



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

**Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, proxy by Jim Karch	City of Bloomington, City Manager
Jim Karch	City of Bloomington, Director of Engineering
Cassy Taylor, proxy by Jerry Stokes	McLean County, County Administrator
Jerry Stokes	McLean County - Highway Department, County Engineer
Pam Reece, proxy by Jason Comfort	Town of Normal, City Manager
Jason Comfort	Town of Normal, Public Works & Engineering Operations Manager
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
Hirat Rahi	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.

### 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 – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve the minutes of the October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Bridges. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

5. Approval of Amendment 28 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of revision to District 5 project no. K030 [State Only] in FY 2026, consisting of construction engineering for US 51B (Main Street) at Gregory St/Bowles St in Normal, with total cost increased from \$2 million to \$2.5 million.

6. Approval of Amendment 29 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of revision to District 5 project no. H683H684 [9]Y1(467)] in FY 2026 for bridge deck overlays on I-55 at County Highway 29 (0.5 N of Towanda) and at Money Creek (1.5 .m NE of Towanda), at a total project cost of \$6,400,000.

Mr. Lai asked Mr. Bridges to discuss Items 5 and 6 to the members of the Committee. Mr. Bridges said that Amendment 28 to the Transportation Improvement Program (Item 5) increases the construction engineering funding for Project no. K030 from \$2 million to \$2.5 million. Amendment 29 to the Transportation Improvement Program (Item 6) moves a bridge deck overlay project on I-55 from FY2027 to FY2026.

Mr. Karch asked Mr. Bridges if the increase in cost from Item 5 is due to feedback from consultants. Mr. Bridges said that that was a safe assumption.

Mr. Stokes asked Mr. Bridges if Amendment 29 is on a January 16<sup>th</sup> letting and Mr. Bridges responded that that is true as far as he knows.

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve Items 5 and 6 and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously. These items will be referred to the Policy Committee. Bloomington and Locust Street to Towanda Ave in Bloomington, consisting of PE Phases I & II at a total project cost of \$2,270,000.

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

## 7. MCRPC 2026 PM1 target setting, in response to 2026 adopted State targets

Mr. Lai said that this topic relates to safety target setting, which IDOT releases each year and then MPOs decide how to set their own targets. Mr. Lai asked Mr. Caldwell if he had anything to add. Mr. Caldwell responded that the MPO targets are due 180 days after the state targets are set. Mr. Caldwell asked if MCRPC plans on submitting targets in January and Mr. Sicks and Mr. Lai responded yes.

Mr. Lai asked Ms. Sicks to give background on this topic to the members of the Committee. Ms. Sicks said that MCRPC traditionally approves safety targets at the Policy Committee. MCRPC has in the past adopted the state targets with the proviso that the percentage changes do not apply as easily to communities with low incident counts. Mr. Lai said that MCRPC's inclination is to adopt the state safety targets, but that the agency can make the community even safer. Ms. Sicks said that MCRPC has adopted the 2025 Go:Safe safety action plan to achieve the "Vision Zero" goal of no traffic fatalities. Mr. Lai said that MCRPC will be scheduling a meeting with the Go:Safe Task Force in January.

Mr. Caldwell asked if the targets apply to McLean County or just to the MCRPC Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). Ms. Sicks responded that they only apply to the MPA. Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Sicks discussed the tradeoffs of setting safety targets at the county or MPA level.

Mr. Comfort pointed out that Chris Koos is listed as the mayor of the City of Bloomington in the draft resolution. Ms. Sicks said she will fix that.

## 8. Project Updates

- a) Mr. Lai said that the Veterans Parkway Corridor Study Project Steering Committee (PSC) met on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Despite bad weather, attendance was good. The consulting team conveyed the findings from the November open houses and are looking at alternatives for the corridor that they will narrow down and bring back to the PSC on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mr. Lai said that we are at the last stage of the 4-stage project. The target date for plan completion is September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- b) Mr. Karch said that the Fox Creek Road bridge alignment project opened up for additional questions. There were only 15 questions originally, and the City was concerned that the contractor did not look at the project closely enough. The contractor submitted a valid question that the City could not answer. The City plans on awarding the project in January assuming that it is an awardable bid.

## 9. That Which May Arise

None.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026; 10:30 A.M.

## 18. Adjourn

Mr. Karch offered a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Comfort. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Lai adjourned the meeting at 10:44 A.M.

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**Minutes Prepared By:**

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