



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

June 2, 2016

The foregoing 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:

Beth Jones, Nick Hall, Jason Orange, Shawn Will, Bill Harty, Melissa Voegel, Carol Hagedorn, John Petkovsek

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Pam Drach, Erin Schriefer, Laura Lamb, Craig Luebke, Matt Schriefer

Others Present:

Don Gibbs

Ron London directed the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Melissa Voegel made a motion for approval and John Petkovsek seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Update- presented by Pam Drach

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Covert Avenue Road Diet: Environmental document development is proceeding.

Weinbach Avenue Road Diet: The environmental document has been submitted to INDOT for review.

Washington Avenue – 2nd Street – Parrett Street Area: The consultant has submitted the historical properties documentation for review and comment.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Projects:

- Hi-Rail Corridor: Design and environmental document development are proceeding.
- Mid-Levee Connection (Cardinal Drive, between Stringtown Road and Heidelberg Avenue): Notice to Proceed has been issued to the consultant.

Evansville-Vanderburgh Sign Inventory and Replacement: The Final Tracings are being developed.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Maryland Street Bridge Over Pigeon Creek: The beams have been set on the west span and the contractor is placing steel in preparation for pouring the deck. Construction is still scheduled to be complete this fall.

Columbia – Delaware Bridge over Pigeon Creek: Consultant-LPA contract has been fully executed.

Heckel Road Widening, Green River Road to Oak Hill Road: Storm sewer installation in Phase 1 is approximately 60% finished.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Newburgh Rivertown Trail: Right-of-way activities are ongoing.

Newburgh Sign Replacement: Notice of Authorization has been issued by INDOT.

WARRICK COUNTY

Bell Road, Highpoint Drive to Telephone Road: A scoping meeting was held on May 24, 2016.

Lincoln Avenue: Right-of-way activities continue with 95 of the estimated 99 parcels acquired. Utility coordination is ongoing.

The Project Update was informational and did not require a committee action.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. METS FY 2016 FTA Section 5307 Grant Application – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO seeks approval to electronically submit the Program of Projects for FTA Section 5307 (FFY 15) funds for METS' 2016 fiscal year. The total amount being requested is \$1,825,584.00. These funds will be used for operating assistance of METS' fixed route system and ADA service, transit improvements, preventive maintenance, and planning assistance. The federal share of funding is a maximum of 50% for operating assistance, 80% for capital projects (transit improvements and preventive maintenance), and 80% for planning assistance.

Beth Jones made a motion for approval and Melissa Voegel seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. HART FY 2017 FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339 Grant Application – presented by Matt Schriefer

The Evansville MPO seeks approval to electronically submit the Program of Projects for FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339 (FFY16) funds for HART's 2017 fiscal year. The total amount being requested is \$791,876.00. Section 5307 funds will be used for operating assistance of HART's fixed route system, ADA paratransit service, preventive maintenance, and planning assistance. Section 5339 funds will be used for the acquisition of a fixed route bus. The federal share of

funding is a maximum of 50% for operating assistance, 80% for capital projects (ADA paratransit service, preventive maintenance, and bus acquisition), and 80% for planning assistance.

John Petkovsek made a motion for approval and Beth Jones seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendments – presented by Craig Luebke

Henderson Area Rapid Transit (HART) requested the following amendments:

- No Item#’s Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Operating Assistance: Revise 2017 Program of Projects to reflect final budget. The total fiscal 2017 budget of \$805,000 will be funded with \$224,000 in federal Section 5307 funds and \$581,000 in local funds.
- No Item#’s Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant, Capital Assistance: Revise 2017 Program of Projects to reflect final budget and project revisions. Additional projects include the purchase of a garage support vehicle. The total fiscal 2017 budget of \$597,000 will be funded with \$457,000 in federal Section 5307 funds, \$60,000 in state funds and \$80,000 in local funds.
- No Item#’s Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant: Revise 2017 Program of Projects to reflect final budget and project revisions. Additional projects include the purchase of a transit bus. The total fiscal 2017 budget of \$125,000 will be funded with \$100,000 in federal Section 5339 funds, \$12,500 in state funds and \$12,500 in local funds.

The City of Henderson requested the following amendment:

- No Item# North Green River Road: Sidewalk construction from Bend Gate Road to Osage Drive. Add project for construction (CN) in FY 2018. CN costs of \$240,400 will be funded with \$188,320 in federal Transportation Alternatives (TAP) funds and a \$52,080 local match.

The Evansville MPO requested the following amendment:

- Des# 1601026 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Implementation and Technical Assistance: Add project in FY 2017 for activities in support of the City of Evansville Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan. Activities will include committee meetings and project development assistance. Cost is \$35,678 is programmed with \$28,542 in federal STP funding and a \$7,136 local match.

Nick Hall made a motion for approval and Melissa Voegel seconded the motion; motion carried.

D. Draft Access Management Manual and Development Guide – presented by Laura Lamb

Since August of 2015 the MPO has been working to update the Access Management Manual that was last adopted in June of 2002. This document is used by LPAs and the MPO to guide decisions on appropriate access. The draft was developed by working in conjunction with a steering committee consisting of a majority of the MPO’s local LPAs, a representative of the Southwest Indiana Builders Association, and INDOT and KYTC representatives.

The Draft *Access Management Manual and Development Guide* can be found on the MPO’s website at <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Docs/DRAFT-EMPO%20AMMDG%2005122016.pdf>

The Draft Access Management Manual and Development Guide was informational and did not require a committee action. This will be an action item for next month’s meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Harty voiced concern about the overall traffic network on the west side of Evansville, particularly the lack of east/west facilities and the amount of congestion along the Lloyd Expressway.

Beth Jones announced that she is resigning from her position at KYTC and will be taking a job with Clarksville, Indiana in the planning department.

Meeting adjourned.