



# Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## 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

**September 7, 2006**

### Members Present:

Steve Melcher, Mayor Weinzapfel, Cheryl Musgrave, John Stroud, Ted Merryman, Sam Sarvis, Ed Ziemer, Robert Howard (Alt)

### Others Present:

### Members Absent:

Lloyd Winnecke, Jack Corn, William Hubiak, Cynthia Burger, Greg Meyer

### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Bradley Mills, Dytana Heard, Laura Lamb, Vishu Lingala, Kari Akin, Dave Stensaas

Mr. Melcher: We will open up the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization. I was just filling in because the president and vice president are not here. Is there a motion for the Approval of Minutes?

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cheryl Musgrave moved and John Stroud seconded the motion to approve the Policy Committee Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Melcher: Old Business: Project Update.

Ms. Lamb: Good afternoon. For those of you that are going to follow along with the Project Update, the first project will start on page 3, under Vanderburgh County. That would be the Green River Road Project.

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **VANDEBURGH COUNTY**

##### **Surface Transportation Program (STP) Projects**

###### **Green River Road (CN FY'06)**

Ms. Lamb: A supplemental agreement with consultant DLZ was approved by the County Commissioners at their August 22, 2006 meeting for the design of Section C2 phase 2 of this project (Hirsch Road to Heckel Road). DLZ is currently the design consultant for Section C2, phase 1 (Lynch Road to Hirsch Road). This agreement would bring the design contract amount for phases 1 and 2 to \$1,168,000. On page 4, under CMAQ Projects, we have the Green River Road – Millersburg Road Project.

##### **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects**

###### **Green River Road – Millersburg Road (RW FY'06 & CN FY'07, Clark Dietz)**

Ms. Lamb: The County Commissioners approved a supplemental agreement with consultant Clark Dietz for right-of-way engineering and services at their August 8, 2006 meeting for the sum of \$207,000. Further down the page, under local projects, we have the Green River Road – Lynch Road Intersection Project.

##### **Local Projects from the Transportation Plan**

###### **Green River Road – Lynch Road (PE Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC; CN FY'06)**

Ms. Lamb: The County Commissioners awarded the contract for the construction of this project to JBI Construction at their July 25, 2006 meeting for the sum of \$472,632.28. Construction has begun and is expected to proceed through October, 2006. Skipping page 5, onto page 6, we have the Warner Road Bridge.

#### **WARRICK COUNTY**

##### **Bridge Projects**

###### **Warner Road Bridge (CN FY'06, R.W. Armstrong)**

Ms. Lamb: A notice to proceed has been issued by INDOT and the construction has begun. Under INDOT Projects we have the US Highway 41 School Crossing Flashers.

## **INDOT PROJECTS**

### US Highway 41 School Crossing Flashers (CN FY'06)

Ms. Lamb: This project is complete and the flashers are in operation.

Mr. Melcher: Basically on this project...this came up in the City Council Meeting. The lights are okay (inaudible 3:02). Is there anyway we can get SCHOOL written across the street, I mean on the ground? You can sit out there and watch them. They'll go down and all of a sudden, they go (inaudible 3:27) like a block and a half and all of a sudden they'll speed up (inaudible 3:30). And you never know when those kids are going to run out. We've been trying to get a walkway across there. (inaudible 3:39)

Mr. Sarvis: I will certainly check on that for you.

Mr. Melcher: Thank you.

Mr. Lamb: Next page, page 7, we have the SR 57-Boonville-New Harmony Road Intersection Improvement Project.

### SR 57-Boonville-New Harmony Road (CN FY'06, URS)

Ms. Lamb: The proposed letting date for this project has been pushed to March, 2007. Skipping page 8, moving to page 9, we have CMAQ Projects again for INDOT. This would be SR 62/Morgan Avenue and Oak Hill Road Intersection Project.

## **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects**

### SR 62/Morgan Avenue – Oak Hill Road Intersection (RW FY'06, QK4)

Ms. Lamb: The Preliminary Field Check held on August 17, 2006 was attended by MPO staff, and the issue of project coordination was raised. The consultant has proposed to meet with the City Engineer and the consultants for the Oak Hill Road widening project to work out the coordination details. When this meeting is scheduled, we will notify our INDOT District partners that have voiced an interest in attending. Under the same category we have the SR 66/Lloyd Expressway – Stockwell Road Intersection Improvements.

### SR 66/Lloyd Expressway – Stockwell Road (CN FY'07, URS)

Ms. Lamb: The proposed letting date for this project has been pushed to March, 2007. On page 10 is the continuation of the I-69 Project.

## **Corridor Assessments**

### I-69 Corridor Location and Ohio River Bridge Crossing (HNTB)

Ms. Lamb: A meeting was held September 6, 2006 with the consultant HNTB, KYTC, INDOT, FHWA and the MPO to determine the steps necessary to meet the required January signing of the FEIS, which is the Federal Environmental Impact Study. Under KYTC Projects, we have the US 41/Green Street – KY 136/Sand Lane Intersection Project.

## **KYTC PROJECTS**

### **Surface Transportation Program (STP) Projects**

#### US 41A/Green Street – KY 136/Sand Lane (CN FY'07)

Ms. Lamb: Appraisals are being prepared, and a new letting date of January, 2008 is being projected.

#### US 60, US 41A to KY 425/Henderson By-Pass (CN FY'04, PDR)

Ms. Lamb: Under US 60, from US 41A to KY 425, which is the Henderson By-Pass, utility relocation continues, and the project is on track for an August 2007 letting for construction. That would be all of the Project Update. Does anyone have any questions or any additions?

Mr. Melcher: No questions? Thank you. Moving on to New Business. There is no New Business.

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

Mr. Melcher: For Other Business (inaudible 6:41)

## ***OTHER BUSINESS***

### **REZONINGS**

Docket No: R-2006-15 Owner: Greg Meyer

Address: 1105 Stanley Avenue

Nature of Case: Change from an M-2 zone to an R-1 zone

Mr. Mills: First rezoning item is 1105 Stanley Avenue. This is a request to downzone a property from M-2 to R-1. This is a single family residence. That would bring it in

compliance with the zoning ordinance and won't have any significant impact on the transportation network. The next one in your packet is 1212 Lincoln Avenue.

Docket No: R-2006-16 Petitioner: HK Partners

Address: 1212 Lincoln Avenue

Nature of Case: Change from a CO-2 zone to a C-4 zone

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from CO-2 to C-4. That is near Hwy 41, just to the east of Hwy 41. If you look on the back you can see the map showing the locations. We had some concern about the potential for access to Lincoln Avenue. We recommend that the access be only from Fares and Lewis and that no access be directly on to Lincoln Avenue. The next one in your packet is 1312 N. Main Street.

Docket No: R-2006-17 Petitioner: Rebecca Keplinger

Address: 1312 N. Main Street

Nature of Case: Change from a C-4 zone to an R-2 zone

Mr. Mills: This is a similar request from the first one I read, which is a downzoning from C-4 to R-2 for a single family residence. And once again that would not have a significant impact on the transportation network. The next one is 2000 N. Green River Road.

Docket No: R-2006-18 Petitioner: Spurling Development, LLC

Address: 2000 N. Green River Road

Nature of Case: Change from a C-4 zone to a C-2 zone

Mr. Mills: You all might remember, not too long ago, we had a rezoning come through at this location at Theater Drive and Green River Road. Spurling Development had brought that in to rezone a portion of it to allow for condominiums and it appears that the design covered more than what he had originally rezoned, so they have to come back to request that some additional acreage be downzoned to C-2, because the C-4 zoning does not allow residential development. The C-2 would allow him to put the condominiums in this area. And that was the last rezoning.

## **SUBDIVISIONS**

Docket No: 15-S-2006 Spurling Development, LLC

Mr. Mills: In subdivisions, this is the same project I just referred to for the rezoning Spurling. This is a subdivision called Theater Commons, which will create a large lot, which will be for the residential development on the western portion of this development that will provide a bunch of out lots that will be along Green River Road and another one that will be on Theater Drive. With this we have some concern about access onto Theater Drive and then also in individual lot access, Green River Road. Our recommendation that the access be limited to the north south facility and, with one exception, that Theater Commons, the residential portion on the western part, be allowed to have, which is lot A,

access on Theater Drive. I believe they got a design to line up with the Teachers Federal Credit Union entrance, which you can see on the aerial there. The rest of those we asked that the access only be on the north south road and then also encourage interconnect between the lots. The developer had stated that it's possible that the lots might be sold two at a time, so that there could be larger developments on these lots which would reduce the number of access points from Theater onto the north south road.

Docket No: 16-S-2006 Elpers Development, Inc.

Mr. Mills: The next subdivision in your packet is Stonegate Estates. This is up off of Browning. It's a very rural area. This is going to be a large lot development and they're going to have 2.5 acres or more per lot, which would allow them to have septic for the development. They are providing a taper in and out of the development and we encourage that they clear zones for sight visibility and we don't see that it would have a negative impact on the roadwork network.

Bellmoore Development, SR 66, between Bell and Libbert Roads and Bellmoore Development One-way Design

Mr. Mills: Also in your packet you should have a couple of letters to Morley and Associates in regard to Bellemoore Development at SR 66 at Bell and Libbert Roads in Warrick County. This is just north of the Lloyd Expressway. There was concern by our office on their designs for left turns coming in and out of this development. We had met with INDOT, I believe it was in November of last year on this project, and had subsequent meetings with INDOT and Warrick County and their concern about having intersection too close to SR 66. One example that we pointed out is how close the Walmart entrances are on Burkhardt and the Lloyd Expressway and how that would be a conflict. Our first letter said that they needed to try to limit those left turns and they went back to try to address that and presented some one-way alternatives and our office was okay with that as long it would typically prohibit those left turns off of Bell and Libbert. I believe subsequent to that, Bobby (inaudible 12:46) wanted us (inaudible 12:47) Bobby Howard's here from Warrick County, the Commissioner decided to eliminate the access at Bell Road for the southern link. If you look on the map on the back side on the bottom right hand part of the page, they've asked the engineer and developer to make that be a cul-de-sac, so there will be a no access on the southern connection that would be closest to the Lloyd and then they were going to build a raised median on Libbert, which is on the west side to typically prohibit left turns going in and out of the back, correct? Bobby ? And that was all I had for subdivisions.

Mr. Melcher: I guess on your desk you have the FY' 2006 Completion Report.

Mr. Mills: Yes sir, and I've asked Kari to comment.

Ms. Akin: The Completion Report is an annual report, it's for informational purposes. I'm just going to show you a brief synopsis of what this actual is. If you turn to page 2, you will see a listing of 501.1 Traffic Counts and Capacity. This is set up to have, there

is probably about 25 to 30 different line items and there is a compilation of all the projects we have completed for fiscal year 2006. For 501.1 you can see that we've done 204 traffic counts, 183 turning movements as well as updating the Traffic Volume Map. The budget is \$27,625 in Indiana and \$4,875.00 for the Kentucky budget. And we have used 100% for Kentucky. For Indiana we used \$27,624.81, so we had 19 cents crossed over. On almost every line item we've used 100% except for CMAQ funds. And towards the end on page 30 through 32, those are tables listing the amounts that we have used and then you'll see in the appendices the Project Update, all the traffic counts and turning movements and TIP amendments at the very end. If you have any specific questions, I can answer them now, or if you'd like to look at it, feel free to send me an email.

Mr. Melcher: Are there any questions? (inaudible 15:39) We need a motion to approve the bills.

### ***APPROVAL OF BILLS***

Cheryl Musgrave moved and Mayor Weinzapfel seconded the motion for Approval of Bills. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Melcher: Anybody else got anything else this afternoon? We are adjourned, thank you for coming.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.