



# Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

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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**

**November 4, 2010**

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present (voting):

Jack Corn, Don Walker, Jonathan Weinzapfel, Ed Ziemer, Greg Meyer, Russ Lloyd, Jr., William Hubiak, Russell Sights, Robert Howard, Cynthia Burger, Pam Drach, Kevin McClearn

#### Members Absent (voting):

Steve Melcher

#### Members Present (non-voting):

Michelle Allen (via conference call)

#### Members Absent (non-voting):

Michael Cline, Robert F. Tally, Scott Deloney, Marisol Simon, Andy Minyo, Jose Sepulveda, Bernadette Dupont, Mike Hancock, Keith Damron, John Gowins

#### Evansville MPO Staff Present:

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

### 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. There is a correction to the minutes. Joe Prather is now Mike Hancock. Apparently the secretary of the KYTC has changed. With that, I would entertain a motion for approval? (Motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Meyer) SO ORDERED.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **CITY OF EVANSVILLE**

##### **Downtown Traffic Signal Modernization**

**Ms. Lamb:** A preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for November 9, 2010. Construction should begin in mid to late November, 2010. The contract completion date is currently set for August 19, 2011.

##### **Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Project: 3C-5 (Kratzville/Fulton Bridge to Dresden Street)**

**Ms. Lamb:** This project is now complete. I think they are still planting trees but basically we are going to call it complete.

#### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

##### **Green River Road (Lynch Road to Millersburg Road)**

**Ms. Lamb:** Completion of this project has been extended into the spring of 2011.

##### **Millersburg Road (Green River Road to Hedden Road):**

**Ms. Lamb:** Design work continues. The consultant is coordinating with the utilities in order to determine the roadway alignment.

##### **Maryland Street Bridge (over Pigeon Creek):**

**Ms. Lamb:** Environmental work is underway. The bridge inspection report is now complete.

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

**Ms. Lamb:** This project is complete.

##### **(Phase 3-south of Broadway Avenue to Nurrenbern Road)**

**Ms. Lamb:** This would complete the entire trail. This project has been added to the INDOT website with a proposed letting date of January 12, 2011.

#### **WARRICK COUNTY**

##### **Oak Grove Road:**

**Ms. Lamb:** A public hearing has been scheduled for November 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the J.H. Castle Elementary School gymnasium located at 3077 Highway 261 in Newburgh. The purpose of the hearing is

to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the current design plans to reconstruct Oak Grove Road from the County line to SR 261. The project will consist of two twelve-foot wide travel lanes and wider shoulders. If anybody needs additional information regarding the public meeting, they can contact our office and we can get you a copy of that. We also received today a copy of the design plans in our office if anybody would like to look at those.

### INDOT

#### SR 62 (Warrick County): Phase II (6<sup>th</sup> Street in Chandler to Eskew Road)

**Ms. Lamb:** According to INDOT, completion of this project has been extended beyond the November 1, 2010 contract deadline due to delays in utility relocations early in the project. INDOT is still hoping for completion within this construction season if good weather continues.

#### SR 66 (Warrick County): Phase II (SR 261 to French Island Trail)

**Ms. Lamb:** According to INDOT, this project is now complete.

### KYTC

#### KY 351/Zion Road:

**Ms. Lamb:** Preliminary design work is underway for this project which will correct horizontal and vertical alignment, widen the shoulders and install guardrails to increase safety along this corridor. That's all I have for you today. Are there any questions about those or additions or comments?

**Mr. Corn:** Do we know anything about the First Avenue bridge? I know we are behind schedule.

**Ms. Lamb:** I don't. I could probably find out for you.

**Mr. Corn:** Okay, because I think those same people are supposed to be the ones working on the Maryland Street bridge. Any other questions? (None.) Thank you Laura.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. FY 2011 EMPO Section 5316 and 5317 Administration Grant Applications

**Mr. Schaefer:** The MPO requests approval to submit the FY 2011 Evansville MPO Section 5316 JARC and the Section 5317 New Freedom grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration. Ten percent of the annually apportioned JARC and New Freedom funding is available for administration of these transit programs. The administration portion is 100% federally funded. The program of projects and project funding sources are included in the table attached, if you have any questions. We request your approval.

**Mr. Corn:** Can we do both of these at the same time?

**Mr. Schaefer:** Sure.

B. FY 2011 METS Section 5316 and 5317 Capital and Operating Grant Applications

**Mr. Schaefer:** The Evansville MPO requests approval to electronically submit the FY 2011 Metropolitan Evansville Transit System Section 5316 and Section 5317 grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration. The program of projects and project funding sources are included in the attached page. In summary, for the JARC program, METS will receive funds for the acquisition of a vehicle and operating funds for the operating of a fixed route service on the northeast side. For the New Freedom program, they will receive funds for capital acquisition of a vehicle and operating funds for the operation of METS Mobility. We request your approval.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions? I would entertain a motion for approval. (Motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Ziemer.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

C. FY 2010-2013 TIP Amendments

**Mr. Luebke:** We have two TIP amendments today. The first, I would like to point out on the agenda one small housekeeping item. The DES # is incorrect on the agenda. The information you have in your packet as well as what I will mention today is correct though.

DES #0100574

**Mr. Luebke:** This is a pedestrian bridge over SR 66 or the Lloyd Expressway at the State Hospital across from the Armory. Construction of pedestrian bridge over the Lloyd Expressway east of Vann Avenue. We are revising the project to include preliminary engineering in FY 2011 at a cost of \$344,000. That project will be funded with 80/20 surface transportation program funds and a local match. You also see it is being removed. This project was in the TIP currently as an INDOT project program with some construction funding allocated. They are going to continue to be a partner with the project, but we are relocating it to the City of Evansville list of projects as we move forward because we are going to be taking the lead I guess you would say on that project and moving it forward. We have identified the INDOT construction participation in the funding currently in the illustrative segment of the TIP and a specific construction date would probably be determined by available funding and status resolved through the preliminary engineering that they are looking at doing right now. I hope I have clarified that and not muddied it up. Are there any questions on that project?

**Mr. Corn:** How much usage do we think that is going to get?

**Mr. Luebke:** That's a good question. I think it would probably depend on what happens with the site development of that project as well as what's going on with the stadium and the fields there.

NO DES#

**Mr. Luebke:** This is a request from METS. They requested that we revise their FY 2011 5307 program budget. Basically we are revising it from an estimate to a final number. Final budget is \$8,639,620 and the relevant federal, state and local participation in the program. I will add the Tech Committee reviewed these projects this morning. They had no significant comments and did recommend that they be adopted by the Policy Committee.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions? I would entertain a motion to approve. (Motion was made by Mr. Ziemer and seconded by Mr. Hubiak.) Voice vote. SO ORDERED.

**Mr. Corn;** Thanks Craig. Any questions?

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **REZONINGS:**

Docket No: R-2010-16 101 W. Franklin Street Andrew & Lori Ricketts, Owners

**Mr. Mills:** This is in the City of Evansville. This is a request to zone from R-2 to C-4 for commercial vehicle parking. The MPO recommendations are that they follow the MPO Access Management Manual. No Access should be permitted to Franklin Street. Any access to Baker Street should be located as far from the Franklin Street intersection as far as possible. The site should also be designed to provide sufficient on-site maneuverability to deter vehicles from backing into the street. Adequate site distance should be maintained at the Franklin Street/Baker Avenue intersection. Therefore, there should not be any blocking by fencing or parked vehicles.

**Mr. Corn:** Who is going to park there?

**Mr. Mills:** There is a business that is already utilizing the property. They have it as a storage lot. It is a violation because it is zoned residential.

Docket No: R-2010-17 1207, 1217-1225 N. Fifth Avenue Royal, Inc./Heath Rupp, Owners

**Mr. Mills:** This is in the City of Evansville. This is a request to zone from R-2 to C-4 for a parking lot and loading area for the shopping center to the east of the Royal shopping center. The MPO recommendation is that the follow the MPO Access Management Manual. Parking and loading areas should be designed for sufficient on-site maneuverability to keep vehicles from backing in or out of the lot onto public right-of-way.

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

### **SUBDIVISIONS:**

Docket No: 17-MS-2010 Thorne Estates Adam Thorne, Owner

**Mr. Mills:** This is in the City of Evansville. This is at the southwest corner of Lincoln Avenue and Colony Road. This is a two-lot subdivision. Our recommendation is that access to Lot 1 should be to Colony Road only and should be located as far from Lincoln Avenue intersection as practical.

Docket No: 7-S-2010 Sheffer Carson Plaza Sheffer & Carson Properties, LLC, Owners

**Mr. Mills:** This is in Vanderburgh County. This is on the east side of Highway 41 south of Boonville-New Harmony Road. Our recommendations are that INDOT approval is required for access to Highway 41. All lots should be limited to access across the proposed ingress/egress easements to any of the three

proposed access points. A blanked cross-access agreement between Lots 2,3, and 4 should be considered to ease freight deliveries to the rear of these lots that have no direct access to an ingress/egress easements.

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

### CITIZENS REQUESTS

#### Request #108011501

**Mr. Mills:** This is in the City of Evansville on Fielding Road south of Lloyd Expressway. This is a request to monitor existing approach lanes for two lanes. Our recommendation is that no changes in the existing lane markings are recommended at this time. Any changes can be considered when future improvements to Fielding Road are scheduled, and with input from the EVSC and INDOT.

#### Request #110091501

**Mr. Mills:** This is in the City of Evansville on Boeke Road at Rheinhardt/Culverson. This is a request to install an all-way stop to control speeding. Based on the traffic volumes and accident data, no change in right-of-way control is warranted at this time. Speed data collected by the MPO will be shared with the Evansville Police Department to aid in targeted enforcement. Our recommendation is to post 30 mph speed limit signs on Boeke Road for both northbound and southbound traffic.

#### Request #110083101

**Mr. Mills:** This is also in the City of Evansville on Alvord Blvd, south of Washington Avenue. This is a request to review on-street parking restrictions for validity. We did take a look at that intersection and, based on the width of the roadway and the location of the stop sign and accident data available, it is our recommendation that the existing on-site parking restriction remain in place.

#### Request #110070601

**Mr. Mills:** This is in the City of Evansville at Washington Avenue from Kentucky to Garvin Street. This is a request to remove on-street parking time restrictions. We went out and took traffic counts. Based on our traffic count data, it is our recommendation that we do not remove the on-street parking restrictions at this time.

#### Request #210100801

**Mr. Mills:** This is in Vanderburgh County on Flagstone Drive and Cobble Field Drive in Keystone subdivision. This is a request to review for all-way stop control. Based on the small traffic numbers, it is our recommendation that no change in right-of-way controls is warranted at this time.

**Mr. Corn:** Any questions? The Fielding Road one, that is going to be the main entrance/exit for the football stadium isn't it, once that's built? Have we been asked to look at any traffic pattern or flow around there that you know of?

**Mr. Mills:** No, I have not been contacted or heard anything.

## 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

**Mr. Corn:** Does anybody have any problems?

**Mr. Mills:** It is the first Thursday of the month as we have always done.

## 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. Lloyd.) SO ORDERED.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Mr. Corn:** I have one. Congratulations Russell on your election.

**Mr. Mills:** I have one comment too. Typically we have been cancelling our December meeting. Since the majority of us are here, is there a desire to hold our December meeting?

**Mr. Corn:** Is there a strong feeling for the December meeting? If not, we will cancel the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned.