



DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Transportation Technical Committee
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Friday, February 21, 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 Jim Karch</i>	City of Bloomington, City Manager
Jim Karch	City of Bloomington, Interim Engineering Director
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 Ryan Otto</i>	Town of Normal, City Manager
Ryan Otto	Town of Normal, Public Works & Engineering Director
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
Thomas Valencia	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.

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, January 17, 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. 31 to the FY 2025-2029 TIP in FY 2025, consisting of reduced funding by 12.5% for District 5 project no. A163, for Designed Overlay/Resurfacing, reduced due to changes in Final Engineer's Estimate, at a total cost of \$30,200,000.

Since Items 5-10 all relate to IDOT District 5 projects, Mr. Lai asked if Mr. Bridges could provide the committee with background on each.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendment No. 31 is for the resurfacing of I-74 from Carlock to I-55 north of the Town of Normal, the cost of which has been reduced.

6. Approval of Amendment No. 32 to the FY 2025-2029 TIP in FY 2025, consisting of an increase in funding \$220,000 from \$20,000 for District 5 project no. J043-2, for land acquisition to, at a total cost of \$220,000.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendment No. 32 is a cost increase of \$200,000 for land acquisition. The reason for the cost increase is because of an additional parcel that had to be purchased.

7. Approval of Amendment No. 33 to the FY 2025-2029 TIP in FY 2025 for District 5 project no. J043-5, consisting of additional funding for Utility Relocation, at a total cost of \$100,000.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendment No. 33 is a utility adjustment that consists of additional funding for utility relocation.

8. Approval of Amendment No. 34 to the FY 2025-2029 TIP in FY 2025 for District 5 project no. BP2025-2, consisting of bridge painting at various locations with cost reduction based on Final Estimate and removal of two Piatt Co. structures at a total cost of \$365,000.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendment No. 34 is a change in cost based on a final estimate for structure removal.

9. Approval of Amendment No. 35 to the FY 2025-2029 TIP in FY 2026 for District 5 project no. BP2025-2 consisting of transfer of project to FY 2026 for Lighting installation and an increase of total cost from \$550,000 to \$1,035,000.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendment No. 35 is an increase in cost for a lighting project on US-51. The project had to be moved to FY 2026 due to increased costs.

10. Approval of Amendment No. 36 to the FY 2025-2029 TIP in FY 2027 for new District 5 project no. H683H684, consisting of bridge deck overlays on I-55 at a total cost of \$5,500,000.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendment No. 36 is a new project consisting of bridge deck overlays on I-55.

Mr. Stokes offered a combined motion to approve Items 5-10 (Amendments Nos. 31-36) and was seconded by Mr. Bridges. These items will be referred to the Policy Committee.

Items of Information or Discussion

10. Project Updates

- a) Mr. Bridges informed the committee that no IDOT project timelines have been moved since the last committee meeting. Mr. Comfort asked where the US-51 walkway project is located. Mr. Bridges and Ms. Sicks explained that it is the main street corridor south of I-55 at College Avenue. Mr. Comfort asked when the bid for this project is expected, to which Mr. Bridges replied that it is expected June 25, 2025.
- b) Mr. Lai informed the committee that MCRPC received a request earlier in the week from IDOT to report any projects that could utilize unprogrammed money. Mr. Lai said that after discussion with our local partners, MCRPC submitted three projects to IDOT. The first, for the City of Bloomington, is the Hamilton Road extension. The second, for the Town of Normal, is the underpass at Uptown Station. And the third, from Connect Transit, is for the downtown Bloomington transit center. Mr. Lai asked if Mr. Caldwell had any further information to share about this IDOT funding opportunity. Mr. Caldwell said that he did not.
- c) Mr. Lai informed the committee that MCRPC has issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant that the commission has received. The project would be an update for the 2021 Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan.
- d) Mr. Magee informed the committee that IDOT has still not received the confirmation from the federal government to allocate funding for new projects, which usually happens in December or January. However, IDOT has been told that they will receive this soon. Mr. Magee asked the members of the committee to tell him about any potential projects for FY 2029 or 2030 so it can be included in IDOT's report to the federal government.
- e) Ms. Sicks informed the committee that next week the memo regarding the FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be sent out.
- f) Mr. Magee informed the committee that there would be an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) and Safe Routes to School grant seminar upcoming in April.

- g) Mr. Lai informed the committee that MCRPC submitted a proposed Unified Budget Template (UBT) for FY 2026 to IDOT, as is required annually.
- h) Mr. Magee asked MCRPC about the status of Electronic TIP (E-TIP) implementation. Mr. Lai reported that MCRPC staff attended a demonstration but are currently waiting for other Municipal Planning Organizations (MPOs) to make the transition before MCRPC, based on IDOT's schedule for the deployment of the E-TIP..

11. That Which May Arise
No items were raised.

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

13. Adjourn
Mr. Otto offered a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously, and Mr. Lai adjourned the meeting at 10:59 A.M.

Meeting Minutes Prepared By:
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