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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

June 3, 2010

ROLL CALL

Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Jr., Don Walker, Ed Ziemer, Steve Melcher, Greg Meyer, Russell Lloyd, Jr., William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Don Williams, Cynthia Burger, Pam Drach, Nick Hall

Members Absent (voting):

Jonathan Weinzapfel

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, Laura Lamb, Craig Luebke, Kari Akin, Rob Schaefer, Seyed Shokouhzadeh

Others Present:

Daniel Shaw

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. Walker.) SO ORDERED.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PROJECT UPDATE

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Oak Hill Road Phase 2 (Pigeon Creek to Lynch Road)

Ms. Lamb: The consultant is waiting for a Notice to Proceed from INDOT before the right-of-way phase of the project can begin.

Downtown Traffic Signal Modernization

Ms. Lamb: The construction of this project will stimulate local economic development by giving more travel options for drivers to enter the Downtown District. The project is designed to provide left-turns from Riverside Drive into the downtown area from Walnut Street and Main Street. Both Sycamore and Vine streets as well as Third and Fifth streets, which are currently one-way pairs, will be switched to two-way streets (east to 10th Avenue and north to Court Street). Main Street will be reversed from a one-way out of downtown to a one-way street into downtown. These installations will include a modern traffic signal interconnect system and equipment, some turning lanes, sidewalks, ADA ramps, and signs and pavement markings. The project is currently on INDOT's letting list with a proposed letting date of August 8, 2010. Pat Keepes told us today that he thought that may be pushed off to September.

INDOT PROJECTS

US 41, Boonville-New Harmony Road to SR 168 (Gibson County)

Ms. Lamb: A Preliminary Field Check meeting has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time on June 23rd at the INDOT Evansville Subdistrict office located on Boyle Lane to discuss the design of the roadway improvements proposed with this project.

KYTC

US 41 at Watson Lane

Ms. Lamb: This project is now complete and the intersection is fully open to traffic. Does anybody have questions about those or additions?

Mr. Corn: Thank you Laura.

B. FY 2011 Evansville MPO Budget Approval

Ms. Akin: Approval of the FY 2011 Evansville MPO budget is requested. The main difference between this year and last year is the METS NTD Sampling Project that we are doing. That is at a cost of \$46,083. METS is paying us for that, 80% from their 5307 federal funds. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer those.

Mr. Corn: I would entertain a motion for approval. (Motion was made by Mr. Hubiak and seconded by Mr. Meyer.) SO ORDERED.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2010-2013 TIP Amendment

DES #1005569

Mr. Luebke: We have one amendment to the current 2010-2013 TIP. This was requested by INDOT in partnership with DNR. This is Interlake Multi-Use Recreational Area in Warrick County. This is a DNR project to develop a multi-use recreational park at Interlake. This is near Lynnville in Warrick County. The property is bordered by SR 68 on the south and CR 1200 S. to the north. The project is being added to the TIP for construction in FY 2011. Total project cost is \$819,240, with a standard 80/20 split between recreational trails project funds and a DNR match.

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

CMAQ Call for Projects

Mr. Luebke: A quick notice to everybody. This did go out to all of our partners. We do have an open call for congestion mitigation air quality projects. That really applies to our Indiana partners, as Kentucky is not in the air quality conformity issues so they are not eligible for CMAQ funds. That is something that we will work with any of our LPA's to develop projects for that call. Applications are due towards the end of this month in order to meet the state review call, which will be bringing back potential applications to review next month for approval.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Rezoning

Docket No: R-2010-4 318-322 Waggoner Avenue The Kunkel Group, Owner

Mr. Mills: The first rezoning is in the City of Evansville. This is a request to rezone from R-2 to C-4 for commercial truck and equipment storage. This is the Kunkel Group that is doing this. Our comments were to locate access as far from the intersection as practical. Any security gates should be set back far enough from the road and the right-of-way to allow vehicles to fully exit the roadway before opening the gate. Vehicles should not be allowed to block the roadway or sidewalk. Also, provide sufficient on-site circulation to prevent vehicles from backing out into the right-of-way or from the lot into the right-of-way.

Docket No: R-2010-5 5400 N. First Avenue EVSC, Owner

Mr. Mills: This is in the City of Evansville. This is a request to rezone from R-1 to C-1. This is at Central High School. This is basically a location for them to be allowed to put in an electronic message board. We see no significant impact.

Mr. Corn: Are they taking out the one that is up on there right now?

Mr. Mills: I am not sure if they are going to reuse that, or just add the new one. But I think that was a changeable message sign with letters. So I am not sure what their plan is. I know some places have kept both. But I don't know what their plan is. I just know that they are rezoning that portion.

B. Citizens Requests

Request # 110042701

Mr. Mills: This is in the City of Evansville at the intersection of Stinson Avenue and Fremont Avenue. This is a request to install a four-way stop or switch stop signs to Stinson Avenue to help deter speeding. We did traffic counts and based on the traffic volumes, which were relatively small, we recommended no change in right-of-way control is warranted at this time, and coordinate with law enforcement for monitoring and also post 20 mph school zone speed limit signs.

Request # 410043001

Mr. Mills: This is in the City of Henderson at Pond Street and Pringle Street. This also is a request for review of four-way stop. The traffic was relatively higher than what we have seen at other locations, but it still did not meet the warrants of 300 and 200. So our recommendation that no change in right-of-way control is warranted at this time.

Request # 410040701

Mr. Mills: This is in the City of Henderson. This is at the KY 136/Madison Street near Commonwealth Drive. This is a request for recommendation for proposed crosswalk locations to enhance the school's safety. Our recommendation is to increase crossing safety if the goal was to encourage pedestrian activity. KYTC indicates that the best sight distance location is at the intersection of Madison Street and Commonwealth Drive. It needs some type of traffic calming or speed enforcement. Any efforts to provide adequate gap times for children such as crossing guards or signalization of the intersection is encouraged.

Request #110050501

Mr. Mills: This is in the City of Evansville at Tremont Road and Sheridan Road. This is a request for review of a four-way stop. Once again, no change in right-of-way control is warranted at this time. This area is likely to be significantly affected by the proposed development at Ivy Tech at the southwest corner of the intersection, and may need to be reviewed again after these developments are completed. We recommend installing "cross traffic does not stop" plaques on the existing stop signs.

Request # 110051001

Mr. Mills: This is in the City of Evansville at Governor Street and Wedeking Avenue. This is also a review for a four-way stop installation to deter speed. Once again, there is no change in right-of-way control warranted at this time. Post 30 mph speed limit signs on Wedeking Avenue and coordinate with law enforcement of the current statutory speed limit.

Request # 110051901

Mr. Mills: This is a request in the City of Evansville on Bellemeade Avenue between Garvin Street and Evans Avenue to reduce the statutory speed limit and post speed limit signs to deter speeding. The complainant is concerned about children crossing here outside of the school zone hours. Based on our review of the area, no reduction in speed limit is recommended. Coordinate with law enforcement to monitor and enforce existing speed limit.

Mr. Corn: Is that The Boys & Girls Club there?

Mr. Mills: Yes. That is correct. And we did have a crosswalk request come through and we recommended some crosswalks be installed to increase safety. That was the last request.

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. Hubiak and seconded by Mr. Melcher.) SO ORDERED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned.