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EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. in room 318
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building
Evansville, Indiana**

August 5, 2010

ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Steve Melcher, Greg Meyer, Russell Lloyd Jr., William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Don Williams, Pam Drach, Kevin McClearn

Members Absent (voting):

Don Walker, Jonathan Weinzapfel, Ed Ziemer, Cynthia Burger

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, Janice Osadczuk

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Ted Miller, Robert Howard

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. Melcher and seconded by Mr. Williams.) **SO ORDERED**

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATE

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction

Ms. Lamb: We are adding this project which is locally funded. This is basically for informational traffic purposes. This project is currently under construction. The project is to reconstruct Lincoln Avenue from Kirkwood Avenue east to the County line, and will add sidewalks and a center, dual left-turn lane where appropriate and room for bicycle lanes. The contractor, JBI Construction, Inc., is currently working on the eastbound lane. The westbound lane of Lincoln Avenue continues to be open to through traffic. When the eastbound lane work is completed, work on the westbound lane will start, and the eastbound lane will be open to traffic. The cost of the project is \$856,164. Construction is expected to continue into the fall. This is a continuation of the project out by Plaza School.

Mr. Mills: East of there.

Mr. Corn: How far to the east, do you know?

Ms. Lamb: They left off just east of Fuquay and continue east of Fuquay to the County line.

Mr. Corn: So it will stop at I-164.

Downtown Traffic Signal Modernization

Ms. Lamb: According to INDOT's website, the letting date for this project has been pushed back to September 1, 2010.

Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project:
3C-2 (Franklin Street to Lamasco Park at Maryland Street)

Ms. Lamb: A ground-breaking ceremony was held June 1, 2010. Consultants are in the process of conducting a bat emergency count survey to comply with federal law before tree removal can begin.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Burkhardt Road – Virginia Street

Ms. Lamb: This project is ready to proceed to the right-of-way phase and the County is waiting for a right-of-way contract to be submitted by the consultant.

Ms. Lamb: We are going to add three projects for Vanderburgh County.

Green River Road: (Millersburg Road to Kansas Road)

Ms. Lamb: The County Commissioners awarded the contract for design of this project to American Structurepoint Inc. at their February 16, 2010 meeting. The project would be to widen Green River Road to five lanes. The amount of the contract was not to exceed \$956,890. Draft plans are expected for review within the next two months.

Millersburg Road: (Green River Road to Hedden Road)

Ms. Lamb: The County Commissioners awarded the contract for the design of this project to Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates at their June 1, 2010 meeting. The project will widen Millersburg Road to three lanes. The amount of the contract was not to exceed \$412,900.

Maryland Street Bridge (over Pigeon Creek):

Ms. Lamb: A contract for design of this project was awarded by the County Commissioners at their June 1, 2010 meeting to RW Armstrong, Inc. The project will rehabilitate the existing bridge in place. The amount of the contract was not to exceed \$150,000.

Burdette Park/University of Southern Indiana Trail
(Phase 3: South of Broadway Avenue to Nurrenbern Road)

Ms. Lamb: This project has been removed from INDOT's 18-month letting list due to funding availability. The \$780,000 in Transportation Enhancement funds approved for this phase is not technically available until 2012 and is insufficient to cover 80% of the project. The County will continue to seek supplemental funding in order to construct the project at an earlier date.

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Main Street, Jennings Street and Plum Street Improvements

Ms. Lamb: The roadway has been opened to traffic. Construction is likely to be finalized within the next 30 days.

WARRICK COUNTY

Epworth Road Phase 2

Ms. Lamb: This project is still under construction, but on track for completion by September 1, 2010.

Mr. Corn: How long has that project been going on?

Mr. Howard: The road has been closed since June of last year.

Lincoln Avenue (Warrick County)

Phase 1 – Vanderburgh County line to 1000' east of Grimm Road

Ms. Lamb: The roadway has been opened to traffic. The final inspection is expected to be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

Lincoln Avenue (Warrick County)

Phase 2 – 1000' east of Grimm Road to east of Bell Road

Ms. Lamb: A public information meeting was held July 22, 2010 at the Crossroads Christian Church to re-introduce the public to the second phase of the project and discuss the design and right-of-way acquisition process.

Oak Grove Road (Warrick County)
Section 1-County line at I-164 to Libbert Road

Ms. Lamb: A public meeting was held by INDOT June 23, 2010 at the courthouse to discuss the project.

Bridges #43 and #44 Replacements

Ms. Lamb: Both bridges are complete and have been opened to traffic. The associated wetland mitigation site on Lynch Road is being finalized by the contractor.

INDOT

SR 261: SR 66 to Jenner Road

Ms. Lamb: According to INDOT's website, the letting date for this project has been pushed back to March 9, 2011. Utility relocation is expected to begin later this year.

KYTC

US 41A/Green Street – KY 136/Sand Lane

Ms. Lamb: Construction continues. The contract completion date has been pushed back to September 6, 2010. That is all I have. Are there any questions about those or any of the other projects?

Mr. Corn: Thank you Laura.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

REZONINGS:

Docket No: R-2010-6 1706 Pollack Avenue Patrick Haynes, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from C-4 to CO-2 for a guest house and storage facility. Our recommendation is that access should be limited to one 24-foot, 2-way drive, and on-site parking and circulation should be designed with adequate turn-around to discourage vehicles from backing out into or backing in from the street.

Docket No: R-2010-7 500-506 S.E. 10th Street Evansville Housing Authority, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to downzone from C-4 to R-4 for a multi-family housing complex. There should be no significant impact.

Docket No: R-2010-8 1437-1505 N. 3rd Avenue Evansville Housing Authority, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to downzone from M-3 to R-4 for a group home facility. This was the former safe house. There should be no significant impact.

Mr. Corn: How many people are they going to have at this?

Mr. Mills: I'm not sure. It is a very large facility.

Docket No: R-2010-9 6225 Waterford Blvd & 849 Kimber Lane Lofti Hadad, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from C-2 to C-4 for a retail strip center. This is just south of the VA Clinic. This is going into the existing roadway network.

Docket No: R-2010-10 401 S.E. 6th Street Benjamin Kunkel, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from C-2, C-4 and R-5 to C-2 for residential and office space. This is the old Welborn Hospital facility. They want to put some offices in there. A C-2 allows a wide variety of residential and office use. Our comment was that any new access or changes in the existing access should be made in accordance with the MPO's Access Management Manual.

SUBDIVISIONS:

Docket No: 4-S-2010 Heston Green River Estates Phil & Edna Heston, et al, Owners

Mr. Mills: This is on the north side of Millersburg Road and west of Green River Road. That is an area that hasn't been subdivided all except Lots 6 and 7 which are currently single-family residences. It was determined that the lots were too shallow. So they have done some adjustments to the lot lines to make it a little easier to sell the lots. Our comments were that Lots 7 and 8 shall access Millersburg Road through existing access points. No additional access points should be allowed on Millersburg Road. Lot 6 shall access English Way through the existing access point for that residence. Lots 1 through 5 shall access Newbury Road only.

Docket No: 13-MS-2010 MattEmma Acres Jerry D. & Jo K. Wells, Owners

Mr. Mills: This is on the south side of Boonville-New Harmony Road west of Petersburg Road. This is just a two-lot residential subdivision. Our comments are that access from Lot 2 shall be from the existing access point to Boonville-New Harmony Road located on Lot 1 through an ingress/egress easement.

Mr. Meyer: That backs up onto the golf course.

Docket No: 5-S-2010 Interstate Crossing Busler Enterprises, Inc., et al, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is at US 41 and Interstate 64 where the old Busler's gas station was. Our comment is that the traffic impact study requested by INDOT should be reviewed and approved by INDOT, the County Engineer and Evansville MPO before the subdivision is recorded. Any recommended improvements resulting from this study should be made part of the subdivision approval and implemented when the subdivision is constructed. Basically, what they are going to try to do for this is use the existing signal and come in south of the southeastern-most lot, and then go in and do a roadway network. They were originally going to try to go immediately north like the road goes now. But in conversations with the developer, they have agreed to go to the southern entrance for both lanes rather than do a split pair of one-way streets. We met with INDOT this morning and they have some concerns on the alignment and they are going to try to see if they can get the developer to tweak that a little bit. That was the last subdivision.

Mr. Corn: Any questions?

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS (Henderson, KY)

Proposed Independence Bank, Green Street

Mr. Mills: Our recommendation was to consider right-hand right out access on Green Street; locate access on Washington Street as far to the east as possible; the refuse dumpster should not interfere with normal traffic flow of parking; and install "do not enter" signs and/or pavement markings at the drive-through exit.

Proposed Papa John's Pizza, Center Street

Mr. Mills: This is at 418 Center Street, southeast of Green Street. Our comments are that one centrally local 24-foot access location is preferred, but the one-way entrance/exit there is acceptable. The site should be designed to provide sufficient on-site maneuverability to accommodate larger commercial trucks and to discourage backing out into the street or backing onto the lot from the street.

Proposed Family Video Site Plan

Mr. Mills: This is at the northeast corner of Green Street and 5th Street. Our comments are that traffic entering the site from Green Street should be given the right-of-way to prevent traffic from backing up into the Green Street traffic. Stop signs and/or pavement markings, as well as "do not enter" signs should be placed at the drive-through exit to indicate a one-way traffic flow situation. Also, verify on a standard scaled site plan that larger commercial trucks can access the loading area without backing in from the street or backing out to the street upon entrance and exit.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Request #110052601

Mr. Mills: This is on Helfrich Avenue between Arlington Avenue and Broadway Avenue. This is a request to reduce the posted speed from 30 mph to improve safety. Our recommendation is that the reduction of the speed limit is not recommended and to coordinate with law enforcement to monitor and enforce the existing speed limit.

Request #110061501-4

Mr. Mills: This is on Sycamore Street between Congress Avenue and Green River Road. This is a request to review the intersection at Harrison, Polster, Euclid, Kenmore and Iroquois for the appropriate right-of-way control. Our recommendation was to remove the “yield” signs on the Sycamore Street approaches and place “stop” signs on Iroquois/Kenmore/Euclid/Polster approaches to stop the lesser flow of traffic.

Request #110042702

Mr. Mills: This is on Kenmore Avenue, south of Bellemeade Avenue Hebron School improvements. The request was to prohibit on-street parking on Kenmore when school is in session and to install a “stop” sign at Hebron’s Bellemeade exit and restrict traffic at Hebron’s Bellemeade exit to a right out only. We spoke to the School Corporation and our recommendation was to eliminate on-street parking along the west side of Kenmore Avenue from Bellemeade Avenue to the southern-most access point to the Vision Associates’ property; to increase the “no parking” area on the east side of Kenmore Avenue to 40 feet from the Bellemeade curb projection. EVSC has agreed to restrict Hebron’s exits to a right-out only and to post a “stop” sign.

Request #110060801

Mr. Mills: This is on Burdette Avenue, south of Washington Avenue. This is a request to prohibit on-street parking on Burdette Avenue from Washington Avenue to south of the Charleston Condominiums entrance, parking too close to the intersection and block driving lanes. Our recommendation was to eliminate the on-street parking as requested to maintain two-way traffic flow and eliminate conflicts at the intersection.

Request #11062801

Mr. Mills: This is on Senate Avenue near the dead-end. This was a request to extend centerline pavement markings around the curve to eliminate driver confusion and the public right-of-way and the need to yield to Senate Avenue traffic. This is basically private property. Our recommendation was that since the majority of the traffic at this location on Senate Avenue is attributed to Senate Estates condo development, the condo association should make an effort to notify the residents of these issues and/or post their exits with right-of-way control signs. Further centerline pavement markings are not required by the MUTCD. They could help to clarify the location of the public right-of-way.

Request #110061102

Mr. Mills: This is at the intersection of John Street and Garvin Street. This is a request to review for safety improvements and the possibility of installing an all-way stop control. Our recommendation is to replace the existing conventional sized “stop” signs, advanced warning signs and supplemental plaques on the John Street approach to oversized signs in accordance with the MUTCD standards. Install “stop ahead” pavement markings on John Street in advance of the intersection.

Request #110061102

Mr. Mills: This is a similar request at the Intersection of John Street and Governor Street for the same all-way stop control. Our recommendation was to replace the conventional sized “stop” signs, advanced warning signs and supplemental plaques on the John Street approach to oversized signs in accordance with the MUTCD standards.

Mr. Lloyd: A comment on the Kenmore Drive request, I work right down the street from that. I can verify they park the wrong way facing the school on both sides of the street. That is a mess. So what you are suggesting is posting “no parking” signs?

Mr. Mills: They were going to increase the “no parking” on the east side so that you have a little more visibility from the “stop” sign. And the west side was to have “no parking” so you get past the Vision Associates. That should help.

Mr. Lloyd: I concur with that.

EVANSVILLE MPO 4th QUARTER REPORTS

Ms. Akin: In your packets, you have the 4th Quarter Reports for FY 2010. It covers April 1st through June 30th of this year. We have the Indiana and the Kentucky versions. Just some little facts, we did 141 traffic counts in that three month period. We are still reporting on ARRA and have done a lot of subs and rezonings. All those statistics are in here. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Mr. Corn: Are there any questions? Okay thank you.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Corn: I will entertain a motion for approval of the bills. There are two forms to sign. One is last month. (Motion was made by Mr. Melcher and seconded by Mr. Lloyd.) SO ORDERED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.