



Transportation Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 22, 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 Lai MCRPC, Executive Director; Technical Committee Chair
Jeff Jurgens, proxy by Robert Yehl City of Bloomington, City Manager
Robert Yehl, proxy for Jim Karch City of Bloomington, City Engineer
Cassy Taylor, proxy by Luke Hohulin..... McLean County, County Administrator
Jerry Stokes, proxy by Luke HohulinMcLean County Highway Department, County Engineer
Pam Reece, proxy by Zach Wall..... Town of Normal, City Manager
Ryan Otto, proxy by Zach WallTown of Normal, Town Engineer
Dan Magee..... IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator
Derek Bridges IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Brady Lange.....Connect Transit, CEO

Others Present:

Jennifer Sicks..... MCRPC
Thomas Valencia MCRPC
Jake Crevoiserat..... MCRPC
Katie McShane (virtual)..... 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 April 17, 2026 Transportation Technical Committee meeting**

Mr. Hohulin offered a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2026 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Bridges. The motion was approved unanimously.

Items for Referral to the Policy Committee

5. Approval of the FY 2027 Unified Work Program

Mr. Bridges offered a motion to approve Item 5 and was seconded by Mr. Yehl. The motion was approved unanimously. This item will be referred to the Policy Committee.

6. Approval for publication of the draft FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Lai explained that this item approves the publication of the draft TIP for a 30-day public review. He said that members of the Committee have received electronic copies of the document prior to this meeting. Ms. Sicks said that the document will be open for public review until just prior to the June Policy Committee. She added that the June Technical Committee meeting will take place on June 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Magee offered a motion to approve Item 6 and was seconded by Mr. Hohulin. The motion was approved unanimously. This item will be referred to the Policy Committee.

7. Approval of Amendment 43 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. J043-3, (*state only) for land acquisition at IL 9/US 150/IL 9B, at a total cost of \$8,000.

Mr. Bridges said that Amendment 43 (Item 7) is about the Main Street to Empire project in Bloomington. This Item is the land acquisition portion of the project.

Mr. Hohulin offered a motion to approve Item 6 and was seconded by Mr. Yehl. The motion was approved unanimously. This item will be referred to the Policy Committee.

8. Approval of Amendment 44 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. K030, for widening existing pavement, designed overlay, ADA improvements & pedestrian signals on US 51B at a total cost of \$41,637,000.

9. Approval of Amendment 45 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. K030 for ADA Improvements/Bikeway/Sidewalks on US 51B at a total cost of \$5,089,000.

10. Approval of Amendment 46 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. K030 for ADA improvements and pedestrian signals on US 51B, at a total cost of \$8,184,000.

11. Approval of Amendment 47 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. K030 (state only) on S 51B, for land acquisition at a total cost of \$105,000.

12. Approval of Amendment 48 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. K030 (state only) on US 51B for utility adjustment at a total cost of \$200,000.
13. Approval of Amendment 49 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. K030 on US 51B for PE phases 1 and 2 at a total cost of \$282,000.
14. Approval of Amendment 50 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. K030 on US 51B for PE phases 1 and 2, at a total cost of \$327,000.
15. Approval of Amendment 51 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. K030 for a bridge deck overlay over pedestrian walkway 1.9 miles south of I-55 in Normal, at a total cost of \$1,860,000.

Since Items 8-15 refer to US-51, Mr. Lai suggested that the items be taken as a group.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendments 44-46 (Items 8-10) split the funding for the base project. Amendment 47 (Item 11) is a land acquisition item carried over from the previous fiscal year. Amendment 48 (Item 12) is a utility adjustment item carried over from the previous fiscal year. Amendments 49 and 50 (Items 13 and 14) are carryovers from the previous fiscal year. Amendment 51 (Item 15) funds the bridge deck overlay.

Mr. Hohulin offered a motion to approve Items 8-15 and was seconded by Mr. Bridges. The motion was approved unanimously. These items will be referred to the Policy Committee.

16. Approval of Amendment 52 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. A160, for a designed overlay on I-55/ I-74/US 51, at a total cost of \$18,800,000.

Mr. Bridges said that Amendment 52 (Item 16) is an overlay on I-55 from the south of Shirley to the interchange with I-74 that is being put in the TIP for a June 2026 letting.

Mr. Yehl offered a motion to approve Item 16 and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The motion was approved unanimously. This item will be referred to the Policy Committee.

17. Approval of Amendment 53 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. Y089 (state only) for land acquisition on Morrissey Ave. at a total cost of \$300,000.
18. Approval of Amendment 54 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. Y089 (state only) for utility adjustment on Morrissey Ave. at a total cost of \$100,000.
19. Approval of Amendment 55 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. Y089 (state only) for a utility adjustment on Morrissey Ave. at a total cost of \$110,000.
20. Approval of Amendment 56 to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, for IDOT District 5 project no. Y089 (state only) for PE Phases 1 and 2 on Morrissey Ave. at a total cost of \$833,000.

Mr. Lai suggested that Items 17-20 be taken as a group.

Mr. Bridges explained that Amendments 53-56 (Items 17-20) refer to Morrisey Ave in Bloomington. Amendment 53 is a land acquisition carryover from FY 2025. Amendments 54 and 55 are utility adjustment carryovers from FY 2025. Amendment 56 refers to PE Phases 1 and 2, part of which is a carryover from FY 2025.

Mr. Hohulin offered a motion to approve Items 17-20 and was seconded by Mr. Bridges. The motion was approved unanimously. These items will be referred to the Policy Committee.

21. Project Updates

- a. Mr. Lai said that there was a Veterans Parkway Project Steering Committee meeting two Fridays ago where cost estimates and the cost benefit analysis were discussed. Keeping in mind that cost estimates rise every day, the estimates provided by the consultants were acceptable to the Committee.
- b. Mr. Lai said that MCRPC is working on the McLean County Regional Comprehensive Plan, with a horizon year of 2045. The plan includes many elements, including housing, natural resources, education, and transportation. MCRPC has launched the first phase of public engagement which includes a survey. Mr. Lai asked members of the Committee to take some flyers and help spread the word about the survey.
- c. Mr. Lai said that MCRPC is preparing to launch the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which is the new title for the long-range transportation plan. Staff are currently working on certain elements of the plan and Mr. Lai expects a working group to be established soon. The goal is to submit the final document to the Policy Committee in September 2027.
- d. Mr. Lai said that MCRPC is waiting for an update on the population projection report being done by an outside consultant and expects to have more to report at the next Technical Committee meeting.
- e. Mr. Lai expressed his thanks for the Committee members' and Mr. Valencia's work on transitioning to the electronic TIP (e-TIP) format. Ms. Sicks and Mr. Wall discussed how to address errors in projects in the Town of Normal.
- f. Mr. Wall said that the West College Reconstruction project is expected to be completed in July 2026, but the roundabout has been delayed with no estimate of completion.

22. That Which May Arise

None.

23. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

24. Adjournment:

Mr. Lange motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Wall. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Lai adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Notes prepared by Jake Crevoiserat, Assistant Planner