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May 28, 2015

Larry Buckel, Manager
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Re: FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #40, dated May 19, 2015
FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #41, dated May 19, 2015

Dear Mr. Buckel:

We have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment requests you submitted via correspondence dated May 19, 2015. These requests add projects pursuant to changes made to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) and the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG).

The amended TIPs have been endorsed by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). The projects listed in the attached STIP amendment table (Attachment 1) are eligible for FTA funding.

We have determined that the amendments to the TIP and STIP are financially constrained and consistent with the relevant MPO and statewide transportation plans. The projects were developed in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450, and are exempt from the air quality conformity determination process. The project additions are approved for the FY2014-2017 STIP.

If you have any questions concerning this STIP amendment approval, please contact Tony Greep at (312) 352-1646. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheila Clements
Director, Office of Planning & Program Development

Attachment: FY2014-2017 INDOT STIP Table Amendment #40, #41

Cc: Seyad Shokouhzadeh, Executive Director, Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization
James Turnwald, executive Director, Michiana Area Council of Governments

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 FY2014-2017 STIP Amendment #40, #41
 May 28, 2015

Number	DOS	MPO	Sponsor Name	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Total	Federal	Local	Federal Funding Source	FYA Grant Number	MPO TIP YEAR	STIP Approval Date	Comments
57	1500484	Evansville	METS	Purchase of diesel transit bus	2015	\$467,500	\$374,000	\$93,500	CMAQ		FY 2014	N/A	STIP amendment #40 - New Project
58	1500510	Evansville	METS	Fare Box upgrades	2015	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000	5307/5339		FY 2014	N/A	STIP amendment #40 - New Project
23	1172805	MACOG	MACOG	Operating Assistance	2015	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	5307		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - Revise Funding
35	1172819	MACOG	MACOG	Transit Vehicles	2014	\$308,895	\$247,116	\$61,779	STP		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - Revise Funding
36	1172820	MACOG	MACOG	Rider Amenities	2014	\$41,250	\$33,000	\$8,250	5307		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - Revise Funding
38	1172823	MACOG	MACOG	Transit Vehicles	2014	\$2,491,105	\$1,992,884	\$498,221	STP		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - Revise Funding
42	1172824	MACOG	MACOG	Transit Vehicles	2015	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,000	5307		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - Revise Funding
43	1172825	MACOG	MACOG	Communication Equipment	2015	\$37,500	\$30,000	\$7,500	5307		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - Revise Funding
44	1172826	MACOG	MACOG	Communication Equipment	2015	\$37,500	\$30,000	\$7,500	5307		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - Revise Funding
45	1382617	MACOG	MACOG	Preventive Maintenance	2015	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	5307		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - Revise Funding
46	1382618	MACOG	MACOG	Transit Vehicles	2015	\$2,250,000	\$1,800,000	\$450,000	5307		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - Revise Funding
99	1500524	MACOG	MACOG	Transit Operating	2015	\$237,795	\$190,236	\$47,559	5307		FY 2014	7/11/2013	STIP amendment #41 - New Project



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Michael R. Pence, Governor
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May 19, 2015

Ms. Marisol R. Simon
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
200 West Adams Street, Suite 320
Chicago, IL 60606

RE: FY2014 - FY2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transit Amendment #40

Dear Ms. Simon;

Please find attached a Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendment which must be approved and included into the FY 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2013 - 2017 federal aid project covered by this approval in our 2014 - 2017 STIP. The amendment is for the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization. The resolution number is 15-4.

We have determined that the proposed amendments are: 1) consistent with the transportation plan; 2) the TIP remains fiscally constrained in that federal funding resources are sufficient to support the new or modified projects and 3) conform to state and national air quality standards as required by the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

We request your review and approval of the subject amendment. Please contact me at (317) 232-5292 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Buckel".

Larry Buckel
Manager
Office of Transit

CC: Tony Greep, FTA



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Seyed Shokouhzaheh, Executive Director

May 11, 2015

Ms. Jeanette Wilson
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Mr. John W. Moore, Director
Division of Planning
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
200 Mero Street, Station W5-05-01
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Dear Sirs:

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization has amended the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include/revise the following projects.

The Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) requested the following amendments:

Des# 1500485 Highway 41 North Route Operating Assistance: Add project in fiscal year 2015 to provide operating funding. The total project cost of \$516,050 is funded 50% with federal CMAQ funds and a 50% METS match.

Des# 1500484 Purchase of a diesel transit bus. Add project in fiscal year 2015 at a cost of \$467,500. The vehicle purchase will be funded with 80% federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and a 20% local match.

Various Des#'s Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant: Revise fiscal 2015 and 2016 program of projects to reflect final 2015 budget and project revisions. The total fiscal 2015 budget of \$10,451,535 will be funded with \$1,932,045 in federal Section 5307 funds, \$2,148,344 in state funds and \$6,371,146 in local funds. The total fiscal 2016 budget of \$11,339,193 will be funded with \$1,776,335 in federal Section 5307 funds, \$1,905,891 in state funds and \$7,656,967 in local funds.

Des# 1500510 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant: Add project in fiscal year 2015 to partially fund bus fare box upgrades. The total project cost of \$500,000 will be funded 80% with federal transit funds (Sec 5307 and Sec 5339), and a 20% state and local match.

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Henderson Area Rapid Transit (HART) requested the following amendments:

- No Item# Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant: Revise fiscal 2015 program of projects to reflect final project amounts. This amendment shifts \$5,000 from operating to planning. The total fiscal 2015 budget of \$1,401,015 will be funded with \$681,584 in federal Section 5307 funds, \$56,594 in state funds and \$662,837 in local funds.
- No Item# Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant: Revise project in fiscal year 2015 for diagnostic equipment and bus stop shelters. The project cost of \$25,000 will be funded \$20,000 in federal 5339 transit funds, \$2,500 in state funds and \$2,500 in local funds.

The City of Henderson requested the following amendment:

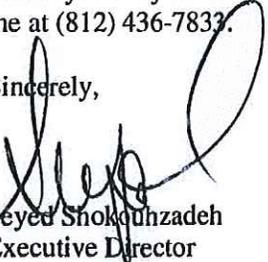
- No Item# Henderson Bike Routes Phase 2: Roadway signage and pavement markings at various locations as described in the Greater Henderson Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Add project for construction in fiscal year 2016 at a cost of \$45,600. The project will be funded with 80% federal Transportation Alternatives (TAP) funds and a 20% local match.

The Interagency Consultation Group was consulted regarding the proposed amendments. No air quality conformity determination was deemed necessary.

The Evansville MPO Policy Committee approved the amendments at their May 7th, 2015 meeting. The amendment resolution and public notice information are attached. The revised document is available at www.evansvillempo.com.

Thank you for your assistance and should you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (812) 436-7833.

Sincerely,



Seyed Shokouh-zadeh
Executive Director

SS/CSL

cc: Sherry Curry, KYTC
Bernadette DuPont, KY – FHWA
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Press Release: 4/22/15

Evansville MPO 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment:

Public review and comment is being sought by the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) concerning proposed amendments to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Evansville-Henderson Urbanized Area as described below:

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The proposed amendments will be acted on at the EMPO Policy Committee Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2015. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in Room 301 of the Evansville Civic Center Complex located at 1 N.W. MLK Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708.

Public comments on the proposed TIP amendment may be made by phone to the EMPO office at (812) 436-7833, by e-mail at comments@evansvillempo.com or by mail addressed to Craig Luebke, Evansville MPO, Civic Center Complex, Room 316, 1 N.W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708-1833. Comments will be received until May 6, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-4

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S FY 2013 - 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization is the organization designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 (Federal-Aid Highway planning requirements), and capable of meeting the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 1603(a) (Federal Transit planning requirements) in the Evansville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration guidelines contained in Federal Register 40, No. 181, September 17, 1975, require endorsement by the policy body of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of a Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Element as a prerequisite to expenditure of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit funds; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee is the policy body of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes expenditure of funds for highway projects; and

WHEREAS, proposed expenditures of Federal-Aid Highway and Federal Transit funds for the Evansville Urbanized Area are contained in the Transportation Improvement Program for the Evansville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO consulted with the Interagency Consultation Group and the agencies concurred in the MPO finding that the TIP amendment projects are within the non-attainment area are exempt, per 40 CFR 93.126 & 127, and there is no need to update the conformity analysis or issue a new conformity finding; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Public Participation Plan does not require a separate public involvement meeting for TIP amendments, and the public participation procedure was followed; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will result in a TIP that remains fiscally constrained; and

WHEREAS, any changes to Kentucky non-dedicated funds projects have been requested by KYTC. The required funds will become part of the KY STIP end of fiscal year "fiscal constraint" recalculations; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization from time to time amends its Transportation Improvement Program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program is amended as follows:

Project 1:

Des# 1500485: METS US 41 North Route Operating Assistance: Add project.

FY 2015 Total Cost - \$516,050 Federal - \$258,025 State - \$0 Local - \$258,025

Project 2:

Des# 1500484: METS Transit Bus purchase: Add project.

FY 2016 Total Cost - \$467,500 Federal - \$374,000 State - \$0 Local - \$93,500

Project 3:

Various Des#'s: METS Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant: Revise program of projects to reflect final FY 2015 budget and adjust FY 2016.

FY 2015 Total Cost - \$10,451,535 Federal - \$1,932,045 State - \$2,148,344 Local - \$6,371,146

FY 2016 Total Cost - \$11,339,193 Federal - \$1,776,335 State - \$1,905,891 Local - \$7,656,967

Project 4:

Des# 1500510: METS Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant: Add project to partially fund bus fare box upgrades.

FY 2015 Total Cost - \$331,263 Federal - \$265,010 State - \$0 Local - \$66,253

Project 5:

No Item#: HART Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant: Revise program of projects to reflect final FY 2015 budget/program.

FY 2015 Total Cost - \$1,401,015 Federal - \$681,584 State - \$56,594 Local - \$662,837

Project 6:

No Item#: HART Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant: Revise program of projects to reflect final FY 2015 budget/program.

FY 2015 Total Cost - \$25,000 Federal - \$20,000 State - \$2,500 Local - \$2,500

Project 7:

No Item#: Henderson Bike Routes, Phase 2: Add Project.

FY 2016 Total Cost - \$45,600 Federal - \$36,480 State - \$0 Local - \$9,120

ADOPTED by the Policy Committee of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization on this 7th day of May, 2015.


LORI S. BUEHLMAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Jack Corn, Jr., Chairperson
Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee