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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 6, 2007

ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Steve Melcher, Mayor Weinzapfel, Jack Corn, William Hubiak, Bobby Howard, Cynthia Burger, Lloyd Winnecke, John Stroud, Pam Drach, Kevin McClearn, Greg Meyer, Ed Ziemer

Members Absent (voting):

Vanderburgh County Commissioner

Members Present (non-voting:)

None

Members Absent (non-voting:)

Karl B. Browning, Robert F. Tally, David Franklin, Scott Deloney, Marisol Simon, Stewart McKenzie, Jose Sepulveda, Bernadette Dupont, Bill Nighbert, Daryl Greer, John Gowins

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Brad Mills, Craig Luebke, Kari Akin, Seyed, Shokouhzadeh, Laura Lamb, Rob Schaefer

Others Present:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Corn: I would like to call to order the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting. The first item on the agenda is the approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Winnecke and seconded by Mr. Melcher.) SO ORDERED.

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATE

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects

Green River Road – Lincoln Avenue:

Ms. Lamb: The consultant received design approval from INDOT on August 1, 2007. Right-of-way activities can now begin.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects

Green River Road – Millersburg Road:

Ms. Lamb: Right-of-way acquisition is underway.

Oak Hill Road – Bergdolt Road:

Ms. Lamb: Right-of-way acquisition for this project is being finalized. The County has received at least a verbal acceptance of the proposals from all nine of the affected parcels.

Local Projects

Green River Road:

Ms. Lamb: Right-of-way acquisition is underway for all remaining sections of this project from Lynch Road to Millersburg Road.

Baseline Road, CSX Overpass:

Ms. Lamb: I have added the Baseline Road CSX Overpass project. Just briefly on that, this project will improve emergency access to northwestern Vanderburgh County residents by constructing an overpass for Baseline Road traffic at the CSX rail line which is parallel to and west of US Highway 41. Currently, CSX freight trains block the intersection at Baseline Road along with other intersections to the south which prevents emergency access from US Highway 41. This project is listed in the MPO's TIP for construction in 2008 at an estimated cost of \$4.9 million. The County is now in the process of purchasing the needed right-of-way.

Cross Pointe Boulevard Extension:

Ms. Lamb: I have also added the Cross Pointe Boulevard Extension. This project includes widening the existing sections of Cross Pointe Boulevard between Virginia Street and Columbia Street, and Oak Grove Road and Morgan Avenue to five lanes. The County will then extend Cross Pointe Boulevard from Columbia Street to Oak Grove Road. The construction phase of this project is currently listed in the MPO's TIP to begin construction in 2008 at an estimated cost of \$7.6 million. Right-of-way is currently being purchased.

WARRICK COUNTY

Surface Transportation Program Project

Telephone Road:

Ms. Lamb: This project is complete and the road is open to traffic.

INDOT PROJECTS

Surface Transportation Program Projects

SR 57 – SR 68 intersection improvements:

Ms. Lamb: I have added the SR 57 – SR 68 improvement project. The improvements for this intersection are being made to accommodate the proposed I-69 traffic from SR 57, by way of SR 68. The project will add a dedicated left turn lane and a dedicated right turn lane on the northern approach. On the south, east, and west approaches, dedicated left turn lanes will be added. This project was amended into the MPO's TIP in February, 2007. A Preliminary Field Check meeting was held on August 7, 2007 at INDOT's Evansville Substation office. If this project goes as scheduled, it should be ready for construction by the fall of 2008.

SR 66 (Warrick County) Phase II-SR 261 to French Island Trail:

Ms. Lamb: This project has been added to INDOT's website with a proposed letting date of December 12, 2007.

SR 62/Lloyd Expressway – Fulton Avenue Interchange:

Ms. Lamb: The Final Field Check meeting was held on August 15, 2007 in the Civic Center Complex. Right-of-way acquisition continues. Of the thirteen parcels that will be affected by the acquisition, three of those will be relocations. Construction is expected to begin in May, 2008.

Ms. Drach: In addition to that, the City and INDOT have executed an agreement for the Orr Iron building mitigation. INDOT will be paying for the mitigation efforts. I think the City is

taking the initiative to implement the mitigation. So we will want to keep that on the forefront of things. That is important to keep the project moving on schedule.

Mr. Corn: In all my years, this is the fastest moving project I have ever seen.

Corridor Assessments

I-69 Indiana and Kentucky Corridor Location:

Section of Independent Utility (SIU) #3 – Indianapolis to Evansville

Ms. Lamb: The second I-69 Community Planning Program Community Workshop was held on August 20, 2007 in Petersburg, Indiana. The program offers a \$40,000 base grant to eligible communities. Gibson, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties and Evansville, Oakland City, and Princeton are in the list of local government entities that are eligible to apply. An additional \$10,000 is available to entities for cooperative efforts that create a plan commission, or that plan for the direct protection or enhancement of natural resources. October 5, 2007 is the deadline for Round 1 to receive applications or letters of intent.

KYTC PROJECTS

Surface Transportation Program Projects

US 60, US 41-A to KY 425/Henderson By-Pass:

Ms. Lamb: The proposed letting date for this project has been pushed back to September 7, 2007, due to a maintenance-of-traffic issue.

US 60, KY 425/Henderson By-Pass to Waverly:

Ms. Lamb: The KYTC has scheduled two public hearings to views the alternatives for this project. I have included in the next page the flyer we received from KYTC. In the first paragraph there, it says that the first hearing will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Waverly, KY. The other meeting will be held Thursday, September 20, 2007 at the AB Chandler Elementary School gymnasium in Corydon. So if anybody wants to contact me, I can get them additional information.

Mr. Corn: Laura, is there a project that is going to shut down St. George Road on the west side that you know of?

Ms. Lamb: I think it is N. Kentucky; they are going to do a culvert replacement, possibly. I don't know if it is going to shut down St. George Road though.

Mr. Corn: I thought maybe the railroad was doing something to those tracks. Somebody asked me that.

Ms. Lamb: I can check and get back with you.

Mr. Corn: Okay, thanks. Are there any other questions?

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2008-2011 TIP Amendment

Mr. Luebke: We have one TIP amendment today. KYTC is requesting that the following amendment be added to the TIP. This does not have an item number. This is the Crawford Field Park Walking Trail, a recreational trails program project in the City of Corydon. The proposed project will construct a new asphalt walking trail encircling Crawford Field Park in the City of Corydon. Additional features will include benches, tables, lighting and signage for the trail. The proposed trail replaces an existing gravel path. Construction will be in federal fiscal year 2007 at a cost of \$21,000. \$10,500 in RTP funds and a 50% \$10,500 local match will be provided from the City of Corydon. This is fiscal year 2007 funding. It is being carried over into this TIP because in a recently developed project, it was not in the prior TIP. I consulted with KYTC and Federal Highway in Kentucky. They are comfortable with it being in this manner in the existing TIP, even though it is a prior fiscal year. That won't impact the fiscal constraints for the existing TIP.

Mr. Corn: Are there any questions? I would entertain a motion to approve. (Motion was made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Hubiak.) SO ORDERED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rezoning:

R-2007-16 2901 S. Green River Road PAMS, LLC/Timothy Major, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is a rezoning from R-1 to C-4. It is located at the northwest corner of Green River Road and I-164 in Evansville. The area is generally mix of general commercial and mixed residential. No use and development commitment was filed. The petitioner has indicated that the proposed land use would conform to the neighboring mini storage. No access should be granted to Green River Road or I-164, and no additional access should be granted on Fickas Road. All access should be through the existing permitted access on the mini storage property to the north.

R-2007-17 1563 Vann Avenue Keith & Barbara Rheinhardt, petitioners

Mr. Mills: This is a downzoning from C-4 to R-1. The change in zoning should have no impact on the current roadway network.

Mr. Corn: Do we know why it was C-4 in the first place?

Mr. Mills: I am not sure. Probably it was zoned in the 1950's when everything else was done.

VC-13-2007 601 & 630 Boonville-New Harmony Road; 12900 & 12920 Old State Road
Three I Properties, LLC, Gene Hahn, petitioner

Mr. Mills: Three I Properties is requesting to rezone property that is agricultural and R-1 to C-4. This is located east of Highway 41 at Boonville-New Harmony Road in Vanderburgh County. The intended use for the commercial property has been noted as commercial development. The original traffic impact study included a site concept plan that showed a combined grocery/retail center with restaurants and banks fronting on Boonville-New Harmony Road. No access to Old State Road was proposed. What this project will do, if you look on the back, it is basically adding the development off to the east of Old State Road. It is my understanding that a larger box-type development is going to go in. They are also looking for access onto Old State Road. I spoke with John Stoll. I didn't have that in the comments. He asked if there was any difficulty in having one access onto Old State Road. I told him I think it would be appropriate to having to prevent all that residential traffic to have to travel into Boonville-New Harmony traffic. So I believe they are going to provide one access on Old State. No additional access should be allowed on Boonville-New Harmony Road. They should access through the Riley or Dixie Drive.

VC-14-2007 7235 N. Green River Road Kendall Development, petitioner

Mr. Mills: This is a rezoning request from agricultural to C-4. This is on the east side of Green River Road between Heckel and Millersburg Road, real close to the Goebel Soccer Complex across the street. The use of the commercial property has not been specified. The C-4 zoning does allow all types of retail and repair type services. The current plans for the Green River Road widening project at this location includes installation of center two-way left turn lane, but additional auxiliary lanes such as right turn decel lane will likely be warranted. To maintain the safety and efficiency of Green River Road, there should be only one access permitted to service the entire area being rezoned and should be extended to the east line to service any future plans for the development of the remaining 80 acres of the original parcel.

Subdivisions:

18-MS-2007 Leisure Living Leisure Living West, LLC, owner

Mr. Mills: This is at the corner of St. Joseph Avenue and Allen Lane in Vanderburgh County. The property is currently zoned C-2 which allows for light retail-type uses. The existing land use near the intersection is mixed commercial. St. Joseph Avenue is functionally classified as a minor arterial. Both Allen Lane and Leisure Living Lane are classified as local roads. No access should be granted to St. Joe Avenue. Any access to Allen Lane should be located as far from the intersection at St. Joe Avenue as possible. A cross access agreement should be established between the proposed lot and Leisure Living Lane to the south. We spoke to the developer and I believe they are agreeable to that. That is part of their plan.

City of Henderson Site Review:

Third Street between Ingram Street and Adams Street:

Mr. Mills: We received a request to review proposed senior apartments at Third Street between Ingram and Adams Street. Basically, it is a senior living that has parking that would access an existing alley way. Two recommendations that we have were to provide a one-way sign for parking that would access in the middle of the alley. The alley would be going to the left of the drawing. So we recommended a one-way sign to direct people in the correct direction. Then where the one-way comes out, we recommended a “do not enter” sign.

Citizens Requests

Mr. Mills: We had a very large list of citizen’s requests. What we have done to try to help expedite things a little bit is to provide you with a table. There are 15 different requests. What I will do is just go through and read the location and what the request or review was and our recommendation. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. We do provide all of the written responses in this as well. You are welcome to look at that as we go through. The following table was read:

Vanderburgh County	Graff Rd/Pleasant Rd & Bayou Creek Rd	Review for appropriate Stop sign placement	Stop signs should remain on Graff Rd/Pleasant Rd approaches
City of Evansville	Evans Av & Blackford Av	Review for 4-way Stop	Not warranted at this time
City of Evansville	Winston Rd/Logwood Dr & Springhaven Dr	Review for 4-way Stop	Not warranted at this time
City of Evansville	Helfrich Av & Arlington Av	Review for 4-way Stop	Not warranted at this time
City of Evansville	2nd St & Mulberry St	Review for 4-way Stop	Install 4-way Stop
City of Evansville	Alvord Blvd & Chandler Av	Review for 4-way Stop	Not warranted at this time
City of Evansville	Kingswood Dr & Carolwood Dr	Review for 3-way Stop	Not warranted at this time
City of Evansville	Harrison Blvd & Sycamore St	Review for 4-way Stop	Not warranted at this time
City of Evansville	Oakley St, Virginia St to Columbia St	Review for removal of on-street parking	Remove parking from east side of Oakley St
City of Evansville	Mary St, Franklin St to Virginia St	Review for removal of on-street parking	Increase area of "no parking"
City of Evansville	Fulton Av & Allen Ln (northern junction)	Review for 3-way Stop	Not warranted at this time
City of Evansville	Kratzville Rd & Mill Rd (southern junction)	Review for 3-way Stop	Signal warranted; install 3-way Stop at this time
City of Evansville	alley north of Main St, btwn 3rd & 4th	Review for "no parking" signs	Install "no parking" signs
City of Evansville	Tennessee St, Garvin St to Morton Av	Review for additional on-street parking	Install additional on-street parking
City of Evansville	John St, Morton Av to Denby Av	Review for two-way traffic	Not recommended at this time; requires significant investment
Vanderburgh County	Graff Rd/Pleasant Rd & Bayou Creek Rd	Review for appropriate Stop sign placement	Stop signs should remain on Graff Rd/Pleasant Rd approaches

FY 2007 Completion Report

Ms. Akin: In your packets, you will find the fiscal year 2007 Completion Report. This report includes the projects that were completed during the year as well as the costs expended for these projects. The appendices of the document include the most recent quarterly project update, 281 traffic counts, 37 turning movements, and the 32 TIP amendments which were completed during fiscal year 2007. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

2007 Annual Indiana MPO Conference Update

Ms. Akin: The Evansville MPO is hosting the Annual 2007 Indiana MPO Conference to be held at the Casino Aztar Conference Center October 10-12, 2007. We would like to invite all of our Policy Board members to attend a session or break-out free of charge. If you would like to attend a full day or any of our tours and the meals, we would ask you to fill out a registration form and complete the registration process. The one day registration is \$35 and the three-day conference is \$60. That does include all the meals and tours that are involved with that. At our next meeting, we will have time slots for all the sessions and breakouts. Does anyone have any questions?

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Corn: I will entertain a motion for approval of bills. (Motion was made by Mr. Melcher and seconded by Mr. Hubiak.) SO ORDERED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.