ Phone
Pam Drach	X	
Matt Schriefer	X	
Erin Schriefer	X	
Amir Varshochi	X	
Jennifer Scott	X	
Lorenzo Marsh	X	

*Nate Hahn directed the meeting.*

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

*Lorie Van Hook nominated Nate Hahn for Chair.  
Nate Hahn nominated Lorie Van Hook for Vice Chair.  
All members were in favor; nominations passed.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Shawn Hayden made a motion for approval and Thomas Witt 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 Luke Hill**

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	
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
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	Wait for Notice to Proceed to be issued to the 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-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	Started Stage 2 development. Value Engineering meeting recommendations have been sent for approval, waiting on signatures.
	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.
	US 41 NB over Pond Flat Ditch 02.01 miles S of I-64	Bridge Replacement	Coordinated with Geotechnical Sub-consultant to submit Draft recommendations by the end of November. Started on Stage 2 Submission. Designed and submitted median drainage and culverts for side ditches. upcoming work Submit Stage 2 plans and documents. Coordinate supplement for median and side ditch culvert hydraulic design.
	US 41 SB over Pond Flat Ditch 02.01 miles S of I-64	Bridge Replacement	
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 to May.
R-44499 (Des# 2200037)	US 41 1.57 miles S of SR 57 At St. George Road	Intersection Improvement	Discussion took place about the new TaylorMade building that is being built on the northwest quadrant and should not affect the design at the intersection, but coordination has started.
R-39923	US 41 At Lynch Road, 1.0 mi N of SR-66	Intersection Improvement. Added left turn lane on SB US 41. No improvements on Lynch other than resurface.	Environmental meeting taking place in late March to discuss the scope of the project and potential level of the environmental document.
R-45795	US 41 1.09 mi N of I 69 interchange (Covert Ave)	Intersection Improvement	Kick-Off meeting took place on 3/2/26 to discuss the scope and other intersections.
R-44499 (Des# 2200044)	US 41 1.57 miles S of SR 57 At St. George Road	Intersection Improvement	Internal meetings to discuss the new preliminary alternative for confirmation.
R-45412	US 41 At SR 57 Intersection	Intersection Improvement	Stage 1 plans were submitted in February and continued work on the environmental document.

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

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. 2023-2030 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 (152)	Vanderburgh	Bridge Inspections	STBG-B	80/20	Revise Funding	2026	PE	\$35	\$254	\$203	\$51								
											2027	PE	\$219	\$57	\$46	\$11								
											2028	PE	\$45	\$247	\$198	\$49								
2029	PE	\$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)													
											2027	PE	\$0	\$110	\$99	\$11								
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																			

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**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						
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						
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

Megan Seiler made several comments regarding METS and METS Micro. She asked that consideration be given to METS Micro – she lives near the courthouse and METS Micro will not pick her up because they want her to use the city bus. She would also like METS to consider safety on the bus. She’s had several of her friends injured while on the bus due to them not being locked down properly. Another concern she has is manual wheelchairs not having headrests, because that is putting them at risk of breaking their necks if there is an accident.

David Broderhausen made a motion for approval and Shawn Hayden seconded the motion; motion carried.

**c. 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		

Thomas Witt noticed that the targets were different for METS and the MPO and asked for clarification. Jennifer Scott answered that it is because there is more than one transit agency, and that METS has a bigger fleet than the MPO. Thomas followed up by asking if the MPO targets include agencies in addition to METS. Jennifer answered that the MPO targets are just non-profits targets.

Lorie Van Hook made a motion for approval and Thomas Witt seconded the motion; motion carried.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Megan Seiler commented that she would like to see sidewalks more accessible. This includes not putting trees in the middle of a sidewalk, as well as signs stating that the sidewalk is under construction. These need to be kept clear of the sidewalk to make it easier for everyone to use. Thomas Witt asked if she was ok with trees if there is enough clear space to get around them. Megan responded that she is, if signs aren't placed right next to them - it is dangerous for wheelchair users to have to be in the street because of trees and signs taking up the entire sidewalk.

**8. UPCOMING DATES**

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

Meeting adjourned.