



# 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**

**August 5, 2010**

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Richard Meyer, Bill Harty, John Fields, Nick Hall, John Petkovsek, J.R. Ham

#### **Evansville MPO Staff Present:**

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

#### **Others Present:**

Randy Archer

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Mills:** The first item on the agenda is approval of minutes for the June meeting. Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Harty.) Voice vote. 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 through traffic. The cost of the project is \$856,164. Construction is expected to continue into the fall.

#### 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:** At the end of Page 2, we are going to add several projects.

#### 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 weeks.

#### 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 earlier.

## **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.

### **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. Mills:** If there are no questions, thank you Laura.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Ham:** Several communities are turning one-way streets into two-way streets and two-way streets into one-way streets, those in the midst of doing it, what are the advantages that you see for doing this?

**Mr. Mills:** I think its local governments making those changes. I don't know that the MPO was encouraging that or recommending that. So it's the local government's opinion that it would work better to alleviate driver confusion and improve access to businesses. I believe, as a transportation engineer, that it doesn't improve traffic flow. But things aren't always done to improve traffic flow.

**Mr. Ham:** I wasn't meaning to imply that the MPO had any control over it. It seems like, we did a study in Ashland on the same thing, and it seems like it is driven by downtown business pretty much all the time. And they were talking about adding angle parking which I think probably increases the crash rate considerably. So it is local business that is probably the driving force here.

**Mr. Mills:** It is redevelopment trying to get businesses to stay or to expand downtown.

**Mr. Ham:** Okay, thanks.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Meeting adjourned.