



DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Transportation Policy Committee
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Friday, April 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, <i>proxy by Raymond Lai</i>	MCRPC, Chairperson; Policy Committee Chairperson
Lea Cline, <i>proxy Luke Hohulin</i>	McLean County Board – Land Use/Transportation Committee, Chair
Chris Koos, <i>proxy by Zach Wall</i>	Town of Normal, Mayor
Mboka Mwilambwe, <i>proxy by Dominic Kallas</i>	City of Bloomington, Mayor
Jeffery Allen*, <i>proxy (voting) by Kevin Trapp</i>	IDOT District 5, Land Acquisition Engineer

Committee Members Absent

None

Others Present

Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC	Tom Caldwell	IDOT	
Thomas Valencia	MCRPC	Brady Lange	Connect Transit	_____
Katie McShane*	MCRPC	Ashley Strupek	Connect Transit	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 A.M.

2. Attendance

Attendance by Committee members is listed above. A quorum was present in-person. Mr. Allen attended virtually and did not vote. Mr. Lai requested that meeting attendees introduce 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, March 28th, 2025, Meeting

Mr. Hohulin offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, March 28th, 2025, meeting and was seconded by Mr. Kallas. The motion was approved unanimously.

Items for Action and/or referral to the Policy Committee

5. Approval by Resolution of Amendment No. 40 to the FY 2025-2029 TIP in FY 2025, consisting of Connect Transit revisions due to updating pricing related to a project bid, and of the move of a vehicle purchase from FY 2026 to FY 2025.

- a) Ms. Sicks informed committee members that the approval of the amendment is being done by resolution due to Connect Transit having a tight deadline related to the project.
- b) Mr. Lange thanked the committee members for approving the amendment by resolution as it will better align with the expedited project timeline. He informed the committee that federal dollars are being obligated to support the purchase of new vehicles. The purchases are using a state contract that will conclude soon. Due to uncertainty of when a new state contract will occur, Connect Transit staff wants to move the purchases from FY 2026 to FY 2025 in order to purchase the new vehicles sooner. He also informed that ten 40-foot New Flyer buses will be receiving a mid-life overhaul. The project bid pricing for the mid-life overhaul increased, so a revision is needed.
- c) Mr. Hohulin offered a motion to approve Item 6 (Amendment No. 40) and was seconded by Mr. Kallas. The motion was approved unanimously.
- d) The resolution was signed by the appropriate parties.

Items of Information or Discussion

6. Project Updates

- a) Mr. Lai provided an update on the Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan, which is funded by a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) awarded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Project Steering Committee (PSC) did not meet this month and will meet next on Friday, May 9th, 2025. The consultant, TY Lin, continues to make progress with the project analyses and submitted a final draft of both the Community Engagement Report and Needs & Opportunities report for MCRPC staff to review. Both reports will be posted on the project website once the staff review is complete.
- b) Mr. Lai informed the committee regarding the Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan update, which is funded by a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. The kickoff meeting of the PSC occurred earlier in the day. He informed the committee that the goal of the project is to update the current safety action plan, which was adopted in 2021, with updated data to meet SS4A criteria for implementation. The project is scheduled to be completed by September 2025.

7. That Which May Arise

- a) Mr. Caldwell noted that Anna Musial has returned to the FHWA Illinois Division planning staff.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, May 23rd, 2025; 11:30 A.M. (subsequently cancelled)

9. Adjourn

Mr. Kallas offered a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Trapp. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 A.M.

Meeting Minutes Prepared By:

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