



DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Transportation Technical Committee
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Friday, September 19th, 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 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
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator
Derek Bridges	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief

Committee Members Absent

David Braun	Connect Transit, Managing Director
Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director

Others Present

Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Jake Crevoiserat	MCRPC
Katie McShane*	MCRPC
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Elizabeth Irvin*	IDOT
Brandon Geber*	IDOT
Calista Mackey	MCRPC
Thomas Valencia	MCRPC

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M.

2. Attendance

Attendance by Committee members was determined and is listed above. A quorum was present in-person. Mr. Lai introduced Ms. Irvin and Mr. Geber from the IDOT Bureau of Planning who were attending virtually.

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 Minutes – Friday, August 15th, 2025

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15th 2025 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Items for Action and/or referral to the Policy Committee: Following discussion from Committee members, Items 8, 10, 12, 13, and 14 were removed from the agenda and the remaining items were re-numbered accordingly in these minutes.

5. Approval of Amendment 8 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of an IDOT-OP&P project for a National Electric vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI Round 2) grant to Love's Travel Stop Store #867 (truck stop), located at 2007 N. Main St., Normal, IL, 61761, in McLean County, Exit 165 on I-55, for 4 Ameren ports, 40.54168 latitude, 88.9979 longitude, with a total project cost of \$1,252,356, total non-utility project cost of \$1,197,356 and total reimbursement cost of \$582,345, with federal share of 46%.

6. Approval of Amendment 9 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of an IDOT-OP&P project for a National Electric vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI Round 2) grant to Francis Energy Charging LLC for installation at Eric's Too Family Restaurant & Lounge, a restaurant located at 921 Maple Hill Road, Bloomington, IL, 61705, in McLean County, Exit 160 on I-74, for 4 Ameren ports, 40.48589 latitude, 89.0318 longitude, with a total project cost of \$1,254,843, total non-utility project cost of \$979,843 and total reimbursement cost of \$910,287, with federal share 73%.

Ms. Irvin explained that Items 5 and 6 are about two locations that were awarded NEVI grants. For this funding to be obligated, the projects must be in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Otto asked what the timeline for installation is. Ms. Irvin answered that it varies depending on the utilities present on site.

Mr. Magee asked how the federal share percentage was calculated for these projects. Ms. Irvin answered that projects with less federal share percent were scored higher in the application process.

Mr. Lai asked how many projects were awarded grants in the state of Illinois. Ms. Irvin answered that 37 locations were awarded in the first round and 25 locations in the second round.

Mr. Otto offered a motion to approve Item 5 and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously. This item will be referred to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Bridges offered a motion to approve Item 6 and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion was approved unanimously. This item will be referred to the Policy Committee.

7. Approval of Amendment 10 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, a revision to IDOT District 5 project no. H674H675H676 consisting of a funding increase with a total project cost of \$1,000,000 for PE (Phases I and II) on I-7w at various locations east of US 51

8. Approval of Amendment 11 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, a revision of IDOT District 5 project no. J043-2 consisting of land acquisition on IL-9, US 51 BUS, US 150, IL 9 B & US 150 F, from IL 9: W Mulberry St to N Main St; US 51 BUS: Locust St to Empire St; US 150: N Center St to W Locust St in Bloomington, at a total cost of \$21,000

9. Approval of Amendment 12 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, a revision of IDOT District 5 project no. J043-4 consisting of land acquisition on US 150 F/IL 9 B from west of Towanda Ave to N Main St in Bloomington, at a total cost of \$200,000.

10. Approval of Amendment 13 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, a revision of IDOT District 5 project no. J043-5 at IL 9 Carnahan Dr east of Bloomington/Castleton Dr, consisting of land acquisition at a total project cost of \$63,000

11. Approval of Amendment 14 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, a revision of IDOT District 5 project no. J043-5 at various locations on I-55 over White Oak Road & I-55 BUS for RR Coordination at a total cost of \$36,000.

12. Approval of Amendment 15 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, a revision of IDOT District 5 project no. J043 at IL 9/US 150/US 150F/IL 9B, from east of I-74 to Royal Pointe Dr in Bloomington and Locust Street to Towanda Ave in Bloomington, consisting of PE Phases I & II at a total project cost of \$2,270,000.

13. Approval of Amendment 16 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, a revision of IDOT District 5 project no. J043 at IL 9/US 150/US 150F/IL 9B, from east of I-74 to Royal Pointe Dr in Bloomington and Locust Street to Towanda Ave in Bloomington, consisting of construction engineering at a total cost of \$2,500,000

Mr. Bridges discussed items 7-13 as a group. Item 7 refers to Amendment 10 to the TIP which is an increase in project funding. Item 8 refers to Amendment 11, which is a carryover of land acquisition funding from FY2025 to FY2026. Item 9 refers to Amendment 12, which is a new line of funding for land acquisition in FY2026. Item 10 refers to Amendment 13 which is a carryover of land acquisition funding from FY2025 to FY2026. Item 11 refers to Amendment 14, which is a carryover of railroad coordination from FY2025 to FY2026. Item 12 refers to Amendment 15, which is a combination of two lines of funding from FY2025 to a line that already existed in FY2026. Item 13 refers to Amendment 16, which is a new line of funding for construction inspection.

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve Items 7-13 and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion was approved unanimously. These items will be referred to the Policy Committee.

Items of Information or Discussion

14. Discussion regarding MCRPC conversion to E-TIP status

- a) Mr. Geber discussed IDOT's efforts for MPOs in Illinois to convert from a traditional TIP format to an electronic TIP based on the platform used by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).
- b) Ms. Sicks and Mr. Valencia gave a presentation about MCRPC's E-TIP implementation process to the committee.
- c) Ms. Sicks asked when IDOT will release the Multi Year Program and Mr. Geber answered that he thinks it will be on October 1st.

15. Project Updates

- a) Mr. Lai said that the Go:Safe Action Plan Update was completed by the consulting team and it will be brought before the MCRPC on Wednesday, September 24th. Mr. Lai invited members of the Committee who serve on the Project Steering Committee (PSC) to attend. After the adoption of the plan, a task force will begin working to implement it.
- b) Mr. Lai said that the Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting for the Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan in September was cancelled to allow the consulting team to do more analysis. The next meeting will take place on October 10th, and there will be public open houses in November.
- c) Mr. Karch asked if anyone had an update on the IDOT Route 51 project. Mr. Otto said that he has heard it is being delayed until February 2026.
- d) Mr. Stokes said that the RAISE grant that was awarded for the Route 66 bike trail project was withdrawn by the US DOT. The Route 66 bike trail project from Funks Grove to the Village of McLean that is already ongoing is progressing with multiple miles paved out.
- e) Mr. Otto said that the safety pilot projects around the Illinois State University campus are still in place and have received positive feedback. Some projects will become permanent.
- f) Mr. Karch said that Phase II of the Hamilton Road project was awarded funding, and Phase I will be completed within the next few weeks. The land acquisition process for the Fox Creek Road bridge project is nearing completion and Mr. Karch said he hopes the city will send out requests for bids in October 2025. Construction on the downtown Bloomington streetscape project in the 600 block is ongoing and should be completed by November 2025.

16. That Which May Arise

None.

17. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, October 17th, 2025; 10:30 A.M.

18. Adjourn

Mr. Karch offered a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Lai adjourned the meeting at 11:22 A.M.

Minutes Prepared By:

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