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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

July 2, 2009

ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Steve Melcher, John Stroud, Don Williams, Cynthia Burger, Pam Drach, Kevin McClearn

Members Absent (voting):

Don Walker, Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, Ed Ziemer, Greg Meyer, William Hubiak, Joe Kiefer

Members Present (non-voting:)

None

Members Absent (non-voting:)

Michael Reed, Robert F. Tally, Scott Deloney, Marisol Simon, Andy Minyo, Jose Sepulveda, Bernadette Dupont, Joe Prather, Keith Damron, John Gowins

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Kari Akin, Laura Lamb, Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Rob Schaefer, Vishu Lingala

Others Present:

Robert Howard, Ashley Burgdorf, Theodore Miller, Mark Rigney, Jim Wilsbacher, Katy Nimmicht, Melissa Payne, Clint Erbacher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Corn: I would like to call to order the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy 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. Melcher and seconded by Ms. Burger.) **SO ORDERED.**

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATE

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project:
3C-5 (Kratzville/Fulton Bridge to Dresden St.)

Ms. Lamb: This project has been added to INDOT's website with a proposed letting date of September 10, 2009.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Oak Hill Road – Bergdolt Road intersection improvement
AND
Cross Pointe Blvd. Extension.

Ms. Lamb: These two projects are now complete and open to traffic.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Main Street, Jennings Street & Plum Street (HES/local funded)

Ms. Lamb: According to INDOT's website, the proposed letting date for this project has been pushed back to November 4, 2009. Land acquisition is still underway but nearing completion.

Rivertown Trail (TE/local funded):
Phase 2: Old Lock & Dam site to New Lock and Dam site:

Ms. Lamb: This project has been divided into two sections (A and B) for construction purposes. Final tracings are being prepared and right-of-way acquisition continues. Section A is from the Old Lock & Dam 0.4 miles to Belle Rive Drive. Section B is Belle Rive Drive to the New Lock & Dam.

Section B (Belle Rive Drive to New Lock and Dam):

Ms. Lamb: This section has been added to INDOT's website with a proposed letting date of November 4, 2009.

KYTC PROJECTS

US 41A/Green Street – KY 136/Sand Lane (STP/SHN funded):

Ms. Lamb: Utility relocation continues and a letting for construction is currently being projected for February 2010.

I-69 CORRIDOR

I-69 Indiana - Evansville to Indianapolis
Sec. 2: Oakland City to Washington, IN including portions of Gibson, Pike and Daviess counties:

Ms. Lamb: INDOT has posted an RFP for the design of Section 2 and 3 on their website. This incorporates the area from 0.5 miles north of SR 64 in Gibson County to US 231 near the Crane Navel Center in Greene County. Responses to the request are to be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Indianapolis time on July 15, 2009. Are there any questions about those projects or any additions to any of the other projects?

Ms. Burger: I have one question on the Rivertown Trail project. I think Section A and B are going to be let together.

Ms. Lamb: It is not posted on the website yet.

Ms. Burger: I'll check on that than.

Mr. Corn: What's the price?

Ms. Burger: We don't have a current price but for both of the sections it is around \$4M. They are getting final tracings now and will send me the updated price. But it is between \$4 and \$4.5 million.

Mr. Corn: Any other questions? Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS

HART FY 2010 Section 5307 Grant Application

Ms. Akin: The Henderson Area Rapid Transit is seeking approval of the Evansville MPO for the HART FY 2010 Section 5307 Grant Application. They are requesting capital, operating, planning and transit enhancement assistance to fund its fiscal year 2010 budget. The capital projects include preventive maintenance activities and the purchase of data processing equipment. The transit enhancement, which is a required one percent of their federal Section 5307 funding is for painting the fence around the HART transit garage. The total project cost of the application is \$1,251,413 which is \$718,949 in Section 5307 funding, \$29,369 in State of Kentucky funds, \$503,095 in Henderson local funds, and a soft match of Kentucky toll credits of \$1,050. We are requesting approval to submit this application in the internet TEAM program.

Mr. Corn: Are there any questions? (None.) Is there a motion to approve? (Motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Melcher.) Voice vote.) SO ORDERED.

EMPO/INDOT/METS FY 2010 Memorandum of Understanding

AND

EMPO/KYTCHART FY 2010 Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Akin: Federal regulations require an agreement between the MPO, the State and the Transit Agency which outlines the transportation planning responsibilities of each organization. This is an annual agreement and there have been no changes between last year and this year. There are copies of both of them in your packets. It is between the Evansville MPO, INDOT and METS; and the other one is

between the MPO, KYTC and HART. Both of these have already been signed by HART and METS as well.

Mr. Corn: There is a signature page circulating on both of those so be sure you sign them. I would entertain a motion to approve items B and C. (Motion was made by Mr. Stroud and seconded by Mr. Melcher.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

FY 2008-2011 TIP Amendments

Ms. Akin: We have two TIP amendments. The first one is the Town of Darmstadt and there is no DES# associated with this. It is surface treatment/preventive maintenance which includes pavement overlay, restriping and drainage repair if necessary from the southern town limit of Darmstadt to Boonville-New Harmony Road. It is to add the project for preliminary engineering in FY 2009 at a total cost of \$20,000; and add project for construction in FY 2011 at a total cost of \$215,165. At this time, the project will be funded with local funds. The project is a candidate ARRA project.

Ms. Akin: The second amendment is DES# 090015 requested by the City of Evansville. This is the City of Evansville rideshare program. This is an internet-based rideshare program and they are going to conduct an advertising/marketing campaign to encourage use of the program. The Evansville MPO will provide administrative support. The program's purpose is to provide a safe, alternative transportation option to the Evansville region that will help reduce congestion, mobile-source air pollution, and the personal cost of transportation. Add project for implementation in FY 2009, 2010 and 2011. Project cost is \$99,735 in FY 2009 and will be funded with 100% federal CMAQ funds. Project costs of \$79,470 in FY 2010 will be funded with \$63,576 in CMAQ funds and \$15,894 in City of Evansville funds. FY 2011 costs of \$70,295 will be funded with \$56,236 in CMAQ funds and \$14,059 in City of Evansville funds. Katy Nimnicht from the Mayor's office is here to talk a little more about the City of Evansville rideshare program.

Ms. Nimnicht: My name is Katy Nimnicht with Mayor Weinzapfel's office. Kari covered most of the points that were pertinent to the project. So I would like to add that one of the Mayor's primary goals is for the City of Evansville to lead and support the development of practical programs and policies and initiatives that not only improve the environmental health of the region, but also the social economic health of our community. Increasing alternative transportation options is definitely complimentary to all of those things. This program, though sponsored by the City, will also benefit the people who both live and work in the greater Evansville metropolitan area because being an internet-based system, anyone can come in. So, people who live in Evansville can carpool to Gibson County, to Newburgh, to Henderson, and vice versa. People who live in outlying areas can then find ride share matches to commute into the city. This can reduce personal transportation costs, emissions and all kinds of things. It is a great program for the entire region.

Mr. Corn: Thanks Katy. Are there any questions?

Ms. Burger: I have a question on the two projects for the Ohio River Scenic Byway that were passed via e-mail. Do we need to do that in public meeting?

Mr. Corn: I don't think so; Craig received enough votes for it to be passed. I will entertain a motion to approve the TIP amendments. (Motion was made by Ms. Burger and seconded by Mr. Stroud.) SO ORDERED.

FY 2008-2011 TIP Administrative Modification

Ms. Akin: We have one TIP administrative modification this month. This is for informational purposes so we do not require approval on this. It is for the Warrick County bridge inspection activities and has various DES#. The project cost in the fiscal year is being revised. Activities will occur in FY 2010 at a total cost of \$174,782. The cost will be paid with \$139,826 in federal bridge funding and \$34,956 in Warrick County funds. Are there any questions?

Mr. Corn: Thank you.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rezoning:

Docket No: R-2009-6 3911 Broadway Avenue Richard E. Jobe, owner/petitioner

Ms. Lamb: This is at 3911 Broadway Avenue in the City of Evansville. This rezoning is from a C-2 to a C-4 zone on the north side of Broadway Avenue west of Tekoppel. The property is currently being used as a reception/meeting hall. This is near the creek. The recommendation is that changes in access should be in accordance with the MPO's Access Management Manual; and onsite parking and circulation should be designed to discourage vehicles from backing out into or backing in from the street.

Mr. Corn: Was it not meeting the requirements before and that is why they are changing it to a C-4?

Ms. Lamb: This expands their options. They are adding potential uses, nothing specified at this time.

Docket No: R-2009-8 4400 Bellemeade Avenue EVSC, owner/petitioner

Ms. Lamb: This is at 4400 Bellemeade Avenue in the City of Evansville. The rezoning is from an R-1 to a C-1 zone on the north side of Bellemeade west of Green River Road. The rezoning will allow the installation of an electronic sign or message board for Hebron Elementary School. Our recommendation is that this rezoning should not impact the network.

Docket No: VC-7-2009 2118 Harmony Way David and Cynthia Alstadt, owners

Ms. Lamb: This is for 2118 Harmony Way in Vanderburgh County. The rezoning is from an R-1 and agricultural zones to a C-4 zone with a use and development commitment. It is located on the west side of Harmony Way north of Wimberg Avenue. The rezoning is to allow for the expansion of the plumbing contractor's business located there currently. Our recommendation is that any changes in access should be made in accordance with the Access Management Manual.

Mr. Corn: Who is the Plumbing contractor?

Ms. Lamb: Alstadt.

Mr. Corn: Any questions on the rezoning? (None.)

Subdivisions

Docket No: 11-MS-2009 220 Development 220 Development, LLC, Owner

Ms. Lamb: This is a minor subdivision in the City of Evansville. The proposed two-lot commercial subdivision is located at the southeast corner of Green River Road and Tecumseh Drive. A cross access situation currently exists between proposed Lot 2 and the development at 240 S. Green River Road. A cross access easement, which included both proposed Lots 1 and 2 and the development at 240 S. Green River Road appears to have been disregarded or unknown during the development of the proposed Lot 1. Our recommendation is that a cross access arrangement should be maintained between both the proposed Lots 1 and 2 and the development to the south and it is recommended that these lots share the existing access on Tecumseh Drive.

Docket No: 2-S-2009 Carrie Hills No. 2 Don Andrew and Judy Ann Davidson, owners

Ms. Lamb: This is in Vanderburgh County. This is a proposed four lot residential subdivision located on the east side of Summertime Lane, south of Hogue Road. There are currently two residences on two of the proposed lots. The subdivision will result in two vacant and potentially developable residential lots. Our recommendation is that the subdivision should have no significant impact.

Mr. Corn: Any questions? (None.) Thanks Laura.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Corn: I will entertain a motion to approve bills. (Motion was made by Mr. Melcher and seconded by Mr. Stroud.) SO ORDERED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.