



DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Transportation Technical Committee
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Friday, March 21st, 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 Luke Hohulin</i>	McLean County, County Administrator
Jerry Stokes, <i>proxy by Luke Hohulin</i>	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
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

Jake Crevoiserat*	MCRPC
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Thomas Valencia	MCRPC
Paige Griffin	MCRPC

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M.
 Mr. Lai introduced Ms. Paige Griffin as a new intern at MCRPC.

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

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

4. Approval of Minutes – Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. Kothe pointed out that the Town of Normal representative for the February 2025 meeting was Mr. Otto, however, Mr. Comfort was incorrectly listed as making a motion. Ms. Sicks will correct the information.

Mr. Kothe offered a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2025 meeting as corrected 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. 37 to the FY 2025-2029 TIP in FY 2025, consisting of a state-only funding increase for District 5 project #C085 for smart overlays on I-55 at the northbound and southbound ramps at the Towanda interchange, at a total cost of \$750,000.

Mr. Bridges explained that there will be an increase in state funding, but not federal funding. The original amount was \$500,050. It will be tentatively put on an April 24th letting.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Bridges to clarify the share of federal and state funding in the project. Mr. Bridges explained that while the project will receive an increase of state funding, that does not indicate that the project supported by state funds only. Mr. Caldwell explained that there is currently an effort to reduce the amount of TIP amendments that involves federal funding changes due to short staffing at the FHWA's Illinois Division office.

Ms. Sicks noted that TIP amendments include all funding contributors to a project, regardless of certain sources of funding will remain unchanged.

Mr. Bridges offered a motion to approve Amendment No. 37 and was seconded by Mr. Comfort. The motion was approved unanimously. This approved amendment will be referred to the Policy Committee.

6. Approval of a resolution of adoption of IDOT performance targets for Pavement and Bridges (PM2) and System Performance (PM3), as promulgated by the Illinois Secretary of Transportation on September 30, 2024.

Ms. Sicks explained that the state performance targets are calculated using percentages; the resolution notes that the percentage calculation does not properly represent populations of smaller communities.

Mr. Kothe offered a motion to approve Item 6 and was seconded by Mr. Hohulin. The motion was approved unanimously. The approved resolution will be referred to the Policy Committee.

Items of Information or Discussion

11. Project Updates

Mr. Lai informed the committee that the Commission approved the contract between MCRPC and Lochmueller Group to commence the updating of the Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan. This project is funded by a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning grant from the FHWA, with substantial support from local and state partners, including the Illinois Department of Transportation.

- b) Mr. Lai informed the committee that Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan project is on schedule and the Phase 2 Opportunities and Needs Report was shared with the Project Steering Committee (PSC). The consultant also completed a public engagement report, and it has been shared with the PSC for their review. The PSC is scheduled to meet on Friday, April 11, 2025.

12. That Which May Arise

Mr. Comfort pointed out that the resolution that was approved as part of Item 6 incorrectly states that Chris Koos is the "Mayor of Bloomington". Ms. Sicks will change the entry to the "Town of Normal".

13. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, April 18, 2025; 10:30 A.M.

14. Adjourn

Mr. Hohulin offered a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion was approved unanimously, and Mr. Lai adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

Minutes Prepared By:

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