



Draft Minutes

McLean COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Transportation Policy Committee

Government Center, Room M-103

115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

Hybrid meeting, In-person & Virtual

Friday, January 27, 2023

11:30 a.m.

Attendance by Committee Members (Italics indicate representation by proxy)

John Burrill	Chair, Transportation Policy Committee and McLean County Regional Planning Commission
<i>Chris Koos</i>	Mayor, Town of Normal, proxy by Eric Herbst
James Rogal	Chair, McLean County Board Transportation Committee (virtual)
<i>Mboka Mwilambwe</i>	Mayor, City of Bloomington, proxy by Kevin Kothe
Scott Neihart	IDOT District 5

Committee Members Not Present: None

Others Present

(*virtual attendance)

James Kyte	FHWA	Jacob Smith	Connect Transit
Bob Innis*	IDOT OP&P	Raymond Lai	MCRPC
Jerry Stokes	County Highway	Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Glen Wetterow	City of Bloomington	Katie McShane*	MCRPC
David Braun	Connect Transit		

1. Call to Order

Mr. Burrill called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance by Committee members and proxies was determined and is listed above. A quorum was present in person or by proxy.

Mr. Burrill noted the appearance of Mr. Rogal on behalf of the McLean County Board Transportation Committee.

3. Public Comment

Ms. Sicks advised that no request for public comment was received, and that no one is present to offer comment.

4. Minutes

Mr. Neihart offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16 , 2022 meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion was unanimously approved.



Items for Action, and/or Referral from the Technical Committee

5. Amendment #12 to the FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Stokes described the project no. MC-9, consisting of the resurfacing of the Danvers-Yuton Road, from State St. in Danvers to Route 150 (Rivian Motorway), noting that the project includes funding from various programs, including Surface Transportation Rural, Highway Safety Improvement Program and COVID Relief, with an original total cost of \$3,650,704. The increase in the project costs also triggered increased match requirements. The amendment adds \$400,000 in STR funds, for a new total cost of \$4,050,704.

Mr. Neihart moved for approval of Amendment #12, with State Street in Danvers terminus noted, and was seconded by Mr. Herbst. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of Resolution Adopting 11-15-22 PM2 & PM3 Performance Measures and Targets

Ms. Sicks noted that the resolution adopts the state measures and targets Pavement & Bridges (PM2) and System Performance (PM3) performance measures and targets as promulgated by IDOT on November 15, 2022. These are summarized on the final page of the draft resolution. She noted that the MPO has the option of adopting the state metrics and targets, or formulating its own; MCRPC has previously adopted state measures and targets, while noting that the percentage targets are considered in numbers consistent with the percentage reductions sought.

Mr. Burrill inquired as to the meaning of reliability of person miles traveled. Mr. Innis advised that reliability is a measure of congestion on roadways, meaning that a more congested highway is less reliable.

Mr. Kothe moved for approval of the resolution adopting the IDOT PM2 and PM3 Performance Measures and Targets and was seconded by Mr. Neihart. The motion passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

7. Revision of MPO Intergovernmental Agreement by Participating Entities

Ms. Sicks noted that approval of the updated MPO agreement is being carried over to February to give the Technical Committee members time to confirm that their senior staff agree with the revisions to the 2018 agreement, and if there are any other revisions required.

8. Adoption of Performance Measures and Targets

Mr. Lai noted that periodically the MPO is asked to either agree to the state's adopted performance measures and targets or to develop its own as the MPO. Ms. Sicks noted that MCRPC has always taken on the state measures and targets, noting in the resolution that although due to its small size it cannot fulfill the numerical targets, the MCRPC transportation program is focused on delivering the outcomes sought by the measures and targets.

9. That Which May Arise



Mr. Kyte advised that the change in the grantee for the RAISE grant to MCRPC has been approved through U.S. DOT and Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST). He further advised that he will be the FHWA project lead and liaison with IDOT's Office of Planning and Programming. In the next few weeks the process to draft the tri-party agreements between U.S. DOT, IDOT and MCRPC, which will then be returned to headquarters for approval. Mr. Innis suggested that there will be three agreements, one between U.S. DOT/FHWA and MCRPC, a second between U.S. DOT/FHWA and IDOT, and a third between MCRPC and the MPO participants. Mr. Kyte and Mr. Lai have discussed finalizing details of grant funding and other considerations.

Mr. Lai noted his appreciation for the decision from OST confirming MCRPC as the grant recipient. He further noted that MCRPC will be working with FHWA and the local funding partners to incorporate all the details into agreements. Mr. Lai advised that this will be a multi-year project, given the scope and the extent of the project area

Mr. Kyte noted that the Safe Streets & Roads For All grants will be announced at the end of January; if MCRPC receives the grant, there will be additional work between MCRPC and FHWA. There will be more grant opportunities announced, and Mr. Kyte noted that Mr. Lai continues to be on top of the new opportunities.

Mr. Burrill noted an early experience in his residence in Bloomington, attempting to cross Veterans Parkway as a pedestrian, and being forced to give up after several attempts.

Mr. Burrill also congratulated Connect Transit on the recent newspaper coverage of its 50th anniversary observance. Mr. Braun noted the success of the event and the interest in the Pantagraph special section. Mr. Braun also discussed additional grant funding received and new initiatives being launched.

10. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. on February 24, 2023.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Kothe moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Neihart. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Burrill adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Jennifer A. Sicks, Senior Transportation Planner
McLean County Regional Planning Commission