



DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Transportation Policy Committee
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Friday, July 25th, 2025, at 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*)

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| Carl Teichman, <i>proxy by Raymond Lai</i> | MCRPC, Chairperson; Policy Committee Chair |
| Lea Cline, <i>proxy Jerry Stokes</i> | McLean County, Land Use/Transportation Committee Chair |
| Dan Brady, <i>proxy by Jim Karch</i> | City of Bloomington, Mayor |
| Chris Koos, <i>proxy by Ryan Otto</i> | Town of Normal, Mayor |
| Jeffery Allen | IDOT – District 5, Land Acquisition Engineer |

Others Present

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| Tom Caldwell | IDOT |
| David Braun | Connect Transit |
| Alex Giantamidis | Connect Transit |
| Jennifer Sicks | MCRPC |
| Katie McShane* | MCRPC |
| Thomas Valencia | MCRPC |

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lai called the meeting 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

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

4. Approval of the minutes of the June 27th, 2025, meeting

Mr. Allen offered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27th, 2025, meeting and was seconded by Mr. Karch. The motion was approved unanimously.

Items for Actions and/or Referral to the Policy

5. Approval of Amendment 1 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for Connect Transit project no. 2026-2 in FY 2026, revision in funding for the purchase of five light-duty battery vans wherein FTA 5339 funding of \$748,125 is increased to \$1,411,662 and Rebuild Illinois capital

funding of \$800,000 is reduced to \$136,469, with use of transportation development credits, resulting in a final project cost of \$1,548,131.

6. Approval of Amendment 2 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for Connect Transit project no. 2027-1 in FY 2027, revision in funding for the purchase of five light-duty battery vans wherein FTA 5339 funding of \$748,125 is increased to \$1,411,662 and Rebuild Illinois capital funding of \$800,000 is reduced to \$136,469, with use of transportation development credits, resulting in a final project cost of \$1,548,131.

Mr. Braun provided Committee members with a summary of both Items 5 and 6. These items will allow Connect Transit to proceed with a deal with IDOT in which Connect Transit swaps out current Rebuild Illinois funds for vehicles purchases with monies from FTA Section 5339.

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve both Items 5 and 6 as a combined motion and was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion was approved unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

7. Project Updates

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Lai and Ms. Sicks regarding the self-certification process for the TIP for MCRPC as an MPO. Ms. Sicks explained that the self-certification process is a procedure MPOs do to ensure that metropolitan transportation programs are being carried out in alignment with federal regulations. Ms. Sicks stated that the usual MCRPC practice is to include the self-certification process in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), where it is approved as part of the TIP. Mr. Caldwell stated that IDOT Metropolitan Planning Section Chief Brandon Geber wants the self-certification process to be done independently and that there is no deadline.

Ms. Sicks noted to the Committee that the discussions with Mr. Caldwell and his reading of the self-certification in the current meeting having just taken place would qualify as the official discussion of the self-certification process. Mr. Lai signed the form and Mr. Caldwell signed the form as well.

8. That Which May Arise

None.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, August 22nd, 2025, at 11:30 AM

10. Adjourn

Mr. Karch offered a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Lai adjourned the meeting at 11:41 A.M.

Minutes Prepared By:

Thomas Valencia, Assistant Planner

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