



**Transportation Technical Committee
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

Friday, April 17, 2026
10:30 a.m.
Government Center, Room 404
115 E. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701
Hybrid (In-Person & Virtual Meeting)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Raymond LaiMCRPC, 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 StokesMcLean County, County Administrator
Jerry StokesMcLean County – Highway Department, County Engineer
Pam Reece, proxy by Jason Comfort Town of Normal, City Manager
Jason Comfort..... Town of Normal, Public Works Operations Manager
Dan Magee IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator
Derek Bridges IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Brady Lange, proxy by Ashley StrupekConnect Transit, Interim Managing Director
Ashley Strupek..... Connect Transit, Procurement Manager

Others Present:

Jennifer Sicks.....MCRPC
Thomas ValenciaMCRPC
Jake Crevoiserat.....MCRPC

Mr. Lai indicated that attendance was taken, and 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 of the March 20, 2026 Transportation Technical Committee meeting

Ms. Karch offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2026 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Items for Referral to the Policy Committee

- 5. Approval of Amendment 40 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, obligating FTA 5307 funding in the amount of \$3,259,719 to support the construction costs of the Downtown Bloomington Transit Center.**
- 6. Approval of Amendment 41 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, awarded FY25 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities grant in the amount of \$5,000,000 to support the construction costs of the Downtown Bloomington Transit Center.**
- 7. Approval of Amendment 42 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, awarded FY26 THUD Appropriations Bill in the amount of \$1,600,000 to support the construction costs of the Downtown Bloomington Transit Center.**

Ms. Strupek explained that Items 5-7 refer to different federal grants that Connect Transit has received for the Downtown Bloomington Transit Center. The items amend the FY 2026-2030 TIP to include the awarded funds.

Mr. Karch asked what the overall dollar estimate for the project is and Ms. Strupek said that it is \$25 or \$27 million, but that construction costs are rising.

Mr. Lai asked when construction will begin. Ms. Strupek said that she doesn't know but that design is 60% complete now, is expected to be 90% complete in the summer, and is planned to be ready for construction bidding in the fall.

Mr. Karch moved to approve Items 5-7 as a group and was seconded by Mr. Comfort. The motion was approved unanimously. These items will be referred to the Policy Committee.

Items of Information or Discussion

8. Project Updates

- a. Mr. Lai said that MCRPC is still in the process of transitioning to the e-TIP and asked members of the Committee to reach out to Mr. Valencia or himself with any questions.

- b. Ms. Sicks asked the Committee members from the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal to submit their TIP projects.
- c. Mr. Lai said that the Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan Project Steering Committee met on Friday 4/10 to review design options created by IDOT and a consulting team in 2021. IDOT narrowed down the options but said they need further review before picking a preferred alternative.
- d. Mr. Karch said that the City of Bloomington will be using the Builterra software for project management.
- e. Mr. Karch said that McLean County and the City of Bloomington are in discussion about jurisdictional transfer on Ft. Jesse Road west of Towanda Barnes Road.
- f. Mr. Karch said that the City of Bloomington will be moving the Manual of Practice update to next year and that they will be working with the other local municipalities to implement similar practices when possible.
- g. Mr. Karch said that the City of Bloomington is looking into how to comply with the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG). He asked Mr. Comfort to share insights into how the Town of Normal is implementing new regulations.

9. That Which May Arise

Ms. Strupek asked how the TIP amendment process works. Ms. Sicks said that amendments must be approved by IDOT and go through the Technical and the Policy Committees before adopted.

10. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

11. Adjournment:

Mr. Stokes motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Bridges. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Lai adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Notes prepared by Jake Crevoiserat, Assistant Planner