



DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Transportation Policy Committee
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Friday, February 28th, 2025; 11:30 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*)

Carl Teichman	MCRPC, Chair; Policy Committee Chair
Lea Cline*, <i>proxy (voting) by Jerry Stokes</i>	McLean County Board – Land Use/Transportation Committee, Chair
Chris Koos, <i>proxy by Jason Comfort</i>	Town of Normal, Mayor
Mboka Mwilambwe, <i>proxy by Jim Karch</i>	City of Bloomington, Mayor
Jeffery Allen	IDOT District 5, Land Acquisition Engineer

Committee Members Absent

None

Others Present

Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Raymond Lai	MCRPC
Katie McShane*	MCRPC
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Thomas Valencia	MCRPC

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M.

2. Attendance

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

3. Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes – Friday, January 24, 2025 Meeting

Mr. Allen offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, January 24, 2025 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Comfort. 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 Engineers Estimate, at a total cost of \$30,200,000.
- 6.** Approval of **Amendment No. 32** to the FY 2025-2029 TIP in FY 2025, consisting of an increase in funding for District 5 project no. J043-2 land acquisition to \$220,000 from \$20,000, at a total cost of \$220,000.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 \$5,500,000.

Mr. Caldwell informed the committee that Amendment No. 31 (Project A163) consists of 90% federal funding, whereas most other projects typically have an 80% funding match from the federal government. He also mentioned that Todd Schmitt from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Illinois Division is now handling all TIP amendments as Betsy Tracy has retired from FHWA. After some initial concern otherwise, it was confirmed that TIP amendments are still being sent to the FHWA for approval without issues.

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve Items 5 through 10 (Amendments 31 through 36) and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

11. Project Updates

- a) Mr. Lai provided an update on the Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan project. The Project Steering Committee (PSC) met recently on Friday, February 14th and will meet again on Friday, March 14th. A draft report regarding Stage 2 has been sent to the PSC members for their review. The project's public survey has been promoted throughout the community for the last several weeks and the deadline to complete the survey is Friday, February 28.
- b) Mr. Lai also provided an update of the Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan Update, which is funded by a Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A) planning grant from the FHWA. MCRPC is currently in the

consultant selection process. Once a consultant is selected, a contact will be brought before the Regional Planning Commission for approval in the March 2024 meeting.

12. That Which May Arise

None.

13. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, March 28th, 2025; 11:30 A.M.

14. Adjourn

Mr. Allen offered a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Comfort. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 A.M.

Meeting Minutes Prepared By:

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