



# 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

January 3, 2008

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present (voting):

Steve Melcher, Mayor Weinzapfel, Jeff Korb, Jack Corn, William Hubiak, Nova Conner, Cynthia Burger, Lloyd Winnecke, John Stroud, Pam Drach, Ted Merryman, Ed Zeimer

#### Members Absent (voting):

Greg Meyer

#### Members Present (non-voting:)

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Karl B. Browning, Robert F. Tally, Scott Deloney, Marisol Simon, Stewart McKenzie, Jose Sepulveda, Bernadette Dupont, Bill Nighbert, Daryl Green, John Goins, Dave Franklin

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Brad Mills, Laura Lamb, Craig Luebke, Kari Akin

#### Others Present:

Bobby Howard

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Mr. Corn:** I would like to call to order the meeting of the Policy Committee. The first item on the agenda is the election of the 2008 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Do I hear any nominations? (Jack Corn was nominated by Mr. Winnecke and seconded by Mr. Hubiak.) Any other nominations? (None.)

**Mr. Corn:** Now for the Vice Chairperson. Are there any nominations? (Lloyd Winnecke was nominated by Mayor Weinzapfel and seconded by Mr. Melcher.) No other nominations.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Corn:** The next item on the agenda is the approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Melcher and seconded by Mr. Stroud.) SO ORDERED.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

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

##### Oak Hill Road:

**Ms. Lamb:** The Board of Public Works approved a supplemental agreement with the existing consultant American Structure Point, Inc. at their November 15, 2007 meeting for the additional right-of-way work required to add bike lanes to this project. The cost of the additional services is not to exceed \$89,379.

##### Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project-Phase 3 Phase 3C-1 (Casino Aztar to Franklin Street along Pigeon Creek):

**Ms. Lamb:** This is the Joan Marchand Bridge rehabilitation project and overlook trail spur. The letting date for this project has been pushed back to November 19, 2008 according to the INDOT website. This delay is due in large part to an increase in the cost estimate for this project. The plans are being reviewed for potential cost reduction options.

### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

##### Green River Road – Millersburg Road:

**Ms. Lamb:** The County Commissioners approved a supplemental agreement with the existing consultant Clark Dietz at their December 18, 2007 meeting. The agreement will provide an additional \$12,800 for design changes needed to maintain traffic on Green River Road during construction.

##### Oak Hill Road – Bergdolt Road:

**Ms. Lamb:** Utility coordination is underway, and the consultant is working toward a spring, 2008 letting for construction.

##### Green River Road:

**Ms. Lamb:** The County Commissioners agreed to pay an additional \$4M to maintain traffic on Green River Road during the construction of this project. A supplemental agreement with consultant DLZ was signed at the December 18, 2007 meeting. A supplemental agreement with consultant BLA is pending.

Upper Mt. Vernon Road – Red Bank Road:

**Ms. Lamb:** The letting date for the construction of this project has been pushed to May 8, 2008 to give the consultant Savage Engineering additional time to prepare the Ready for Contract information packet.

**INDOT PROJECTS**

SR 57 – SR 68:

**Ms. Lamb:** This project has been added to INDOT's website with a proposed letting date of August 6, 2008.

SR 57 – Boonville-New Harmony Road:

**Ms. Lamb:** Construction of this project was completed in November 2007, and the intersection has been fully opened to traffic.

SR 62, Warrick County

Section II (6<sup>th</sup> Street in Chandler to just west of Boonville):

**Ms. Lamb:** This is a clarification because in the previous project update, we had a TIP amendment in January, 2007, and at that time, construction was to start in 2008 at a cost of \$25,035,000. With the adoption of the current 2008-2011 TIP in June, 2007, the project was moved back to 2010 for construction at an estimated cost of \$36,337,665. We did get some indication that it was the Boonville gas line that was the cause of the cost increase.

SR 66, Warrick County

Phase II (SR 261 to French Island Trail):

**Ms. Lamb:** The construction letting date has been pushed to February 6, 2008. The delay is due to issues raised concerning the constructability of the current set of plans.

SR 66, Warrick County

Phase III (French Island Trail to Yankeetown Road):

**Ms. Lamb:** This is Phase III of the same project. A final field check meeting was held December 4, 2007 at the INDOT field office on Spry Road. Issues raised include the maintenance of traffic at the ALCOA/Vectren entrances which serve 600+ trucks and vehicles per day.

**I-69 CORRIDOR**

I-69 Kentucky:

**Ms Lamb:** The results of a study to prioritize improvements needed to upgrade the E.T. Breathitt and Wendel H. Ford Parkways to interstate standards were presented at three public meetings held in November and December, 2007 by KYTC. I have inserted the KYTC flyer that we received from the public meeting. There is some interesting information under where it says Master Plan; it says the Master Plan provides a prioritized list of features that need to be fixed in order for the parkways to meet interstate standards. It also includes information about environmental impacts and cost estimates. To construct the recommendations from the

Master Plan, it would cost around \$145,000,000. Some features are not recommended for improvement at this time, but may be required later as traffic volumes increase. The total cost to fix everything along both parkways would be near \$300M. With the results of the study, KYTC can apply for interstate status for this portion of I-69. It also includes all the information necessary to begin allocating funding for the Henderson to Eddyville segment and planning construction projects to upgrade the corridor.

**Mr. Corn:** Are there any questions? Thank you Laura.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FY2008 Budget Amendment**

**Ms. Akin:** The Evansville MPO is seeking the approval of the amendment to the fiscal year 2008 budget to include sponsorships and registration fees received for the 2007 annual Indiana MPO Conference hosted by the Evansville MPO. We received \$5,700 in sponsorships from corporate agencies, and we received \$7,500 in paid registrations. This is not initially in the budget and I would like approval to add it to our budget.

**Mr. Corn:** Are there any questions? Is there a motion to approve? (Motion was made by Mr. Winnecke and seconded by Mr. Melcher.) SO ORDERED.

### **FY 2008-2011 TIP Amendment**

**Mr. Luebke:** I do see some new faces, so I will give you a brief update on what we are looking at here. The first page you see on your TIP amendments is going to be an overview of what the amendments are. If you follow into the next pages, those are the replacement pages on the TIP with the amendment taken into account. We have the same process for the administrative modifications which are coming up next.

**Mr. Luebke:** We have six TIP amendments this month. The Evansville MPO is requesting two amendments. The first is to add administration of the FTA 5316 job access and reverse commute program. Activities include solicitation of projects, competitive selection process, and updates to the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Plan and activities as described in the FY2008 Unified Planning Work Program. The total project cost is \$9,933 and this is 100% federally funded with FTA 5316 funding. There is also the administration of FTA 5317 New Freedoms program. Again, activities include solicitation of projects, competitive selection process, and updates to the Transit Human Services Plan. The activities are as described in FY2008 UPWP. This program will cost \$5,954 and is also 100% federal funded with FTA 5317 funds.

**Mr. Luebke:** INDOT has requested two amendments.

### **DES#0100957**

**Mr. Luebke:** This is US 41. This is an added travel lane project from 0.3 miles north of Diamond Avenue to 0.65 miles north of SR 57. That is Mt. Pleasant Road. They are adding preliminary engineering in FY2008 at a cost of \$601,235. This will be funded by \$480,988 in federal STP funds and \$120,247 in INDOT funding. They are also adding right-of-way in FY2008 at a cost of \$100,000. The right-of-way funding will be 80% federal STP funds and \$20,000 INDOT funds.

DES#0710889

**Mr. Luebke:** The second amendment is I-69. This is new road construction from I-64 via the SR 57 corridor to 1.77 miles north of I-64. This is to add preliminary engineering in FY2008 at a cost of \$15,000. This would be \$12,000 federal NHS funds and \$3,000 in INDOT funds. They are also adding FY2008 construction cost of \$300,000. That is \$240,000 in NHS funds and \$60,000 in INDOT funds.

**Mr. Luebke:** We also have one amendment from the KYTC.

Item#02-710

**Mr. Luebke:** We have one TIP amendment request from KYTC. This is Watson Lane at US 41. They are adding right-of-way funding totaling \$240,000 in FY2008. The right-of-way will be funded by \$192,000 in Henderson dedicated STP funds and \$48,000 in KYTC funds.

**Mr. Luebke:** Our last amendment is for the Henderson Area Rapid Transit. There is no item number for this. They are requesting 5307 Capital Assistance Program funding for the purchase of a replacement transit bus in FY2008. The replacement cost of \$165,000 will be funded by \$148,500 in FTA 5307 funds and a \$16,500 match from KYTC. Your following pages do reflect those changes.

**Mayor Weinzapfel:** Mr. Chairman, where are the FTA funds coming from for HART?

**Mr. Luebke:** FTA funds, those are from region 4, which is Atlanta. Those funds have been transferred; my understanding is there were surplus funds elsewhere in region 4 that were transferred to the Chicago Transit Authority for conveyance to Henderson.

**Mayor Weinzapfel:** I have a couple buses I need to buy.

**Mr. Luebke:** I understand that.

**Mayor Weinzapfel:** I'm serious.

**Mr. Luebke:** Absolutely. Does anybody have any additional information about what the status of that is? My understanding is that it comes from the Atlanta region and their area does not apply to this region in which they can't transfer the funds here.

**Ms. Akin:** There is extra 5307 money in Owensboro, Clarksville and one other city in Kentucky. That equals about \$150,000. Pam Witter from HART lobbied KYTC so that they could use that money. It was region 4. So it is not available to Evansville, only for Kentucky.

**Mr. Melcher:** How did she find out about the city not using their money?

**Ms. Akin:** She is very tight with KYTC with Vickie Burns. She is the Director of the Dept. of Transportation Delivery. Pam has been there for a very long time. So she knows what's going on down there. When we did 5307 allocations last spring, we had no idea this additional 5307 funding was going to be in excess.

**Mr. Melcher:** But this might cause us to look at other things for Evansville and Vanderburgh County also.

**Ms. Akin:** Right. In Kentucky, the way they do their 5307, the state has a lot more decision-making in their 5307 allocations. Whereas, in Indiana, I believe INDOT allows the MPO's to allocate the money through the UZA? Whereas, in Kentucky, the state does it instead of the MPO's.

**Mr. Melcher:** But there should be some extra surplus money out there.

**Ms. Akin:** There is 5316 and 5317, which are JARC and New Freedoms funds. There is about \$100,000 in one of them for 2006 that we really need to solicit projects for that can be used. It is an 80% federal match, 20% local. You can purchase ADA accessible vans. You can purchase buses.

**Mr. Melcher:** Well, wouldn't that be something we need to look into? So maybe you could get with Ed and we can look into that.

**Ms. Akin:** Sure. Okay. We are going to start the process next month. We will definitely get with you.

**Mr. Luebke:** That is associated with the previous TIP amendments for the JARC and New Freedoms funds.

**Mr. Corn:** Are there any other questions? Is there a motion to approve the six TIP amendments? (Motion was made and seconded.) SO ORDERED.

#### FY2008-2011 TIP Administrative Modifications

**Mr. Luebke:** We also have two TIP administrative modifications. These are informational items and do not need approval. The administrative modifications are both from Kentucky. KYTC has requested that the Henderson Riverfront Development Project be moved to fiscal years 2008-2010 to reflect funding that was not authorized in FY2007. The funding years were each delayed by one year. That is reflected in the following spread sheets.

**Mr. Luebke:** KYTC also requested that the program of projects be updated to reflect year of expenditure costs in compliance with current federal regulations. Project costs and MPO and the dedicated STP funding amounts were revised per the information provided by KYTC. Two projects also had fiscal year adjustments within the TIP time period. There are a number of pages you see replaced that reflect the program-wide project costs for all KYTC projects. So it changed a lot of our tabulations introduction into the TIP on the program summary tables, things of that nature. Each of the KYTC projects reflects the year of cost construction, as presented by KYTC.

**Mr. Corn:** Are there any questions?

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Subdivisions:**

Docket No: 12-S-2007      Macer Subdivision      Macer Development, owner

**Mr. Mills:** This is a 3-lot commercial subdivision off of Walnut Street west of Highway 41. Our recommendation was to limit access on Walnut to one location.

Docket No: 1-S-2008      Northgate Subdivision      James & Cynthia Rexing, owners

**Mr. Mills:** This is a 3-lot residential located at Mesker Park Drive and Mill Road. Our recommendation is that it would have no significant impact on the roadway network.

Docket No: 2-S-2008      Dragonfly Subdivision      Dragonfly Investments, petitioner

**Mr. Mills:** This is a 3-lot residential located at Alvord Blvd and Oregon Street. That is basically taking a large lot and converting it into smaller lots. Our comment was that it would have no significant impact on the roadway system.

Docket No: 3-S-2008      Stockwell Commercial      Jade Holdings, owners

**Mr. Mills:** This is a 4-lot subdivision. It is off Congress Avenue north of Indiana Street. Our comments were to allow no additional access to Congress Avenue or Stockwell Road.

**Rezoning:**

Docket No: R-2007-22      2108 Margybeth Avenue      Scott & Catina Burkdoll, petitioners

**Mr. Mills:** This is a request to rezone from R-1 to R-2. This is to try to bring it into compliance for property that is currently being used for a duplex that does not have the correct zoning. Our comment was that it had no significant impact.

Docket No: R-2007-23      2700 W. Illinois Street      Marine Av. Properties, petitioner

**Mr. Mills:** This is a request to rezone from R-3 to R-4. The main reason for that was to get an increase of five feet in height for an apartment complex. Our recommendation was to follow the MPO Access Management Manual.

Docket No: R-2007-24      1673, 1677 Lincoln Avenue      HIRA, Inc., petitioner

**Mr. Mills:** This is a request to rezone from R-4 to C-1 for a proposed new Subway restaurant near the University of Evansville. It appears that the site is too small for the proposed development. It has very limited maneuverability and parking is very restricted. Our recommendation was that, if it was approved, access should be limited to Rotherwood.

Docket No: R-2007-25      314 S. Elm Street      Dragonfly Investments, petitioner

**Mr. Mills:** This is a request to rezone from R-1 to R-2. Our recommendation was that access and parking should not block visibility at the Elm-Yuletide intersection.

Docket No: R-2007-26      1812 N. Denby Avenue      Richard Cumbee, petitioner

**Mr. Mills:** This is a request to rezone from R-2 to C-4 for a commercial parking lot. Our recommendation is that it would have no significant impact.

Docket No: VC-17-2007      3816-4032 Heckel Road      J.J. Brodi, petitioner

**Mr. Mills:** This is a request to rezone from R-1 to R-3 for condominium and housing units. Our recommendation was to align access points with existing access to the south and to consider auxiliary lanes and interconnections to the residential property to the east.

Docket No: R-2007-27      300 N. Weinbach Avenue      ShreeRam Real Estate, petitioner

**Mr. Mills:** This is a request to rezone from C-1 to C-2. There currently is an existing liquor store. The applicant is requesting to rezone to have the zoning to be in compliance with the current use. The zoning code had been changed and required a C-2 some years ago. Our recommendation was to follow the MPO Access Management Manual for any changes.

Docket No: R-2007-28      1501 Keller Street      Pioneer Development, petitioner

**Mr. Mills:** This is a request to downzone from M-3 to C-2. This is for apartment buildings. Our recommendation was to limit access to the southernmost location unless 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue is improved for two-way traffic. Currently it is a very narrow street and would not provide for two-way travel.

**Mr. Corn:** Is that one near the creek?

**Ms. Lamb:** Yes.

### **CITIZEN REQUESTS**

**Mr. Mills:** We have a number of citizens' requests.

Complaint #307102901 (Warrick County)

**Mr. Mills:** This is in regard to Casey Road-Oak Grove Road. It is a request for the prohibition of left turns. Our recommendation was to have no change.

Complaint #107082901 (Evansville)

**Mr. Mills:** This is at Kratzville-Wimberg Road. This is a request to review this intersection for a 3-way stop control. No change was warranted at this time.

Complaint #107081501 (Evansville)

**Mr. Mills:** This is at Tennessee Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. This is a request to review for no parking sign removal. It was recommended that there be no change at this time. There is significant truck traffic that uses this segment of roadway and additional parking would make it difficult to travel through there.

Complaint #107101101 (Evansville)

**Mr. Mills:** This is Jackson Avenue from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Parrett Street. This is for the review of the removal of on-street parking. It was recommended to remove on-street parking.

Complaint #107110201 (Evansville)

**Mr. Mills:** This is Martin Avenue, east of Varner Street. This is a request for the removal of on-street parking. It also was recommended to remove the on-street parking.

Complaint # 107051601 (Evansville)

**Mr. Mills:** This is Joyce Avenue-Lombard Avenue at Taylor Avenue. This is a request to review for a 3-way stop. It was recommended to post a stop on Taylor. It does not warrant a 3-way stop.

Complaint #107082903 (Evansville)

**Mr. Mills:** This is Kratzville Road-Mill Road at the northern junction. This is a request to review a 3-way stop. It currently warrants a signal. It was recommended that no change of control be made until the signal is installed.

Complaint #107101501 (Evansville)

**Mr. Mills:** This is Theater Drive and Keenland Blvd. This is a request to review of a 3-way stop. No change is warranted at this time.

Complaint #107082902 (Evansville)

**Mr. Mills:** This is Kratzville Road and Buena Vista Road. This is a request for review of a 3-way stop. It does warrant a signal at this time and no change of control is recommended until a signal is installed.

**Mr. Corn:** Back up to the one on Kratzville and Mill. Are they talking about the one where we did not put the stop sign?

**Mr. Mills:** That's correct. The northern junction.

**Mr. Corn:** North of that one.

**Mr. Mills:** Yes.

**Mr. Corn:** And are we going to try a stop sign there first?

**Mr. Mills:** Based on the high traffic that was on Kratzville, we recommended that no change be made at this time until the money could be made available for a signal. It is a high volume with through traffic at that location.

**Mr. Winnecke:** Brad, could go back also to the Kratzville-Wimberg Road. Could you walk us through that recommendation a little bit? I am trying to follow the vehicle counts. It looks like on Kratzville it is way above the recommendation. But Wimberg is slightly below.

**Mr. Mills:** We did take counts September 27<sup>th</sup>. The counts were for Kratzville Road 327 vehicles per hour and 112 vehicles per hour for Wimberg Road. We had 210 and 140 that are the recommended volumes to require a change. So we are 28 vehicles low. It is something that we could monitor and go back and take another count next year. But currently it is below the recommendation.

**Mr. Winnecke:** Right. But, the major road Kratzville is significantly above.

**Mr. Mills:** Yes, that is correct. Both of them are supposed to meet the warrants in order for us to make the recommendation.

**Mr. Winnecke:** Okay.

**Mr. Corn:** When did we take the counts?

**Mr. Winnecke:** September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Mills:** Yes.

**Mr. Winnecke:** So when will you look at that again?

**Mr. Mills:** We can take a look at it again next spring. We can put that on our calendar, Laura will do that.

### **First Quarter Quarterly Reports**

**Ms. Akin:** In your packet, you have the first quarter report for both Indiana and Kentucky. The first quarter covered July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007. This is a summary of what we have done during that quarter. For traffic counts, for example, we took 105 traffic counts and two turning movements. If you have any questions on any of these, you can send me an email or give me a call.

**Mr. Corn:** Thank you.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Mr. Corn:** I would entertain a motion for approval of the bills. Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Meeting adjourned.