



**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**  
**Transportation Technical Committee**  
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

**Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.**  
*(rescheduled from original date and time)*  
Government Center, Suite M-103 Conference Room  
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, Director of Engineering
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
David Braun	Connect Transit, Managing Director
Derek Bridges	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator
<b>Committee Members Absent</b>	
Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport Authority, Executive Director

**Others Present**

Anna Musial*	FHWA
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
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 11:00 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting**

Mr. Bridges offered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting and was seconded by Mr. Magee. 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 change the fund sourcing wherein IDOT will exchange Rebuild Illinois funds for FTA Section 5339 funds, permitting a portion of the Rebuild Illinois funds to be reallocated. Ms. Sicks stated that the exchange requires approval of the amendments by the Technical and Policy Committees.

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

## Items of Information or Discussion

### 7. Project Updates

Mr. Karch provided updates of projects in the City of Bloomington. He advised the Hamilton Road project will go out for an August 1<sup>st</sup> letting. City Council members approved a contract with Stark Excavating Inc. to begin work on the Downtown Bloomington Streetscape Project, starting with the 300 to 600 block of North Main Street.

Mr. Lai provided updates of projects at MCRPC. He noted that the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan update met today and that project consultant Lochmueller Group will be hosting two open houses for the public, one on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Bloomington Public Library and another one on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 7 PM at the McLean County Highway Department. The project has a month-and-a-half left to be completed. He also advised that the PSC for the Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan will meet on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Lai if the Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan update is either a planning project or implementation project and Ms. Sicks advised that it is a planning project. Mr. Caldwell noted that the SS4A grant funding the Go:Safe update is on the Federal Highway Administration's Financial Integrity Review and Evaluation (FIRE) report. Mr. Lai advised that it is MCRPC's Statewide Planning & Research (SPR) grant that is listed in the FIRE report. Mr. Caldwell stated that the FHWA needs invoices from MCRPC as soon as possible and Mr. Lai stated that invoices will be coming soon that highlight the latest purchase of promotional items for Go:Safe. Ms. McShane also provide details regarding the requisitions related to those grants.

Mr. Braun provided updates of ongoing initiatives at Connect Transit. He stated that a new service called Connect Go was launched earlier this month to provide transit service in rural McLean County. Each week, the agency is seeing an increase in ridership using that service. He also mentioned that the roll-out of the new service is being done slowly to avoid overwhelming the service with riders during the transition period. The McLean County Board will eventually consider reestablishing a fare as the service is currently free.

Mr. Karch asked Mr. Braun why the service was launched and Mr. Braun deferred to Ms. Sicks. Ms. Sicks explained that last year the McLean County Board voted to withdraw from the intergovernmental agreement with several other counties wherein SHOW BUS was contracted by McLean County as the rural public transit provider. McLean County selected Connect Transit as the new grantee and service provider.

#### 8. That Which May Arise

None.

#### 9. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:30 AM

#### 10. Adjourn

Mr. Stokes offered a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Braun. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Lai adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

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#### Minutes Prepared By:

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