



Draft Minutes

McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Transportation Technical Committee

of the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Government Center, Room 404

Bloomington, Illinois

Friday, December 16, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting, in-person and virtual

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

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
<i>David Braun</i>	Connect Transit, General Manager (Jacob Smith)
Robert Nelson	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Avoree Gore	IDOT District 5, Programming Engineer
Dan Magee*	IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator

Committee Members Absent:

Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director
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Others Present

James Rogal	McLean County Board	Greg Huss	MCRPC
		Tania Barreto	MCRPC
John Burrill	MCRPC Chair	Kathryn McShane*	MCRPC
James Kyte*	FHWA	Anthony Yamzon	MCRPC
Robert Innis*	IDOT, OP&P		
		Virtual Attendance*	
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC		

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lai called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He noted that in addition to being the last Technical Committee of the year, but also the last meeting for Bob Nelson before his retirement. Mr. Lai noted the many ways in which Mr. Nelson has assisted transportation work in McLean County, and how much he will be missed. Mr. Nelson expressed his thanks.

2. Attendance

A quorum was present as listed above. In introductions, Avoree Gore of District 5 noted that she would be replacing Bob Nelson, although perhaps on an interim basis. Mr. James Rogal of the County Board and chair of the Transportation Committee announced himself as the new Policy



Committee member representing McLean County.

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. Magee moved for approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2022 meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action

Approval and Referral to Policy Committee of Amendments to the FY 2023-2027 TIP

5. Approval for referral to the Policy Committee, for revisions to Amendments 5 and 6 to properly identify projects locations and termini. The Main Street/U.S. 51 project phases that are the subject of both amendments begins at Olive Street in Bloomington, and ends at Gregory Street in Normal
6. Approval for referral to the Policy Committee, for revisions to Amendments 7 and 8, to identify the projects location as U.S. 150/Morrissey Ave. between Oakland Avenue and Veterans Parkway in Bloomington

The Committee agreed to act on the two amendments as a group. Mr. Kothe moved for approval of the noted corrections to Amendments 5 through 8, with modification of project locations and termini as discussed, and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

7. Updated MPO Intergovernmental Agreement

Mr. Lai noted that the Committee had been provided copies of the existing MPO agreement, which includes the participants in the MPO. There are specific revisions pursuant to FTA requirements following the Connect Transit Triennial review conducted earlier this year, but Mr. Lai felt this was a good time to consider any other revisions to the agreement that might be appropriate.

Ms. Sicks thanked Mr. Smith for his work on updating the agreement to conform with the FTA comments, noting that the draft revisions had been provided to the Committee for review, as was the 2018 version of the agreement. It is anticipated that the revised document can be revised and approved early in 2023.

Mr. Smith noted that the FTA wanted certain items to be made more explicit, including aspects of Connect Transit operations, use of public participation and other items. He would be happy to enter any additional changes from the MPO participants.

Mr. Lai noted that the agreement will be an action item on the January agenda, and encouraged that any additional changes needed be provided to Ms. Sicks. Mr. Smith noted that this was the



last item left from their Triennial review. Mr. Otto suggested that the scope of the change as currently presented did not seem to require a full process from the participating agencies. Mr. Lai emphasized that lacking other changes to the agreement, it should be possible to proceed in expeditious fashion. Mr. Lai asked that participants try and communicate any other changes to MCRPC in the next 2-3 weeks.

8. Approval of Performance Measures and Targets

Mr. Lai noted that Ms. Sicks noted that the state is required to set performance measures and targets in various categories, and in turn asks that the MPOs either adopt the state measures and targets, or to formulate their own. MCRPC has adopted the state measures and targets, with the proviso that reaching the goals is part of the ongoing MCRPC transportation program, further noting that a community the size of Bloomington-Normal cannot reach the percentage changes set by the state.

The performance measures and targets promulgated by IDOT on November 15 will be considered on the January 20th agenda, with a resolution of approval available.

Mr. Innis noted that the safety targets should be reviewed and acted upon on an annual basis; other targets are presented on a scheduled basis. Ms. Sicks noted that she is determining what additional actions should be taken.

9. That Which May Arise

Mr. Lai noted that MCRPC published its annual Report on Federal Transportation Investment, which summarizes the Federal funds expended in McLean County in the prior fiscal year. The report is posted on the MCRPC website. Ms. Sicks noted that MPO approval is not sought, because all of the data and project information comes from Federal sources, including FHWA and FTA.

Mr. Kyte noted that there were some delays due to staffing issues and information availability. Mr. Innis noted that other MPOs do adopt resolutions of approval. Mr. Kyte advised that he was comfortable with variations on that process, and that it is posted on the website.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting – January 20, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Kothe moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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

Jennifer A. Sicks

Senior Transportation Planner

McLean County Regional Planning Commission