



# Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## 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**

**May 3, 2007**

### **ROLL CALL**

#### Members Present:

Dave Franklin, Nick Hall, Brandon Sheridan, Charles Schaub, Pat Keepes, Khalil Dughaish, Bill Harty, Kent Cutchin, Holly Groupe, Nelson Bales, Nancy Cassidy, Guy Gentry

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

#### Others Present:

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mr. Harty and seconded by Mr. Cutchin to approve the minutes of the April meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2035 Long Range Transportation Plan**

**Mr. Keepes:** We are going to shift up the agenda a little bit. We will go to new business under item C.

**Mr. Mills:** As you all know, those of you who were here last month, we had the draft 2035 Transportation Plan for public review and comments. We have a final draft version that we will be taking to the Policy meeting this afternoon. I have a copy of what we produced that I will pass around. I have a couple of key things that we have added. We did some visualization that

shows segment of roadway; a photograph of what the existing facility looks like. Then a photograph of a facility of what it would look like, something similar to that, in the future. But we added a total of 100 pages. It is almost double the size of our document from doing that. Also, the comments that we received and how we addressed them is in the second half of the Public Participation part. So you can look at that. In the back of that, we have a table that shows who made the comment and how we responded to the comment. We are doing this out of order so you can have a chance to take a look at it. I will pass it around. We do have this online now. If you have any questions, please let us know. At this point, it would be an amendment if we need to make any changes. We would take it to the Policy meeting to approve it. We are doing this to try to meet our deadline by the beginning of June so you will have a chance to review all the documents and meet our July 1 conformity. Are there any questions?

**Mr. Bales:** I would just like to say I submitted a few comments. I apologize for being late. I think it was a very good effort and thank you for doing a good job.

**Mr. Mills:** Thank you.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

#### **Surface Transportation Program Projects**

##### St. Joseph Avenue:

**Ms. Lamb:** An agreement for construction engineering services has been approved by INDOT in the amount of \$1,078,561 with the firm of Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates.

#### **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Projects**

##### Green River Road – Lincoln Avenue:

**Ms. Lamb:** An agreement for right-of-way acquisition services was approved by the Board of Public Works at their April 19, 2007 meeting with consultant Schneider Corporation in the amount of \$24,600.

## **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

#### **Surface Transportation Program Projects**

University Parkway Section A2-2, A2-3 (Marx Road to New Harmony Road and New Harmony Road to SR 66):

**Ms. Lamb:** A supplemental agreement in the amount of \$228,800 was approved by the County Commissioners at their April 24, 2007 meeting with the consultant Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates to finalize the design plans for this section of the project.

## **INDOT PROJECTS**

### **Surface Transportation Program Projects**

SR 57 – Boonville-New Harmony Road (CN'06, URS):

**Ms. Lamb:** The construction contract for this project was let on April 18, 2007 to E & B Paving, Inc. of Anderson, Indiana for a low bid of \$1,280,000. Preparations for construction have begun and the contract completion date is set for November 1, 2007.

SR 62, Warrick County Section III (just west of Boonville to Locust Street in Boonville):

**Ms. Lamb:** The official letting results for this project show that all bids came in over the engineer's estimate. INDOT has indicated that the project will be posted again for letting on May 16, 2007.

**Mr. Gentry:** Do you know when that would begin then after that?

**Ms. Lamb:** If it is let on May 16, I think we decided within a couple months.

SR 66/Diamond Avenue (Section II; CN FY '06, Woolpert):

**Ms. Lamb:** This project has the same problems. Results of the April 18, 2007 letting show that all bids came in over the engineer's estimate. I do not have a relet date for that.

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

**Ms. Lamb:** Preparations for construction have begun, and the contract completion date is set for October 19, 2007.

## **KYTC PROJECTS**

### **Surface Transportation Program Projects**

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

**Ms. Lamb:** Right-of-way activities have been re-initiated after a delay associated with permanent utility easements. A revised letting date is projected for late 2008.

US Highway 41A/Green Street Widening:

**Ms. Lamb:** KYTC is projecting that a consultant for this study will be chosen by late summer, 2007.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FY 2006-2008 TIP Amendment (approval requested)**

DES# 0710309

**Mr. Luebke:** This is a pavement patching and rehab job from 3.0 miles south of SR 57 to I-64. The project is being added to the TIP for construction in FY'08. Funding will total \$1,100,000; comprised of \$880,000 in federal STP funds and \$220,000 in INDOT funds. For those of you who are familiar with the process, we also have the table represented in the TIP on the second page.

**Mr. Gentry:** Is that the area of road where they have been complaining of low spots of water pooling and a lot of accidents?

**Mr. Luebke:** That is on I-64 somewhere.

**Mr. Gentry:** I-164 is where most of the accidents have occurred.

**Mr. Luebke:** I don't believe this is related to that issue.

**Mr. Keepes:** The area that I heard about was off I-64 west of Indiana 65.

**Mr. Luebke:** In western Vanderburgh County. My understanding is, that you are referring to the articles in the paper, and discussions with INDOT.

**Mr. Dughuish:** This project; there were some areas of the concrete that had deteriorated and will be corrected.

**Mr. Keepes:** If there are no other questions for Craig, do we have a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Dughuish and seconded by Mr. Cutchin.)  
SO ORDERED.

### **Draft FY 2008-2011 TIP Program of Projects**

**Mr. Luebke:** We also have the draft TIP for the upcoming TIP again. This is a four year TIP to meet the new federal requirements. What we are seeing is the project listing brought before us at the last Technical and Policy meetings. We did get some input from our planning partners and made some adjustments and corrections there. The public comment period for the draft will begin Friday and will be 30 days. The full draft document is available on hard copy as well as on our web site very shortly, probably this afternoon. If you would review the projects you are responsible for and provide us additional comments or changes that need to be made for the final document, we will be proposing a final draft to the next month's Technical and Policy meeting for adoption. If you want to look at the entire document with the additional information, we have that in the hard copy in our office if you want to pick one up.

**Mr. Schaub:** Is it online?

**Mr. Luebke:** It is not online yet, but we will put it on probably this afternoon.

**Mr. Keepes:** Are there any other questions for Craig?

**Mr. Schaub:** If you have any questions about the Kentucky projects, you can contact us.

**Mr. Luebke:** We have made a couple of adjustments already. One of the big things from the last meeting that Kevin pointed out, there was a project that was double-booked so to speak, and we have already cleaned that up.

### **Transportation Conformity Analysis**

**Mr. Shokouhzadeh:** We concluded our public comment period on April 11. We did not receive any public comments. However we received requests for some minor adjustment to the document from Indiana Department of Environmental Management and we have made the adjustments to the document. If there are no questions, we would like approval.

**Mr. Keepes:** Are there any questions for Seyed?

**Mr. Schaub:** This does not include the I-69 connection to the Kentucky bridge?

**Mr. Shokouhzadeh:** No it doesn't. This document only covers the projects in the 2035 Plan.

**Mr. Keepes:** If there are no other questions, is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Dughais and seconded by Mr. Sheridan.) SO ORDERED.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mr. Keepes:** Going back to the first item that Brad presented, the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. We need a motion for approval of that. (Mr. Cutchin made the motion and Mr. Harty seconded.) SO ORDERED.

**Mr. Keepes:** Plans for reconstruction of St. George Road are out for bids now.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Meeting adjourned.