



Draft Minutes

McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Transportation Technical Committee

of the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Government Center, Room 404

Bloomington, Illinois

Friday, September 16, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting, in-person and through GoToMeeting®

Committee Members Present (*Italics indicate representation by proxy*):

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| Raymond Lai | MCRPC, Executive Director, Technical Committee Chair |
| <i>Tim Gleason</i> | City of Bloomington, City Manager, proxy by Kevin Kothe |
| Kevin Kothe | City of Bloomington, Director of Public Works |
| <i>Pam Reece</i> | Town of Normal, City Manager, proxy by Ryan Otto |
| Ryan Otto | Town of Normal, Public Works & Engineering Director |
| <i>Cassy Taylor</i> | McLean County, County Administrator, proxy by Jerry Stokes |
| Jerry Stokes | McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer |
| Robert Nelson | IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief |
| Dan Magee | IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator |

Committee Members Absent:

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| David Braun | Connect Transit, General Manager |
| Carl Olson | Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director |

Others Present

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| Robert Innis* | IDOT, OP&P (virtual) | Kathryn McShane* | MCRPC |
| Jennifer Sicks | MCRPC | Anthony Yamzon* | MCRPC |
| Greg Huss | MCRPC | | |
| Ana Mendoza | MCRPC | Virtual Attendance* | |

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lai called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Attendance

A quorum was present as listed above.

3. Public Comment

Ms. Sicks advised that no request for public comment was received, no one has requested to be present to offer comment, and there is no one attending in person asking to offer comment.

4. Minutes

Mr. Kothe moved for approval of the minutes of the August 26, 2022 meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was unanimously approved.



Items for Action

5. Amendment #4 to the FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Sicks advised that Amendment #4 consists of the update of the entire TIP to include the IDOT District 5 projects, and revisions incorporating the additional projects into the summary tables and charts. She noted that the total cost of the FY 2023-2027 TIP has increased from \$163,884,557 to \$280,214,557. This is largely due to the 80% of IDOT project costs sourced from federal funds, resulting in an additional \$93,024,200 of federal funding in the revised TIP.

Mr. Otto moved for approval of Amendment #4, and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items of Information or Discussion

6. MLRTP Schedule Update

Mr. Lai noted that the MLRTP draft was released for public review and comment on September 2, 2022. The public review period formally ends on October 17th, but we have asked that comments in writing be submitted by October 10th, to allow MCRPC staff to review comments and advise the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and the Transportation Technical and Policy committees on any revisions prompted by public comments. A few comments have already been received. The MLRTP remains on schedule for adoption at the end of October.

Mr. Lai noted that the next meeting of the Project Steering Committee has been rescheduled to September 20th, due to conflict with the IDOT Fall Planning Conference. The agenda for the PSC meeting has been sent to the committee.

7. That Which May Arise

- a) Mr. Lai advised that MCRPC has submitted a planning grant application for the federal Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) program. He noted that it is expected to be 4-5 months before grant awards are announced. Mr. Lai thanked the local participants in the application for their financial commitments and letters of support. He explained that the planning grant to expand the Go:Safe Action Plan is a prerequisite for future implementation projects. Mr. Huss will forward copies of the application as submitted to those interested.
- b) Mr. Nelson and Mr. Otto discussed a planned 2027 state project to replace the structure over Towanda Avenue on the interstate; Mr. Nelson noted that the trail plan includes a shared use path. Mr. Otto inquired as to the size of the new facility in terms of adequate space for the path. Mr. Nelson suggested that Mr. Otto contact the structural engineer for details. Mr. Otto noted that there is a development planned to the west of the shared use path location, which will require right-of-way.
- c) Mr. Magee advised that ITEP applications are due at the end of the month. Mr. Stokes noted that the County is applying for the Route 66 extension project, down to McLean. Mr. Lai noted that the Village of Heyworth intends to apply. Mr. Magee advised that he has spoken with



Heyworth representatives. Mr. Kothe advised that Bloomington will not apply in this round, due to the need to address other matters.

8. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 10:30 am on Friday, October 21, 2022.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Kothe moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Jennifer A. Sicks".

Jennifer A. Sicks

Senior Transportation Planner

McLean County Regional Planning Commission