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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**

October 7, 2010

ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, Ed Ziemer, Steve Melcher, Russ Lloyd, Jr., William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Bobby Howard, Cynthia Burger, Pam Drach

Members Absent (voting):

Don Walker, Greg Meyer, Kevin McClearn

Members Absent (non-voting):

Michael Cline, Robert F. Tally, Scott Deloney, Marisol Simon, Mary Campbell, Jose Sepulveda, Bernadette Dupont, Joe Prather, Keith Damron, John Gowins, Michelle Allen

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

None

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

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATE

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction

Ms. Lamb: This is from Kirkwood Avenue east to the County line. This project is substantially complete, and all lanes are now open to traffic.

Downtown Traffic Signal Modernization

Ms. Lamb: According to INDOT's website, this project was let for construction on September 1, 2010 to Martell Electric, Inc. of South Bend for a low bid of \$2,839,292.92. The engineer's estimate was approximately 4.1 million.

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

Ms. Lamb: This project has been added to INDOT's website with a proposed letting date of December 8, 2010.

3C-5 (Kratzville/Fulton Bridge to Dresden Street)

Ms. Lamb: Paving is complete and the contractor is working on the installation of signage, guard rails, fencing, gates and plantings. The project is on track for completion in November, 2010.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Green River Road (Lynch Road to Millersburg Road)

Ms. Lamb: This project is now under construction. As of yesterday, traffic between Lynch Road and Heckel Road was switched from the temporary bridge to the newly constructed bridge over Pigeon Creek.

WARRICK COUNTY

Epworth Road

Ms. Lamb: We have two projects that are now considered complete. The first one is Epworth Road Phase 2 which is south of Oak Grove Road to SR 66.

Bridges #43 and #44 Replacements

Ms. Lamb: The second project (that is now complete) is Bridges #43 and # 44 replacements, which were over Seven Hills Road in Warrick County.

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 September 8, 2011. It was previously listed at March 9, 2011.

SR 62/Lloyd Expressway – Fulton Avenue Interchange

Ms. Lamb: As most of you know, the Lloyd Expressway and Fulton Avenue interchange is now complete.

KYTC

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

Ms. Lamb: This project is now complete and the intersection is open to traffic.

US 60, US 41A-KY 425/Henderson By-Pass to Waverly

Ms. Lamb: This project is now complete and the roadway is open to traffic. That is the updates I have. Does anyone have any questions about those?

Mr. Ziemer: I do have a question on that estimate on that downtown project. The bid came in at 2.8 and the estimate is 4.1. What do we feel that is the product of? Is that the estimate of last year's prices and now because of the economy, they are coming in at better rates?

Mr. Mills: We have addressed this at previous meetings. Basically it is a depressed economy. INDOT has many examples of where they have let projects with engineers' estimates and prices have come in considerably less than what we have seen historically. So people are being more competitive because there is less work so they are trying to cut their price. So yes, that is a direct result of the economy.

Mr. Corn: Any other questions? (None.) Thank you Laura.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Evansville MPO Completion Report-Annual Performance & Expenditures for FY 2010.

Ms. Akin: The Evansville MPO Completion Report-Performance & Expenditures for fiscal year 2010 is now available online. We do have several copies in our office if anyone would like one. Presented in the report is a description of the status, related products, and expenditures for each work element contained in the FY 2010 portion of the Unified Planning Work Program. The expenditure figures represent total costs associated with completion of each of the work elements. Following the general description of the work elements are budget and expenditure summary tables for each of the planning grants. The fiscal year 2010 4th quarter project update is in there: a listing of the 381 traffic counts that we completed and 9 turning movement locations taken; a table listing the 13 TIP amendments and 17 TIP modifications processed during fiscal year 2010 which runs July 1st through June 30th. If anyone has any questions, or if you would like to obtain a hard copy, we have this available in our office.

Mr. Corn: Any questions? (None.) Thank you Kari.

B. FY 2010-2013 TIP Amendments

Mr. Luebke: I will do all that I can to abbreviate these. We have 18 TIP amendments this month. So I will discuss just the item names. I will dispense with the DES numbers. I will go over the total project costs. Unless I note otherwise, those projects are 80/20 split between federal and local match.

Des #1005670

Mr. Luebke: Pigeon Creek Greenway Phase 3C-3: Greenway construction from Maryland Street to Louisiana Street. Total project cost of \$914,794. That is going for construction in FY 2011.

Des #1005997

Mr. Luebke: Pigeon Creek Greenway Phase 3C-4: Greenway construction from Louisiana Street to Dresden Street. That phase will close the gap between the two sections of the Greenway. So we are all excited about that. This is also fiscal year 2011. The total is \$1,051,875, also an STP funded program.

Des #1006024

Mr. Luebke: Washington Avenue at Weinbach Avenue: Intersection improvement safety project. Add project for preliminary engineering in FY 2011, as well as right-of-way in FY 2011, and construction in FY 2012. Engineering is \$150,000. Right-of-way is \$50,000 and construction \$1,350,000. That is a Highway Safety Improvement project. That will be 90/10 federal and local match.

Des #1006031

Mr. Luebke: City of Evansville sign replacement program. Add project for implementation in fiscal year 2011. Total cost is \$99,280, also a Highway Safety Improvement project.

Des #9804060

Mr. Luebke: Lincoln Avenue at Green River Road intersection improvement project. Revise construction funding to reflect 100% Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding. Construction in fiscal year 2010 is \$1,709,899.

Des #TBD

Mr. Luebke: Lincoln Avenue from Green River Road to Newburgh Road. Roadway safety and bike/pedestrian improvements. Add the project for preliminary engineering in fiscal year 2011. Total cost is \$350,000. That is an STP project.

Des #0710494

Mr. Luebke: Oak Hill Road Phase 2: Road reconstruction with added bike lanes from Pigeon Creek to Lynch Road. Revise funding to reflect updated right-of-way services costs of \$689,750 in fiscal year 2011.

Des #TBD

Mr. Luebke: City of Evansville Pigeon Creek Greenway & Bike/Pedestrian Improvements: Preliminary engineering for bike/pedestrian accommodations and/or greenway facilities along the Arts, Glenwood and Hi Rail corridors. Preliminary engineering in fiscal year 2011 with a total cost of \$701,625.

Des #TBD

Mr. Luebke: City of Evansville Pigeon Creek Greenway & Bike/Pedestrian Improvements: preliminary engineering for bike/pedestrian improvements along the Garvin, Governor and Stringtown corridors, also in fiscal year 2011. Total cost is \$113,800.

Des #TBD

Mr. Luebke: City of Evansville Pigeon Creek Greenway & Bike/Pedestrian Improvements mid-levee connection: Add project for preliminary engineering in fiscal year 2011 at a cost of \$84,200.

Des #TBD

Mr. Luebke: The last Pigeon Greenway & Bike/Pedestrian Improvement on Riverside, Pollack and Covert corridors. Also preliminary engineering in fiscal year 2011 at a cost of \$240,100. Those were all of the City of Evansville amendments.

Des #0810392

Mr. Luebke: Burdette Park – USI Trail Phase 3. This closes the gap on that project. Trail construction from south of Broadway Avenue to Nurrenbern Road. Construction cost in FY 2011 is \$1,373,460. That project actually has three funding sources: \$780,893 in TE funds; \$317,875 in federal STP funds and a \$274,692 local match.

Des #1006029

Mr. Luebke: Vanderburgh County sign replacement program, HSIP program. In FY 2011 throughout the County, they will be replacing signs. Total cost is \$ 92,285, also 90/10 HSIP program.

Des #1006030

Mr. Luebke: Town of Newburgh has a similar project, also to replace signs to meet the retro reflectivity program. \$65,000 at a 90/10 split.

Mr. Luebke: We have two related transit amendments for METS.

No Des #

Mr. Luebke: Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (5316 program). Purchase a wheelchair accessible 16 passenger van for use on the fixed route. That project will cost \$83,000. That is an 80/20 between the local match and the 5316 JARC program.

No Des #

Mr. Luebke: New Freedom Program (5317). Also purchase a van. For METS Mobility service. The van cost is \$83,000, also 80/20 between the local match and federal participation.

Mr. Luebke: The next two amendments are for administration requested by the MPO:

No Des #

Mr. Luebke: Job Access and Reverse Commute Program: \$13,314 in fiscal year 2011.

No Des #

Mr. Luebke: New Freedom Program: Administration of the program in fiscal year 2011 is \$8,537.

Mr. Luebke: I think I skipped over something. There is an operating expense for each of those. The JARC program, as well as the New Freedoms program. The JARC program operating expenses will be \$258,272. That is split 50/50 between local and the JACR program. Similar operating assistance for the New Freedoms program \$210,082.

Mr. Corn; Thanks Craig. Any questions?

Mayor Weinzapfel: I would just make an observation. These TIP amendments represent significant progress in our efforts to complete the Greenway. The first two construction projects would allow us to complete the industrial corridor that we have been working on for quite awhile. The other preliminary engineering projects also allows us to basically come pretty close to doing the design on at least an inter-loop within the City of Evansville for the Greenway; and then an extension of the Greenway out to Newburgh. So we are excited to be able to move forward on these projects and would urge everyone's favorable consideration.

Mr. Lloyd: I was just wondering if the federal reflectivity on the signs, in layman's terms, what do you get for that?

Mr. Luebke: There is a government requirement coming down and I don't know that I, I think it is 2012, can you speak to that Brad?

Mr. Mills: Basically what it is, the signs will reflect light at a certain level. This is new guidelines that they have to be brighter. There is going to be a requirement in the next couple years that all signs have to be that way. So we have some safety funds that we are able to put towards this. So we have encouraged all the local governments to chip in and do that now and they are being able to use those safety funds and we are moving forward with that.

Mr. Lloyd: Is that all signs or just stop signs?

Mr. Mills: It is the information signs. It is all the street signs I think, as well.

Mr. Luebke: It can be information, as well as regulatory signs. And all of them do have that requirement. These dollar figures you see, I don't think that reflects replacing all the signs in a particular jurisdiction.

Mr. Lloyd: Thank you.

Ms. Burger: It also involves street signs too. And actually, the size of the street signs have to increase because of certain requirements as well, in terms of how big they are by the number of letters on them and things. So I think the requirements are 2012.

Mr. Luebke: What percentage of signs are you doing in Newburgh?

Ms. Burger: All of our signs.

Mr. Lloyd: So there is going to be a sale on used signs.

Mr. Corn: Any other questions? (None.) Is there a motion for approval of the 18 TIP amendments? (Motion was made by Ms. Burger and seconded by Mayor Weinzapfel.) SO ORDERED.

B. FY 2010-2013 TIP Administrative Modifications

Mr. Luebke: We have two TIP administrative modifications that came to pass this past month. One is requested by INDOT and one for the City of Evansville.

Des #9805570

Mr. Luebke: Intersection improvement at Oak Hill Road. INDOT has revised the cost estimates for right-of-way and construction phases. Right-of-way work for fiscal year 2011 with a cost of \$300,000. Construction in fiscal year 2012 at a total cost of \$2,285,164. That is a CMAQ project.

Des #0101271

Mr. Luebke: The City of Evansville project is Oak Hill Road Phase 1. We are revising the cost estimate to actual project cost and revise funding sources to reflect federal funding source adjustments. That was a project that utilized ARRA or stimulus funds, as you may recall, and these reflect the final dollar figures as they were resolved through the INDOT process.

Mr. Corn: How long do we have to submit ARRA funds?

Mr. Luebke: They are already obligated out there.

Mr. Mills: Yes, I think it is June 2013 that is the deadline to have it spent

Mr. Luebke: All of our project funds are currently obligated.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

REZONINGS:

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from C-4 to M-1 for auto repair and to add collision and body shop. So this is an existing business. It is my understanding there is not going to be any changes to the access. But if there is, it needs to comply with our access management manual.

Docket No: R-2010-12 3404 N. 1st Avenue Krista Lockyear, attorney for owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from R-1 to CO-1, a residential to commercial office. Our recommendation is that an effort should be made to share the existing commercial access point north in order to reduce the number of conflict points along 1st Avenue. If this is not possible, the property should be limited to one 24 foot two-way access drive on 1st Avenue. The off-street parking area should be designed with adequate turn-around space to deter patrons from backing out into 1st Avenue traffic.

Docket No: R-2010-13 2205, 2217 Oak Hill Road Rose Products, Mike Whetstine owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from R-1 to CO-1. This is a residential model home to office. This parcel should share existing access on the existing access located on the parent parcel to the north. The existing access should be improved to provide a standard 24 foot two-way commercial access drive.

Docket No: R-2010-14 830 LST Drive/1713 Waterworks Road Inland Marina, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from waterfront industrial to waterfront recreational. This is to bring the enclosed restaurant into conformance. We see no significant impact.

Docket No: R-2010-15 1501 Keller Street Ritzert Co., Int., Tim Ritzert, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from M-3 to C-2, an industrial zoned property down to apartments. If you remember a few months ago, the two properties to the north were downzoned as well, and there are two apartment complexes on those properties. Our recommendation is that access should be installed and maintained in accordance with the Evansville MPO access management manual. Roadway interconnection between the proposed complex and the adjacent apartment complexes to the north is highly recommended for emergency access.

Docket No: VC-2-2010 5901 Hirsch Road Scott J. Okesson, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is a request to rezone from C-4 to an agricultural zone. The existing residence is to remain. We see no significant impact.

Mr. Corn: Any questions? (None.)

SUBDIVISION:

Docket No: 7-S-2010 Old Orchard Development, LLC, Dan Buck

Mr. Mills: This is in the City of Evansville. This came before us last month for a rezoning, a downzoning. This subdivision is on the north side of Christ Road, west of Kentucky Avenue. Our comments are the appropriate acceleration and deceleration lanes or flares at the entrances should be considered to help maintain the safety and efficiency of Christ Road traffic. All lots should access interior streets, and driveway

accesses on Lots 1, 105, 88, and 89 should be to Road #1 only to provide adequate setbacks for cars to park in the driveway without encroaching into the right-of-way. Sidewalks should be required.

Mr. Corn: Sidewalks are required; it's in the City isn't it?

Mr. Mills: It is required, but they can be waived.

Mr. Corn: No, it can't be waived.

Mr. Mills: You can request a waiver to get rid of sidewalks.

Mr. Corn: You can request a waiver in the County, not in the City, unless that ordinance has changed since I drew it up 20 years ago.

Mr. Mills: Okay, we won't argue with that point. That was the last subdivision.

Mayor Weinzapfel: Has the developer made a request for the waiver?

Mr. Mills: No, this is the standard boiler plate answers that we put in, that they should put in sidewalks. We say it in the County and we say it in the City. We are recommending that sidewalks be installed. So we are providing walkability for our community.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

Request #11008092

Mr. Mills: The first is in the City of Evansville on Newburgh Road and Martin Lane. This is a review for a three-way stop. Based on the traffic numbers, it is recommended that no change in right-of-way control is warranted at this time.

Request #110081101

Mr. Mills: This is at Diamond Villa subdivision, north of Diamond Avenue and east of Kentucky. This is a request to review the subdivision for right-of-way control signs and other warranted sign installations. As you can see, we have put stop signs all over the map. That was our recommendation.

Mr. Corn: Any questions? (None.)

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Corn: I will entertain a motion for approval of the bills. (Motion was made by Mr. Sights and seconded by Mr. Hubiak.) SO ORDERED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.