



**Transportation Policy Committee  
DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
11:30 A.M. C.D.T

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

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Ruder called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. C.D.T.

**2. Attendance**

Katie Ruder ‡ ..... McLean County Regional Planning Commission  
Lea Cline ‡(*proxy by Jerry Stokes*) ..... McLean County Board – Land Use & Transportation Committee  
Dan Brady ‡(*proxy by Jim Karch*) ..... City of Bloomington  
Jason Stults ‡ ..... Illinois Department of Transportation  
Ashley Strupek ..... Connect Transit  
Raymond Lai ..... McLean County Regional Planning Commission  
Jennifer Sicks ..... McLean County Regional Planning Commission  
Thomas Valencia ..... McLean County Regional Planning Commission  
Katie McShane\* ..... McLean County Regional Planning Commission

\* Indicates virtual attendance. ‡Indicates Policy Committee member

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was approved unanimously.

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 provided a brief explanation of Amendments 40 through 42, which pertained to the Downtown Bloomington Transit Center.

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve Items 5 through 7 as one group was seconded by Mr. Stults. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **8. Project Updates**

- a. Mr. Lai advised regarding the progress of the Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan project. The Project Steering Committee met two weeks ago to discuss preferred alternatives and to review the 2021 Veterans Parkway/Empire Street Intersection Study by IDOT. The next scheduled meeting will be May 8th, 2026.

## **9. That Which May Arise**

None.

## **10. Next Scheduled Meeting – May 29th, 2026, at 11:30 A.M. C.D.T**

## **11. Adjournment**

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Stults. The motion approved unanimously. Ms. Ruder declared the meeting adjourned at 11:36 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Valencia

Assistant Planner, McLean County Regional Planning Commission