



Meeting Minutes
Transportation Technical Committee
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Friday, January 17, 2025; 10:30 A.M.

Government Center, Room 404
115 E. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701
Hybrid (In-Person & Virtual Meeting)

Committee Members Present (*Italics indicate representation by proxy; *=Virtual Attendance*)

Raymond Lai	MCRPC, Executive Director; Technical Committee Chair
Jeff Jurgens, <i>proxy by Kevin Kothe</i>	City of Bloomington, City Manager
Kevin Kothe	City of Bloomington, City Engineer
Cassy Taylor, <i>proxy by Jerry Stokes</i>	McLean County, County Administrator
Jerry Stokes	McLean County - Highway Department, County Engineer
Pam Reece, <i>proxy by Jason Comfort</i>	Town of Normal, City Manager
Ryan Otto, <i>proxy by Jason Comfort</i>	Town of Normal, Public Works & Engineering Director
Jason Comfort	Town of Normal, Public Works Operations Manager
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator
Derek Bridges	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief

Committee Members Absent

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

Others Present

Katie McShane*	MCRPC
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Jacob Crevoiserat	MCRPC
Anthony Bauman	MCRPC
Luke Talavera	MCRPC
Tom Caldwell	IDOT

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M.

2. Attendance

Attendance by Committee members was determined and is listed above. A quorum was present in-person. Members of the committee and other staff introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes – Friday, December 20, 2024

Mr. Comfort offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Items for Action and/or referral to the Policy Committee

5. Approval of Amendment No. 27 to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program in FY 2025, consisting of revised funding for District 5 project no. J043, for Preliminary Engineering Phases I and II, revised due to changes in funding source and acceleration of project schedule, at a total cost of \$2,619,000.

Mr. Bridges gave a brief overview of the amendment, which concerns one of the Illinois 9 projects. The amendment is a decrease in the funding for Phases I and II.

6. Approval of Amendment No. 28 to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program in FY 2025, consisting of an additional scope element for demolition and construction of a new weigh station on I-74 at Carlock, at a total additional cost of \$1,600,000.

Mr. Bridges gave a brief overview of the amendment, which concerns the weigh station at Carlock. This amendment provides for the destruction of the old weigh station and construction of a new one.

7. Approval of Amendment No. 29 to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of District 5 project no. A163 in FY 2025, on I-74 at the Carlock weigh stations, for patching and paving, at a total cost of \$1,400,000, increased from \$1,000,000.

Mr. Bridges gave a brief overview of the amendment, which is both an increase in funding and a funding-type change. The total cost is increasing by \$400,000 from \$1,000,000 to \$1,400,000 and is now being funded by the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) with a state match.

8. Approval of Amendment No. 30 to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of revised funding of District 5 project no. K030 in FY 2026, with additional construction engineering at a total cost of \$2,000,000.

Mr. Bridges gave a brief overview of the amendment, which concerns a Construction Engineering project on U.S. Route 51 B between Gregory St in Normal and Olive St in Bloomington. The amendment provides for additional funding in FY 2026.

Mr. Kothe offered a combined motion to approve Items 5, 6, 7, and 8 (Amendments Nos. 27-30) and was seconded by Mr. Comfort. These items will be referred to the Policy Committee.

9. Approval of Resolution regarding MCRPC MPO Acceptance of State of Illinois 2025 PM-1 Performance Measures and Targets.

Ms. Sicks gave a brief overview of the resolution which states that MCRPC concurs with IDOT's new PM-1 performance metrics which are revised annually. The resolution also provides the caveat that MCRPC cannot fully achieve the percentage goals set out by IDOT due to local conditions. Ms. Sicks described how this is consistent with MCRPC's practice in previous years.

Mr. Caldwell added that, when these goals were first being adopted several years ago, some MPOs set their own goals that were more aggressive than those set by the State of Illinois. However, in the years since then, many of these MPOs have realigned their goals with those of IDOT.

Mr. Bridges offered a motion to approve Item 9 and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion was approved unanimously. This item will be referred to the Policy Committee.

Items of Information or Discussion

10. Project Updates

- a) Mr. Lai informed the committee that the Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan Project has moved into the public engagement phase and that a survey is open until February 10, 2025. Mr. Lai passed out copies of the bi-lingual survey flier and requested that members of the committee share it with their networks to boost the response rate.
- b) Mr. Lai informed the committee of a federal grant known as PROTECT and how IDOT is planning on filing a joint application on behalf of the state MPOs. IDOT has asked MCRPC to provide any local projects that could be funded by the grant. Ms. Sicks distributed a handout to the committee members and requested that they take the next week to think of any projects that could be applicable. She suggested that a meeting be scheduled during the next week to discuss any projects that come up. Mr. Stokes asked what kinds of projects the MPOs are looking for to satisfy this grant opportunity. The committee members discussed examples of projects that could apply.
- c) Mr. Bridges informed the committee that the timeline for the HMLT 2025-1 project is being moved forward from June to April 2025.
- d) Mr. Magee brought up that there would be meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23 regarding the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP).

11. That Which May Arise

No items were raised.

12. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, February 21, 2025; 10:30 A.M.

13. Adjourn

Mr. Stokes offered a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion was approved unanimously, and Mr. Lai adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

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