



DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Transportation Technical Committee
McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Friday, January 16th, 2026; 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
Brady Lange*	Connect Transit, Interim Managing Director

Committee Members Absent

Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director
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Others Present

Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Jake Crevoiserat	MCRPC
Katie McShane*	MCRPC
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Thomas Valencia	MCRPC
Luke Hohulin	McLean County

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 – December 19th, 2025

Mr. Magee moved to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2025 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Comfort. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

5. Approval of Amendment 30 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of an increase of state only funding from \$30,000 to \$248,000, for rail crossing improvement on NSRR west of White Oak Road.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendment 30 is a bridge project that is already completed, and the \$30,000 is to wrap up remaining obligations.

6. Approval of Amendment 31 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of TIP addition for patching on I-55, I-74 and U.S. 51 from Fox Creek Road to north on Washington Street at a total cost of \$950,000, on February 26th letting.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendment 31 is a new patching project that is on a February letting.

7. Approval of Amendment 32 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of bridge deck sealing at various interstate locations at a total cost of \$190,000, on February 26th letting.
8. Approval of Amendment 33 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, consisting of consisting of bridge deck sealing at various non-interstate locations at a total cost of \$85,000, on February 26th letting.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendments 32 and 33 bridge deck sealing projects with state-only funding. Amendment 32 refers to interstate locations and Amendment 33 refers to non-interstate locations.

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to approve Items 5-8 and was seconded by Mr. Karch. The motion was approved unanimously. These items will be referred to the Policy Committee.

9. MCRPC acceptance by resolution of adopted State 2026 PM1 targets (Resolution attached, with Exhibit A target chart).

Ms. Sicks said that no changes were made to this resolution since the last meeting aside from correcting who was the Mayor of Normal. As MCRPC has done in the past, the agency will adopt the state targets with the proviso that the percentage targets that IDOT uses do not apply to McLean County because the number of crashes is smaller than at the state level.

Mr. Lai said that the SS4A safety action plan was adopted a few months ago and the Go:Safe Task Force will have its kickoff meeting later today, January 16th. The task force has a few members now, but more will be added over time. The goal of the task force is to implement the safety action plan.

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to approve Item 9 and was seconded by Mr. Karch. This item will be referred to the Policy Committee.

Items of Information or Discussion

8. Project Updates

- a) Mr. Lai noted that the Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan Project Steering Committee met last Friday, January 9th. The consulting team presented findings on vehicle speeds and showed different alternatives for the roadway. A public engagement report detailing findings from virtual and in-person open houses that were held last fall was posted to the MCRPC website. A preliminary analysis report has also been posted to the MCRPC website. The project will be completed in September 2026.
- b) Ms. Sicks said that MCRPC will be holding an intergovernmental meeting before the February 20th Technical Committee meeting to discuss the ETIP transition. (Later rescheduled.) The meeting will be about what information MCRPC will request from the local agency partners. MCRPC will hold off on switching to the ETIP until the agency begins working on the FY2027 TIP. Ms. Sicks will email all agency partners to ensure that they are available on February 20th.
- c) Mr. Lai explained what the intergovernmental meetings are, their purpose, and how they have been used in the past.
- d) Mr. Caldwell asked why CIRA projects are not included in the TIP. Ms. Sicks said that it is because CIRA goes through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for their projects. There was a discussion about a representative from CIRA attending the Technical Committee meetings. Mr. Lai said that he will send a reminder request that they attend.
- e) Mr. Karch said that the Fox Creek Road bridge improvement project cost was 11% more than the engineer's estimate due to rising construction costs.
- f) There was a discussion about the Project Updates portion of the Technical Committee meetings. The Committee decided to leave the agenda as it is.
- g) Mr. Bridges said that Jason Stults has been hired as a permit development engineer and may be attending the next Policy Committee.
- h) Mr. Magee said that federal allotments have not been sent out yet but asked the members of the Committee to think of what jobs they will add.

9. That Which May Arise

None.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, February 20th, 2026; 10:30 A.M.

11. 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 A.M.

Minutes Prepared By:

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