

EVANSVILLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
Policy Committee Meeting
May 5, 2005

Members Present

Jack Corn
Stephen Melcher
John Talbert
Lloyd Winnecke
Mayor Weinzapfel
Suzanne Crouch
Mae Mason
New Henderson Guy?

Members Absent

Phillip H. Baxter

Others Present

Steve Sherwood
David Holtz, INDOT
Dave Franklin, FHWA-IN
Ted Merryman, KYTC

Others Absent

Staff Present

Pamela Drach
Kari Akin

Chairperson Jack Corn called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATE-handout

Pamela Drach presented the Project Update.

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects

- Green River Road – Lincoln Avenue (CN FY'07- Schneider Corporation): This intersection improvement project proposes the construction of left and right-turn lanes on westbound Lincoln Avenue and right-turn lanes on Green River Road. *A Preliminary Field Check was held on March 9, 2005.*

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Projects

- The Greenway Passage Project - Phase 3 (Phase 3C - CN FY'05 - BLA): Phase 3 of the Greenway Passage, approximately 12 miles of the trail linking Angel Mounds State Historic Site to the animal control shelter, is divided into four sections: A, B, C, D. The clean-up of the General Waste parcel (part of Phase 3C) is underway. A Public Hearing for Phase 3C was held on October 12, 2004. The Consultant has completed the Final Check Prints. *Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Phase 3C-1 construction engineering was issued.* Right-of-way acquisition is complete for Phase 3D, the abandoned Hi-Rail property along US Highway 41; however, two easements must be obtained.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Projects

- Lynch Road Extension (E&B Paving): The Lynch Road extension Phases 2B & 3 will extend the corridor from the I-164 interchange to SR 62. The project let for bid on March 16, 2005 with the low bid of \$4,719,472 received from E&B Paving. *Notice to Proceed was issued on April 22, 2005. Construction activities have begun.*

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects

- Green River Road – Millersburg Road (RW FY'05 & CN FY'06, Clark Dietz): This intersection improvement project consists of adding left-turn lanes on all four approaches, northbound and eastbound right-turn lanes and the installation of a traffic control signal. EUTS

received approval of the Final Categorical Exclusion (CE) document. *The Commissioners have approved the contract for additional archeological work for an addendum to the CE.*

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Projects

- Rivertown Trail (PE FY'05, ACE/Green 3): The Town of Newburgh and Warrick County are partners in the development of a bicycle and pedestrian facility linking Angel Mounds Historic Site to the Overlook Park at old SR 662 and SR 66. American Consulting Engineers (ACE)/Green 3 are under contract to do the design and landscape architecture work for the project. *An Open House was held for the public to review the preliminary route and offer comments.*

WARRICK COUNTY

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Projects

- Telephone Road (CN FY'05, BLA): A Public Informational meeting was held on March 3, 2003 to inform the public of modifications made to the plans to meet current design standards. Right-of-way services are complete. *The Consultant has submitted the Final Tracings to INDOT for approval.*

INDOT PROJECTS

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects

- SR 66/Lloyd Expressway – Stockwell Road (CN FY'05, URS): The project includes the construction of eastbound double left-turn lanes on the SR 66/Lloyd Expwy., an additional northbound lane on Stockwell Road between the Lloyd Expwy. and Indiana Street and the reconstruction of the Stockwell Road - John Street intersection. *The Consultant is preparing the Final Tracings.*

Design Development Process for Federal Aid Projects

Indiana

Planning
Engineers Report/Project Development
Select Design Consultant
Grade Review Plans
Preliminary Field Check Plans & Meeting
Environmental Document Approval
Public Hearing Plans & Meeting
Final Design Study Report & Hearing Plans
Design Approval
Right-of-Way Engineering/Acquisition
Final Plan Submittal
Final Check Prints
Final Tracings
Bid Letting

Kentucky

Planning
Intermediate or Scoping Study
Select Design Consultant
Pre-Design Meeting
Preliminary Line & Grade Inspection
Draft Environmental Document Approval
Public Hearing
Design and Environmental Approval
Drainage Inspection and Submittal
Plan Submittal for Right-of-way Funds
Right-of-way Acquisition
Final Plan Review
Bid Letting

Project Update Discussion:

No discussion.

Draft FY 2006-2008 TIP Program of Projects

Pamela Drach discussed the project changes. Three State projects were identified that will receive high priority project funding. All three are part of the SR 62 Corridor Study and relate to Fulton Avenue/First Avenue interchange reconstruction.

Warrick County divided the Lincoln Avenue and Oak Grove Road project into three phases. Updated cost estimates were provided to EUTS.

Henderson County and the City of Henderson are working together in looking at an intersection improvement project for safety reasons at KY 2183 and KY 1539. That project has been added to the TIP.

TIP Program of Projects Discussion:

No discussion.

Transit/EUTS Memorandum of Understanding

Pamela Drach indicated there was only one change to the HART MOU which was to have EUTS do the Title 6 work. Approval and signatures are needed. (Motion was made and seconded. Approval granted. MOTION CARRIED.

Certification Review Summary Report

David Franklin presented the final report. An approval letter was forwarded to Brad Mills and Pamela Drach from FTA and FHI approving EUTS' certification process for the next three years. One corrective action was identified in the report regarding maintenance of the roadways. It is relatively simple to correct. Mr. Franklin asked if there were any questions. No questions presented.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2005-2007 TIP Amendment

Pamela Drach presented the report, seeking approval to add Evansville ARC5310 Specialized Transportation Capital Assistance Program funding to purchase two vehicles.

Chairperson Jack Corn entertained a motion to approve the TIP Amendment. (Motion was made and seconded.) Approval was obtained. MOTION CARRIED.

FY 2006 UPWP

Pamela Drach presented the report which outlines the work elements for FY2006. One is an update to the Transportation Plan. Another update is to a public involvement policy. ARC asked EUTS to conduct a ridership survey for them for the upcoming fiscal year.

2005 Amendment to the 2030 Transportation Plan and Conformity Determination

The 2005 Amendment of the 2030 Transportation Plan is the result of some issues that were discussed as part of the certification review.

OTHER BUSINESS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

Pamela Drach indicated there was a request to provide traffic data on Lincoln Avenue between Vann and Green River Road. The church at that location is asking for consideration of some traffic restrictions along Lincoln Avenue on the day they plan to have their Halloween party. The Board of Public Safety wanted the data on traffic count information.

REZONINGS-handout

Brad Mills presented the May rezonings to the members.

SUBDIVISIONS

Brad Mills presented the May subdivisions to the members.

PAYROLL AND BILLS

Chairperson Jack Corn asked for a motion to approve payroll and bills. On a motion and second, the payroll and bills were approved. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Mayor Weinzapfel: In our discussions with Brad over the new director position, one of the things he has requested, and I think it sounds reasonable, in his move from being a County employee to a City employee, that he be allowed to carry his length of service with the County over to the City.

Suzanne Crouch made a motion to recommend that County accruals of service for Mr. Mills be carried over to the new City position. Mayor Weinzapfel seconded. Motion was approved. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jack Corn adjourned the meeting.