



# 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

April 1, 2010

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Jonathan Weinzapfel, Ed Ziemer, Steve Melcher, Russell Lloyd, Jr., Russell Sights, Cynthia Burger, Pam Drach, Kevin McClearn

#### Members Absent (voting):

Don Walker, Greg Meyer, William Hubiak, Don Williams

#### 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 Osadcuk

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

#### Others Present:

Jim Wilsbacher

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Mr. Melcher:** 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 Mr. McClearn.) SO ORDERED.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. PROJECT UPDATE

## **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

### **Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project:**

3C-2 (Franklin to Lamasco Park at Maryland Street)

**Ms. Lamb:** According to INDOT's website, this project was let for construction on February 24, 2010 to Blankenberger Bros., Inc. for a low bid of \$1,730,419. The engineer's estimate was \$2,180,000.

## **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

### **Burdette Park/University of Southern Indiana Trail Phase 2 (USI campus to south of Broadway Ave.)**

**Ms. Lamb:** A Notice to Proceed was issued by INDOT and construction has begun. The contract completion date is currently set for November of this year.

**Mr. Corn:** Is that complete?

**Ms. Lamb:** No there will be more segments on it.

## **INDOT PROJECTS**

### **SR 62 (Warrick County): Phase IV (.25 miles west of SR 261 to SR 61)**

**Ms. Lamb:** According to INDOT's website, the construction contract for this project was awarded to Ragle, Inc. of Newburgh at the March 3, 2010 letting for a low bid of \$8,660,346.43. The engineer's estimate was listed at \$9,600,000. The schedule for construction will be discussed at the preconstruction meeting which is to be held today. The contract completion date is currently set for October 2, 2011.

## **KYTC PROJECTS**

### **US Highway 41A/Green Street – KY 136/Sand Lane**

**Ms. Lamb:** Construction is underway and the contract completion date is currently set for July 31, 2010.

### **US Highway 41 at Watson Lane**

**Ms. Lamb:** Construction is underway and the contract completion date is currently set for June 1, 2010.

**Mr. McClearn:** Laura, can I give you one more update on that? We currently have one lane south closed, which is kind of an inconvenience. I noticed as I was driving north through there, they did pour some concrete today. We told the contractor to open that up by noon tomorrow. So two lanes going south will be open by tomorrow on that project.

**Ms. Lamb:** Thank you.

### **I-69 CORRIDOR**

#### **I-69 Indiana Section 1**

**(Package 3-just north of SR 68 to 1.54 mi. N of SR 68 Gibson Co.)**

**Ms. Lamb:** According to INDOT's website, this project was let for construction on February 10, 2010 to Gohmann Asphalt & Construction Inc. of Clarksville for a low bid of \$10,474,000. The engineer's estimate was listed as \$17,230,008. Construction should begin by this summer, and the project should be complete by the summer of 2011.

**Mayor Weinzapfel:** So that is for about a mile and a half of highway?

**Ms. Lamb:** Yes.

#### **Section 3 Phase 1-includes three county road overpasses in Greene County**

**Ms. Lamb:** According to INDOT's website, construction of this project was awarded to Force Construction Co. Inc. of Columbus for a low bid of \$4,474,000 at the February 10, 2010 letting. The engineer's estimate was listed as \$6,693,000. Construction should begin by this summer, and the project should be complete by the summer of 2011. That's all of my updates.

**Mr. Corn:** Are there any questions? (None.) Thank you Laura.

### **B. FY 2011 & FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program Expense Summaries**

**Ms. Akin:** These expense summaries were presented last month. This is for the Unified Planning Work Program. It is for two years, fiscal years 2011 and 2012. This is sort of our grant application work program of what we are going to be doing, and it also shows our federal amounts that we will be receiving as well. These expense summaries will be in our UPWP. Are there any questions about this?

**Mr. Corn:** If not, I will entertain a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Lloyd and seconded by Mr. Melcher.) Any further discussion?

**Mayor Weinzapfel:** The budgets put together, does this reflect any change in respective contributions by the numbers of the bodies represented by the planning committee?

**Ms. Akin:** There is no change from last year for the local shares. This is just an expense projection, it does not show revenue sources. The next month we will have the actual budget that will show all the revenues in there as well as expenses.

**Mayor Weinzapfel:** So for planning purposes for 2011, we shouldn't expect an increase an increase in contributions from the City of Evansville.

**Ms. Akin:** Correct, you should not see an increase from last year.

**Ms. Burger:** The Mayor asked at the last meeting, and I can't remember what your response was, why the 2012 one so much less than the 2011 one?

**Ms. Akin:** INDOT is our lead agency and they prefer that we do a two-year UPWP. So 2012 includes our Indiana PL funding. But Kentucky is our other planning partner and they only allocate us our funds every year, so it doesn't include our Kentucky funds.

**Mr. Corn:** (Voice Vote) SO ORDERED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. FY 2010-2013 TIP Administrative Modification**

**Mr. Luebke:** We have three administrative modifications to the TIP. I did provide hard copies to the committee members of the new TIP that was adopted two months ago. These are administrative modifications to that document.

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**Mr. Luebke:** This is an intersection project in Newburgh on Plum Street, Main Street and Jennings Street. This project was modified to reflect updates to the project budget to include construction engineering. Total project cost will be \$515,336. That will be funded with \$460,000 in HES funds, \$49,803 in HSIP funds, and a \$5,534 local match.

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**Mr. Luebke:** The second and third items are actually the same project for KYTC. An initial modification was made to add design funding to Audubon Parkway from .178 miles west of KY 6110 to the Daviess County line. After that revision was made, the change to the funding to change sources of funding has been processed to change it from candidate stimulus funding, if there was the second round of stimulus funds, to National Highway System funds. The Design Phase is \$300,000. I do not need a motion to approve.

**Mr. Corn:** Do we have any questions for Craig? Seeing none, thanks Craig.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. REZONING:**

Docket No: R-2010-3 724 N. Burkhardt Road Burkhardt Campus, LLC

**Mr. Mills:** We have one rezoning today. This is in the City of Evansville. This is a request to rezone from C-1 to C-4. This location is near the Los Bravos across from Krispy Kreme near Sam's. Our comments were that access should be limited to Columbia Street or Physicians Court only. The site should be designed to provide sufficient onsite circulation for both passenger vehicles and larger commercial delivery trucks to prevent vehicles from backing in from or out into the public roadway.

**Mr. Corn:** Is that the cancer center?

**Mr. Mills:** Yes, I believe that is a cancer doctor's office. The preliminary plan shows an L-shaped building in the southwest corner, and the parking would be up in the northeast corner. The access would be where it is on Columbia now. I think it is about where the main office access is on Physicians Court, in that general location.

## **B. HENDERSON SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**Mr. Mills:** We have two site development plans for the City of Henderson.

### Central Church of Christ

**Mr. Mills:** This is at KY 812/Airline Road and Audubon Parkway. Our recommendation is, this is for a church that is fairly near the County Garage. We recommended that the parking spaces on the north of the church building should be angled to respond to the one-way directional flow for the rest of the parking lot to the drop-off area north of the church building, and provide a standard 18 foot aisle for them to back safely to exit the spaces.

### Improvements at Fifth Third Bank

**Mr. Mills:** This is at the southeast corner of Second and Elm. Our comments are that the drive-through bypass lane doesn't meet the minimum 18 foot for one-way aisle width. Whenever you have a car park there, it would be too close. We also had a comment about the dumpster. They are showing the dumpster in the hatched area which is located between two parking spaces. That would be difficult for them to empty it if they are going to have parked cars there.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions?

## **C. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS & WALK AND ROLL WEEK**

**Mr. Stensaas:** This is an informational item. The Indiana Safe Routes to Schools program began accepting applications today for 100% reimbursement funding for designated bikeway enhancements within a half-mile proximity of schools. Those are either infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects. The application deadline is May 28, 2010. The MPO has helped to organize a Safe Routes to Schools task force and we have been working with one public elementary school in Evansville on developing project ideas, scoping and cost estimation for this year's application deadline. We have also been discussing school district planning for identifying and prioritizing long term needs. Kentucky will not be accepting applications for Safe Routes to Schools for 2010. The Indiana program might not fund as many projects as in a normal year due to the uncertainty of funding surrounding the ongoing extension of the surface transportation bill. So that is one item.

**Mr. Stensaas:** Another thing is, you are all aware that we have seen significant local investments in pedestrian and bicycle facilities. There is a lot of community support for extensive development of these facilities, which led to the establishment last year of the Evansville Area Trails Coalition. It is a non-profit organization. They have organized, with the help of several local businesses and other organizations, an event that is going to occur from

May 17-22. It is being called "Walk and Roll Week". So far, there are over 50 scheduled walking and biking events planned for Evansville, Henderson and Newburgh as part of the week's events. The one thing I wanted to make you aware of in particular is on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, there is going to be a trails planning summit. It will be held in Evansville, possibly at the C.K. Newsome Center, and will be bringing in outside experts. One that I am really excited about, because this guy really is an expert, is Darwin Hindman, the five-term Mayor of Columbia, MO. Columbia is one of four cities that in 2005 received a \$25M pilot project grant to implement pedestrian and bike facilities, to promote walking and biking as an alternative to driving. The whole intention of that program was to see how those investments really made a difference in the community to move people away from single occupant vehicle driving and get environmental improvement that goes along with that. So there is monitoring that goes along with that program. But Mayor Hindman, because of his stature, was one of the reasons that city got that grant. He was a force in creating the Katy Trail, the longest rails-to-trails project in the United States. So he is going to be here. I think that he will be available at a breakfast and a lunch that is being scheduled with local business leaders and elected officials. Those invitations haven't gone out yet. Also, there are several other people coming to this planning summit, from the National Parks Service; Aboite New Trails in Ft. Wayne; INDOT's bicycle and pedestrian and Safe Routes to School coordinator will be here, and many more. So, that is something that a lot of people in the community and this group might be interested in. Are there any questions on either of those two items?

**Mr. Corn:** We only have one school that is interested?

**Mr. Stensaas:** It is not that there is only one school, but there are probably only a couple of schools that can actually get anything together before the deadline. I can tell you more about this after the meeting. It is questionable whether the EVSC is even going to be able to pull together funding for this. It is a reimbursement grant. But, we are hopeful something is going to come of that.

**Mr. Corn:** Any other questions? Thanks Dave.

**Mr. Mills:** I want to remind everyone once again, today is Census Day. Make sure you fill out your Census forms and help us to get our share of the money.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Corn:** Any public comments? (None.)

Meeting adjourned.