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EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Regular meeting held at 10:00 a.m. in Room 301
Civic Center Complex – Administration Building
Evansville, Indiana**

February 4, 2010

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Bill Harty, Richard Meyer, Pat Keepes, John Stoll, J.R. Ham, Nick Hall, Doug Boom, Glenn Boberg, Mary Raley, John Fields, Holly Groupe, Denise Seibert, Robert Working

Evansville MPO Staff Present:

Brad Mills, Craig Luebke, Laura Lamb, Vishu Lingala, Dave Stensaas, Seyed Shokouhzadeh

Others Present:

Adam Trinkel, Dave Lane, Randy Archer, Greg Preece, Katie Sizemore

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Keepes: Our first item on the agenda is election of officers, chairperson and vice chairperson for 2010. We will accept nominations for chairperson. (Mr. Boberg made the motion and Mr. Meyer seconded the nomination for Pat Keepes for chairperson.) SO ORDERED. Thank you for that endorsement.

Mr. Keepes: Now for the vice chairperson, we will accept nominations. (Mr. Stoll made the motion and Mr. Meyer seconded the motion for nomination for John Stoll for vice chairperson.) SO ORDERED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Keepes: The next item on the agenda is approval of minutes for the January meeting. Is there a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Harty and seconded by Mr. Boberg.) SO ORDERED.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 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 to this update (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 6th and 12th 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 3rd 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 think in the news articles, they are calling this 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. Boberg: Yes, I would like to update a little bit more on the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage. On Phase 3C-5, the City received proposals on the construction engineering and awarded the contract to United Consulting for that. It is now under construction. Then on Phase 3C-2, the City has received proposals for the construction engineering and are reviewing and evaluating those proposals.

Mr. Keepes: Laura, that I-69 project, is that the same section that was an article in the local newspaper today?

Ms. Lamb: I think they combined two sections, Section 3, which has the record of decision from Federal Highway. Then this section is Section 1 that is currently under construction and they are just pushing it a little further north. They did say that there were three bridges in Section 3 that is going to be let at the same time. I didn't see those on the list.

Mr. Keepes: Okay. Good news nevertheless to see that moving forward.

Mr. Hall: The US 41/Watson Lane was awarded, I found out late yesterday and didn't get that to you.

Mr. Keepes: If there are no questions, thank you Laura.

B. FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Luebke: I passed around the physical copy of the completed TIP. You have seen this in draft form several times over the last several months so I didn't bother printing out a revised draft for you right now. We will have final copies coming up. We are seeking approval of the 2010-2013 TIP. You are

familiar with the existing document. This updates documents that work with Federal Highway, INDOT, KYTC, and our local public agencies. You did see the draft a couple of times at least at this meeting. Since that draft, we made a couple of changes. We added a DES #0901886 which is a replacement project on SR 68 in Warrick County for INDOT; and also added some DES numbers to an existing SR 61 project. Both of those changes were made at the request of INDOT. We did discuss the proposed list of projects with the Interagency Consultation Group and the air quality conformity for the proposed program was confirmed. You can see the executive summary of the various projects with the changes from the last couple of months. Then we also have the public comments summary of the public comments that we received on TIP development progress. I believe those comments are focused on requests to improve transit service and also some commentary that additional bike and pedestrian facilities are desirable in the community. We did have a public information open house a couple weeks ago. It was well attended and we got some feedback from the public at that meeting. We are asking for adoption of this TIP document. If you have any questions, I would be more than willing to try and answer them for you.

Mr. Keepes: Any questions for Craig? If not, the committee will entertain a motion for approval. (Motion was made by Mr. Stoll and seconded by Mr. Boberg.) 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 ARC to transport individuals in a vehicle that is safe and easily accessible. The total cost of this proposed project is \$45,250. The total Section 5310 funds, which would be 80% of the total, is \$36,200. The local share donations and fundraising would provide the remainder of the 20%, which is \$9,050. The application requires that the MPO include this project and funding level in the Transportation Improvement Plan and the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, should funding be awarded. We have Denise Seibert here with ARC to answer any questions you might have.

Mr. Boberg: What does Evansville Arc stand for?

Ms. Seibert: Years ago we did go by Association for Retarded Children. But we no longer use that. It is just Evansville ARC.

Mr. Boberg: Are you getting a similar sized van?

Ms. Seibert: INDOT no longer offers the 15 passenger vans. A few years ago, we applied to purchase a small transit vehicle similar to what METS Mobility uses, but actually smaller. We were a little hesitant about this, but it has actually worked out really well. A lot of the individuals we serve that need transportation do not use a wheelchair but they do have mobility issues, and they are aging. So we found this is actually easier for them to get up in this vehicle than climbing back through three rows of seats in the 15 passenger van. So that is what we want to apply for.

Mr. Keepes: Any other questions for Laura or Denise? If not, the committee will entertain a motion for approval. (Motion was made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Boberg.) SO ORDERED.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Keepes: Are there any guests or anybody in the audience who would like to make a public comment?

Mr. Hartly: This came about at our Westside Improvement monthly meeting, something should be considered about the traffic out there. A roundabout at five-points at Hogue, Virginia and Tekoppel and all that. I wanted to throw it out because the members thought that was a good idea. Also, having a travel lane from the City limits where the third lane ends to USI because of the continuing amount of traffic on the Lloyd. That came from the Board. Everybody discussed it.

Mr. Keepes: On Hogue?

Mr. Hartly: No. Five-point is the intersection.

Mr. Keepes: The additional travel lane?

Mr. Hartly: The travel lane on the state road the Lloyd out to the University, because it is a continuous stream of traffic when classes change and everything changes out there. That's all I have. That came out of our Board meeting.

Mr. Mills: Are they aware with the roundabout that that is going to take a big chunk of land in order to do that. It is not that it's not possible.

Mr. Hartly: I agree with that. I just brought it up because it was brought up at the meeting.

Mr. Mills: Because we are going to have to get rid of something at that intersection like the gas station or the liquor store or something would have to go.

Mr. Keepes: I think that would probably be a good location for a roundabout. But it would require a large amount of land and some significant property acquisitions.

Mr. Hartly: The acquisition costs would be great I know. I just brought it up. I don't totally agree with it. But I think something should be done but not necessarily a roundabout. That's all I wanted to bring up. Thank you.

Mr. Keepes: Any other public comments today? (None.)

Meeting adjourned.