



# 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

February 4, 2010

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Don Walker, Jonathan Weinzapfel, Ed Ziemer, Steve Melcher, Russell Lloyd, Jr., William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Don Williams, Cynthia Burger, Pam Drach, J.R. Ham

#### Members Absent (voting):

Greg Meyer

#### 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, Craig Luebke, Laura Lamb, Vishu Lingala, Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Dave Stensaas

#### Others Present:

Robert Howard, Nick Hall, Greg Preece

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Mr. Corn:** The first item of business is to elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. I would entertain any motions. (Motion was made by Mr. Walker to nominate Jack Corn for chairperson and seconded by Mr. Melcher). SO ORDERED.

**Mr. Corn:** We need a vice chairperson. (Motion was made by Mayor Weinzapfel to nominate Steve Melcher for vice chairperson and seconded by Mr. Walker) SO ORDERED.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Corn:** The next 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. Ham.) SO ORDERED.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

Oak Hill Road: Phase 1 (US 41 to Pigeon Creek)

**Ms. Lamb:** A Notice to Proceed has been issued by INDOT. The contract completion date is currently set for July 2011.

#### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

Burdette Park/University of Southern Indiana Trail

**Ms. Lamb:** Phase 2 of this project, from the USI campus to south of Broadway Avenue, was let for construction on January 13, 2010 to JBI Construction, Inc. of Evansville for a low bid of \$1,012,339.15. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$1.2 million.

#### **TOWN OF NEWBURGH**

Main Street, Jennings Street and Plum Street

**Ms. Lamb:** This project was let for construction on January 13, 2010 to JBI Construction, Inc. of Evansville for a low bid of \$444,230.45.

Rivertown Trail: Phase 2 (Old Lock and Dam Site to New Lock and Dam)

**Ms. Lamb:** Construction on this project is tentatively scheduled to begin March 15, 2010 and is expected to be complete by November 2010.

#### **WARRICK COUNTY**

Lincoln Avenue (Warrick County)

**Ms. Lamb:** We have added Phase 2, since it seems to be proceedings (1,000 feet east of Grimm Road to east of Bell Road). Right-of-way engineering and services have begun.

#### **CITY OF HENDERSON**

Henderson Riverfront Development III

**Ms. Lamb:** Two bid packages are expected to be released in the upcoming months. The first is expected to be released around April 1, 2010 and includes the extension of the Riverwalk greenway system between 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, and a new sidewalk on Water Street between Sunset and Red Banks parks. The second package is expected to be released a couple of weeks after the first, and includes new restrooms in Sunset Park, major improvements to the Doc Hosbach Tennis Complex, and riverbank stabilization behind the tennis courts. Future projects include a permanent stage in Audubon Mill Park, a farmer's market and a dog park.

## **KYTC PROJECTS**

### **US Highway 41A/Green Street Widening**

**Ms. Lamb:** KYTC has released the completed scoping study report and a copy is located in the MPO's office for the public to view. The report recommendations include a typical 5-lane cross-section with four, 11-foot through lanes, a 12-foot center two-way left turn lane, a 2-foot curb and gutter, a 2-foot grass strip, and a 5-foot sidewalk. Four of the five sections reviewed were prioritized for reconstruction based on need. One section (section 3, from Washington Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) is currently a 5-lane cross-section; therefore, reconstruction is not required. Cost estimates which include alternatives for right-of-way acquisition from the north side of the roadway, from the middle, or from the south side, range from \$27.7 million to \$31.5 million to complete the entire corridor.

### **I-69 Corridor Phase 2 (just north of SR 68 to 1.54 miles north of SR 68)**

**Ms. Lamb:** I noticed in the Courier, they list this as Phase 3. This project has been added to INDOT's website with a proposed letting date of February 10, 2010. Are there any questions about those or any additions?

**Mr. Corn:** Thanks Laura.

## **B. FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program**

**Mr. Luebke:** We have adoption of the new FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program as an action item today. I passed around the physical copy of the final document for everybody to take a look at. This has come through in draft form several times. We have had no significant changes from the last draft that we saw. Two exceptions are noted. At INDOT's request, we added a DES #0901886 which is a pavement replacement project on SR 68 in Warrick County; and we also added some DES numbers to a SR 61 project in Warrick County. The projects contained in the TIP were developed along with our LPAs, Federal Highway, KYTC, INDOT and our local transit providers. The Interagency Consolidation Group was also consulted regarding the TIP. Air quality conformity for the program of projects was confirmed. If you look at the second page, you will see an executive summary. We also have a summary from the comments that we received through the development process. Those are generally focused on expanding transit opportunities in our community, and some comments about bike and pedestrian facilities. We did have a public information open house that allowed the public to come out and talk with staff members about TIP development and other projects. We had a good turnout at that. If you have any questions, I can certainly answer them. When we get final adopted program and receive the conformity documentation that needs to go back in for a final hard copy; I can get hard copies out to those of you who request them. They are also available online.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions? (None.) I would entertain a motion for approval. (Motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Ham.) SO ORDERED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Section 5310 Specialized Transportation Capital Assistance Program Grant Application**

**Ms. Lamb:** Evansville ARC is submitting a fiscal year 2010 Section 5310 grant application. INDOT awards these grants to help private non-profit agencies provide specialized transportation to elderly persons and persons with disabilities. The new small transit vehicle will allow Evansville ARC to transport individuals in a vehicle that is safe and easily accessible. The total project cost is \$45,250. The total Section 5310 funds, which would be 80% of the total, is \$36,200. The remaining 20% would be a local match at \$9,050. The local share is done through donations and fundraising. The application requires that the MPO include this project and funding level in the Transportation Improvement Plan and in the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, should funding be awarded. Are there any questions regarding this?

**Mr. Sights:** The local match is donations and fundraising. Is that something they are going to do later or have they already done it?

**Ms. Lamb:** I believe that they have already done it.

**Mr. Corn:** Are there any questions? (None.) Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Melcher and seconded by Ms. Burger.) SO ORDERED.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. REZONINGS:**

Docket No: R-2010-1 830 LST Drive Inland Marina/Ron Riecken, Owner

**Mr. Mills:** This is in the City of Evansville. This is a very small strip of ground that is zoned agricultural and needs to be zoned C-4 in order to allow off-premise signage. It will have no significant impact on the transportation network.

### **B. SUBDIVISIONS**

Docket No: 1-MS-2010 Woolsey Minor Subdivision Charles & Judy Woolsey, Owners

**Mr. Mills:** This is in Vanderburgh County on Millersburg Road east of Green River Road. Our recommendation was that the existing driveway utilized by Lot 2 should be shared with Lot 1 to maintain appropriate site distance at the crest of the hill as an appropriate access easement. We did speak with the applicant and they were willing to do that and were planning to do that.

Docket No: 2-S-2010 Shadewood Place Habitat for Humanity, Owner

**Mr. Mills:** This is in the City of Evansville. This is at that southwest corner of Shadewood and Sweetser Avenues. This is modification to a previous existing subdivision for Habitat for Humanity. They have bought some commercial ground. If you look at the photograph toward the top of the white boxes are some buildings which have all been demolished. They are making that all one subdivision now. Our recommendation is that sidewalks should be installed along the street right-of-ways due to proximity to Glenwood School and require off-street parking should access through the alleyways only. We are also recommending a two-way directional flow should be considered for the alley along the alley if they are able to do that.

**Mr. Corn:** Is that zoned residential?

**Mr. Mills:** They have petitioned to rezone that. It came through the other day. Part of that was commercial and industrial I think.

Docket No: Stonecrest Sec. 1 Replat of Lots 1-10 Eagle Construction & Development, Owner

**Mr. Mills:** This subdivision is in Vanderburgh County. This is at Petersburg Road north of Boonville-New Harmony Road. If you look at the bottom of the white squares, just above that southern boundary there was a sliver of ground that they are replatting and incorporating into all of those lots. We see there would be no significant impact on the roadway network.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions? (None.)

### C. CITIZENS REQUESTS

Request #109121801

**Mr. Mills:** This in the City of Evansville at Oakley Street in the alley north of Division Street. This is a request for traffic flow changes near Berry Plastics, an addition of the alley one way eastbound east of the new parking lot at Oakley Street and one way southbound from the alley to Division Street. I drove by that today. One thing we should make sure they do is the angled parking that you see on the bottom right of Oakley Street is angled the other way. It needs to be repainted and modified. It would not have a significant impact to the roadway network.

**Mr. Corn:** Does the parking belong to Berry Plastics or the City.

**Mr. Mills:** I think they vacated part of that. Ed is not here. I am pretty sure that is Berry property as well.

Request #108032702

**Mr. Mills:** This is on Mesker Park Drive between Diamond Avenue and St. Joseph Avenue. This is a request to review for increase in speed limit. We did a speed study at that location and we recommended considering increasing the speed limit to 35 mph north of Summit Drive and 40 mph south of Summit Drive. After making those comments and sending them off, we had a meeting with the Zoo. Based on that information, we did provide some traffic enforcement data showing when vehicles are traveling and at what

times of the day to help the Police Dept. target enforcement in that area. We also agreed to go out and restudy that location. The Zoo had some concern about all the pedestrians that will be crossing from the parking lot. We will restudy that again toward the end of May when most of the kids will be visiting the Zoo so that we can get a better idea. We are also going to count right next to their existing crosswalk to make sure we see how fast the vehicles are traveling in that area.

**Ms. Burger:** So you are going to increase the speed now to 35 and 40. Then look at decreasing it again in the Spring?

**Mr. Mills:** What we do is make a recommendation. I think what they are going to do at this time is not do anything and just keep it where it is. That is my understanding. The Safety Board didn't take action at their last meeting. They were waiting for us to have our meeting with the Zoo. The Zoo is not excited about the speed being increased. We can understand that. But if you look at the map, if you look at the speeds, people are traveling much faster than the posted speed. Typically we go off the 85% percentile for a recommendation. But what we do is just a recommendation. The locality does not have to take our recommendation. They can say no if they think it is more appropriate to keep the speed limits where they are.

#### **D. Henderson Site Development Plan**

**Mr. Mills:** This is in the City of Henderson at Henderson Community College. This was a request that we look at an additional access drive for US 60/Green Street southwest of KY 136. Our recommendation was that the proposed third access location is too close to the crest of the hill and if added capacity is desired, we recommended improvements of adding separating left and right turn lanes to the existing driveways to help relieve any congestion or egress problems they might have at the site.

#### **E. Approval of Bills**

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

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Meeting adjourned.