



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

Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 11:00 AM

Government Center, Room 404  
115 E. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701  
Hybrid (In-Person & Virtual Meeting)

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**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
Katie McShane*	MCRPC
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Calista Mackey	MCRPC
Thomas Valencia	MCRPC

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

**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 Minutes – Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Mr. Otto offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously.

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### **Items for Action and/or referral to the Policy Committee**

#### **5. Approval of Amendment 17 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program,**

consisting of revision to District 5 project no. J043-2 [Fed ID 6DZV(694)] designed overlay, ADA improvements and curb & gutter on segments of IL 9 from W. Mulberry to N Main, US 51 BUS from Locust to Empire, and US 150 from N Center to W Locust in Bloomington, at a reduced total cost of \$8,966,000 due to removal of traffic signals from project scope.

#### **6. Approval of Amendment 18 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program,**

consisting of revision to District 5 project no. J043-2 [state/local only] designed overlay and ADA improvements on segments of IL 9 from W. Mulberry to N Main, US 51 BUS from Locust to Empire, and US 150 from N Center to W Locust in Bloomington, with local funding of \$417,000 and state funding of \$417,000 for a total project cost of \$834,000.

#### **7. Approval of Amendment 19 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program,**

a revision to IDOT District 5 project no. J043-2 [state only], consisting of utility adjustments on segments of IL 9 from W. Mulberry to N Main, US 51 BUS from Locust to Empire, and US 150 from N Center to W Locust in Bloomington, carrying over \$70,000 in funding from FY 2025 to FY 2026.

Mr. Bridges stated that Amendments 17 through 19 (Items 5 through 7) are related.

#### **8. Approval of Amendment 20 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program,**

a revision to IDOT District 5 project no. J043-5 [Fed ID 6DZV(694)], consisting of funding source revisions for designed overlay, ADA improvements, curb & gutter and traffic signal replacement on IL 9 and Hershey Road from west of Towanda Ave to Carnahan Dr/Castleton east of Bloomington, at a total cost of \$19,591,000.

#### **9. Approval of Amendment 21 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program,**

a revision of IDOT District 5 project no. J043-5 [local only] funding for designed overlay, ADA improvements, curb & gutter and traffic signal replacement on IL 9 and Hershey Road from west of Towanda Ave to Carnahan Dr/Castleton east of Bloomington, at a total local cost of \$409,000.

Mr. Bridges noted that Amendments 20 and 21 (Items 8 and 9) are related. Mr. Karch moved for approval of Items 5 through 9 and was seconded by Mr. Bridges. The motion was approved unanimously.

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### **Items of Information or Discussion**

#### 10. Project Updates

- a) Mr. Lai advised that there will be public open houses hosted by TYLin and MCRPC for the Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge and Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at the Bloomington Public Library. A meeting for

the business community will also be held on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30 PM at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge. A virtual open house will be held on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM. He asked the Committee to help get the word out on the events.

- b) Mr. Lai noted that MCRPC is currently in the final stages of the development of an electronic Transportation Improvement Program (e-TIP). The e-TIP will “go live” on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. He mentioned that Mr. Valencia sent the Committee training materials for the e-TIP before the meeting. Ms. Sicks and Mr. Valencia will work with Committee members to help them transition to the new e-TIP platform. Ms. Sicks also mentioned that projects from the IDOT Multi-Year Program (MYP) will also be added soon.
- c) Mr. Lai explained that MCRPC is reviewing the IDOT Safety Performance Targets to consider if the state targets should be adopted by the MPO. Ms. Sicks mentioned that the Go:Safe McLean County Task Force will also be consulted regarding these targets. Mr. Lai said MCRPC will support the state targets but can pursue more ambitious targets through the Go:Safe process.
- d) Mr. Lai advised that MCRPC continues to conduct public outreach regarding transportation safety. He stated that over 1,500 people have been reached throughout various events such as the recent Day of Play in Uptown Normal and the Downtown Bloomington Trick-or-Treat event (those two events reached over 600 people).
- e) Mr. Karch advised that the Fox Creek Road Bridge Improvement Project will be going out for a letting this coming Monday. The Hamilton Road Extension Phase II project has been bid, let, and is under construction and Phase I is finishing up. He encouraged everybody to visit the City of Bloomington’s Infrastructure Dashboard on the city’s website for more information.
- f) Mr. Otto advised that the contract award for the Uptown Connector Underpass Project will go before the Town Council for a vote of approval this coming Monday. The underpass will go between the Mark Peterson Plaza and the parking lot south of Uptown Station under the Amtrak/Union Pacific tracks. Mr. Karch asked about the finances of the project and Mr. Otto mentioned the original cost was around \$12 million as determined in 2019 but has since increased to \$32 million.

#### 11. That Which May Arise

None

#### 12. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 11:00 AM

- a) Mr. Lai will not be attending this meeting and Ms. Sicks will chair the meeting in his place. He may join virtually.
- b) Ms. Sicks mentioned that the meeting has been pushed back to 11:00 AM from its typical meeting time of 10:30 AM due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### 13. Adjourn

Mr. Karch offered a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

#### Minutes Prepared By:

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