



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

June 1, 2017

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.

ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Dr. H. Dan Adams, Todd Robertson, Joe Kiefer II, Angela Koehler Lindsey, William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Christy Powell, Rusty Fowler, Nick Hall

Members Absent (voting):

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Bruce Ungethiem, Dan Saylor

Members Absent (non-voting):

Joe McGuinness, Mayela Sosa, Shawn Seals, Marisol Simon, Antonio Johnson, Susan Weber, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Bernadette Dupont, Greg Thomas, John Moore, Leslie Poff

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Laura Lamb, Erin Schriefer, Craig Luebke, Matt Schriefer, Kari Akin, Vishu Lingala

Others Present:

Theodore F. Miller, Don Gibbs

Jack Corn directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christy Powell made a motion for approval and Dr. H. Dan Adams seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: Right-of-way engineering is underway. The Public Hearing is planned for late June.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: Offers made for 36 of the 37 parcels; 19 offers accepted.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Road to Oak Hill Road: The paving work on Phase 4 is complete.

Green River Road, Kansas Road to Boonville New Harmony Road: Eighteen parcels have been cleared.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road, High Pointe Drive to Telephone Road: The Preliminary Field Check was held on May 17, 2017.

INDOT

SR 66 and Casey Road: The District held a Preliminary Field Check for the project.

KYTC

KY 2183 – KY 1539: Anticipate a design team meeting to be held in June.

US Highway 41& KY 812/Airline Road: A joint inspection meeting is scheduled for June 6th after which the project will move into the right-of-way phase.

US Highway 60 Spottsville Bridge: Right-of-way plans have been submitted. Appraisals are underway.

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

B. Draft FY 2018 Budget – presented by Kari Akin

The proposed FY 2018 Evansville MPO budget, budget trend sheet, and sheet explaining the changes in budget from the previous year were presented for review in May. The values shown were the same values that were approved in April for the FY 2018 UPWP. There are no increases in local shares from the previous 5+ years except for Warrick County in which they have been notified in advance of the change.

Russell Sights made a motion for approval and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan – presented by Matt Schriefer

Informational:

The Evansville MPO has completed a draft of the 2018-2021 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. The Plan identifies the transit needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Henderson counties.

Comment Period and Open House:

The MPO has a 30-day public comment period that began May 24 and runs through June 23. The Coordinated Plan is available for public review at the MPO office, METS office, HART office, Henderson City Hall, Newburgh Town Hall, and Boonville City Hall. It is also available online at www.evansvillempo.com. Comments can be sent to Matt Schriefer at the MPO via email, mail, phone, or fax.

An Open House will also be held to gather public input about the draft Coordinated Plan. The Open House will be held on Tuesday, June 13 from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at the Evansville Central Library, Browning Room B (200 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Evansville).

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

B. Draft Transit Asset Management Targets – presented by Matt Schriefer

Informational:

In July 2016, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a final rule requiring recipients of FTA funds to maintain – and document – minimum Transit Asset Management (TAM) standards. The new standards will help agencies keep their systems operating smoothly and efficiently.

The MPO is working with METS, HART, WATS, and area non-profits that receive FTA funds to develop TAM Performance Measures and Targets. MPOs are required to establish TAM Targets by July 1, 2017. The MPO will work with each agency to develop a Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan, which is required to be completed by October 2018.

For more information about Transit Asset Management guidelines, visit <http://www.transit.dot.gov/TAM>.

2017 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets:

Below are draft TAM Targets for 2017 that the MPO has developed in cooperation with regional transit agencies and non-profits. The MPO is asking the Technical and Policy Committees to review these Targets. Pending and additional feedback from the agencies, a final version of the TAM Targets will be an agenda item for the July Technical and Policy committee meetings. TAM Targets will be updated at the beginning of each calendar year.

Asset Class	Definition		Beginning 2017 Measure	End 2017 Target
Rolling Stock All revenue vehicles	% of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) (METS fixed route bus: 14 years; All other buses: 10 years; Non-Profit van: 8 years) ¹	Non-Profits:	39%	33%
		METS/HART:	15%	7%
Equipment Maintenance equipment or non-revenue vehicles	% of equipment with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA’s Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) Scale	METS/HART:	0%	0%
Facilities All buildings or structures	% of facilities with a condition rating below 3.0 on FTA’s Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) Scale	METS/HART:	0%	0%

¹ Based on FTA’s default Useful Life Benchmarks

This item was informational and did not require a committee action

C. FY 2018 Transit Agreements – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following Fiscal Year 2018 Agreements:

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

The Agreements identify activities the EMPO will perform in Fiscal Year 2018 for both METS and HART in exchange for compensation by both.

The MOA details the activities to be performed by the MPO, METS, and HART, time of performance, and compensation amount to the MPO. The MOA also includes the required FTA clauses and approval sheet.

Dr. H. Dan Adams made a motion for approval and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried.

D. FY 2016-2019 & 2018-2021 TIP Amendments – presented by Craig Luebke

The Evansville MPO is seeking approval of the following amendments to both the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2018-2021 TIP. A public review and comment period was publicized from May 19 to May 31.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requested the following amendments:

Des# 1601718: SR 62, over Pigeon Creek/CSX Railroad, 2.45 mi. W of US 41: Bridge rehabilitation or repair. Add project for Construction (CN) in FY 2018. CN costs of \$1,938,000 will be funded with 80% federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds and 20% State match.

Des# 1400191: SR 68, US 41, bridge rehabilitation/repair on US 41 over Pigeon Creek, 0.37 mi. N of SR 66, and on SR 68 over Upper Pigeon Creek, 1.87 mi. E of SR 161: (Includes Des# 1500335). Add project for right-of-way (RW) FY 2018. RW costs of \$15,000 will be funded with 80% federal NHPP funds and 20% State match.

Rusty Fowler made a motion for approval and Todd Robertson seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Bills

Russell Sights made a motion for approval and William Hubiak seconded the motion; motion carried

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Corn made the following statement:

It appears that one of our County Commissioners is a graduate of the Trump school of diplomacy, which means she has none, and some of her comments at the last County Commissioner's meeting I found were insulting. I originally did not intend to say anything, but I think when public elected officials make stupid statements, they need to be called on it. She not only insulted Seyed and Ron who were there and had to take it, she basically insulted the Area Plan Commission and the Policy Committee of this group. I'll quote [the Commissioner], "this is just a blatant out-and-out power grab by a bureaucracy against the oh so silly elected officials". Well, I agree with the "oh so silly" elected official, because she's about as silly as they get. [The Commissioner] "These rogue agencies want to forever tie the hands of the elected officials

that the voters sent to represent them.” I think we deserve an apology from that person. I think the other two Commissioners were complacent; they just sat there and kept their mouth shut most of the time. So I would think we deserve an apology from the whole County Commission. Our chances of getting that I would say are none, but anyway, I think we should get one.

Meeting adjourned.