



EVANSVILLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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EVANSVILLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY Policy Committee Meeting September 1, 2005

Members Present

Jonathan Weinzapfel
Steven Melcher
Cynthia Burger
John Stroud

Policy Members Absent

Jack Corn
Lloyd Winnecke
Suzanne Crouch
Phillip H. Baxter
Bill Hubiak (NV)
Edward Merryman, KYTC D2 (NV)
Bill Nighbert, KYTC (NV)
Robert F. Tally Jr., FHWA (NV)
David Franklin, FHWA (NV)
Jose Sepulveda, FHWA (NV)
Bernadette Dupont, FHWA (NV)

Others Present

Scott Thompson, KYTC
Kevin McClearn, KYTC

Staff Present

Brad Mills
Pamela Drach
Laura Lamb
Erik Llewellyn
Dytana Heard

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript. Audiotapes of this meeting are on file in the EUTS Office.

Steven Melcher called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Mr. Melcher asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2005 Policy Committee meeting. On a motion of Jonathan Weinzapfel and seconded by John Stroud, the Policy Committee minutes were approved. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATE-handout

Pamela Drach presented the Project Update.

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Projects

- Oak Hill Road (American Consulting): The Final Engineers Report reviews the existing conditions from US 41 to Lynch Rd., and identifies a preferred roadway design that will meet the current and future needs of the corridor. FHWA and INDOT have approved the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). American Consulting has been selected to begin the preliminary engineering phase. *Notice to Proceed has been issued.*

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects

- Vann Avenue – Lincoln Avenue (CN FY'08- First Group Engineering): CMAQ funding has been approved for the installation of aligned left-turn lanes on Vann Avenue and a right-turn lane on westbound Lincoln Avenue. *The City has approved a Preliminary Engineering (PE) Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc.*

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Projects

- The Greenway Passage Project - Phase 3 (Phase 3C - CN FY'06 - 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. A Public Hearing for Phase 3C was held on October 12, 2004. *Phase 3C-1, from Casino Aztar to Franklin Street, is currently scheduled for an October bid letting.* The Parks Dept. is reviewing five proposals received for the Phase 3C-1 construction engineering. 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

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects

- Burkhardt Road – Virginia Street RW FY'07, RW Armstrong): The intersection will be improved with the construction of eastbound and westbound double left-turn lanes on Virginia Street and the extension of the northbound left and right-turn lanes on Burkhardt Road. *The Consultant submitted the Grade Review Plans to State and Local agencies for review and comment. EUTS is preparing the Early Coordination documentation.*
- Green River Road – Millersburg Road (RW FY'06 & CN FY'07, 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 addendum to the CE has been approval.*

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) Projects

- Main Street, Jennings Street and Plum Street (CN FY'07, Commonwealth Engineers): The project includes the realignment of the intersection approaches to standardize the channelization of the traffic at this complex intersection. INDOT has approved the Grade Review Plans. *EUTS received comments on the Early Coordination documentation and is continuing the work on the Categorical Exclusion (CE).*

WARRICK COUNTY

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Projects

- Telephone Road (CN FY'06, BLA): Telephone Road will be reconstructed to an improved two-lane facility between Stevenson Station Road and Bell Road. 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. *The project is scheduled for a September 14, 2005 bid letting.*

INDOT PROJECTS

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Projects

- **US Highway 41** (RW FY'07, BLA): US 41 from SR 66/Diamond Avenue to Mt. Pleasant Road will be widened to six travel lanes. From Mt. Pleasant Road to Boonville-New Harmony Road the corridor will be rehabilitated to improve the level-of-service. The field survey of the project limits is complete. The Consultant is preparing the Grade Review plans. *The Consultant has submitted a Change in Scope to add to the project the replacement of bridge north of Mt. Pleasant Road.*
- **SR 62** (I – CN FY'06, Quandt; II & III – CN FY'08, United Consulting;): *The section from Old Boonville Hwy. to 6th Street in Chandler is scheduled for a September 14, 2005 bid letting.* Phases II & III (Chandler to Boonville) are in the right-of-way phase. Construction of a section of Phase IV (I-164 to Old Boonville Highway) is complete.
- **SR 66/Diamond Avenue** (Section II – CN FY'06, Woolpert): The project includes intersection improvements, modernization of the traffic control signals, and the addition of a through lane between Kentucky Avenue and Fares Avenue. Construction of Section I, St. Joe Avenue to Pigeon Creek, has been awarded to Gohmann Asphalt & Construction for approximately \$17.5 M. *INDOT provided comments on the Final Tracings for Section II, Pigeon Creek to east of US Highway 41. The Consultant is addressing the comments.* EUTS submitted local network improvement recommendations for inclusion in the Section II traffic maintenance plans.
- **SR 66/Lloyd Expressway** (I – Blankenberger Brothers; II – CN FY'06, Woolpert; III – CN FY'06, INDOT): *Phase I (Epworth Road to SR 261) is open to traffic.* Design Approval has been given for Phase II (SR 261 to SR 662) and Phase III (SR 662 to Yankeetown Road). Currently, Phases II and III are scheduled for fall 2007 and 2008 bid lettings, respectively.
- **SR 66/Lloyd Expressway - Burkhardt Road Interchange** (RW FY'06, RQAW): A single point urban interchange will be constructed at the SR 66/Lloyd Expressway – Burkhardt Road intersection. A Preliminary Field Check was held on October 6, 2004. *A public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the Harrison High School cafeteria. A copy of the hearing plans and documentation is available for review in the EUTS office.*

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

Steven Melcher expressed concerns over the redesign of the Lloyd Expwy/Burkhardt Rd Interchange and how it could impact area businesses. Brad Mills explained that the Lloyd Expwy/Burkhardt Rd interchange is a single point interchange that is similar to the design of Lloyd Expwy and Green River Rd. Mr. Melcher indicated that he would like to stay more involved with the development of this project.

Freight Study Survey-handout

Laura Lamb presented the 2005 Freight Survey Update and gave an explanation of how the survey was conducted. A copy of the handout is attached.

NEW BUSINESS

HART Survey/Draft-handout

Erik Llewellyn presented the Henderson Area Rapid Transit Survey Summary and the draft survey. Erik asked that any suggested changes to the surveys be turned in to EUTS by September 15, 2005. A copy of the handout is attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

CITIZENS COMPLAINT-handout

Brad Mills reviewed various citizens complaints with committee members. Due to the volume of complaints received, Brad gave the committee members an opportunity to comment on any of the intersections thought to be of interest to them. Steven Melcher commented about traffic being backed up at the Fares Avenue – Columbia Street intersection. EUTS suggested synchronizing the two signals to eliminate the back up situation.

REZONING-handout

Brad Mills discussed the September rezonings with committee members. Steven Melcher suggested EUTS provide additional information when evaluating rezonings.

SUBDIVISIONS-handout

Brad Mills discussed the September subdivisions with the committee members.

4th QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FY 2005-handout

The Quarterly Report was provided to the committee members.

EUTS ADMINISTRATION Proposal-handout

Brad presented the Evansville Urban Transportation Study to Administer its Own Affairs to the committee members. Steven Melcher proposed having a full body before voting on this particular item.

PAYROLL AND BILLS

Steven Melcher asked for a motion to approve payroll and bills. On a motion and second, the payroll and bills were approved. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.