



McLean County Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Policy Committee DRAFT - Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 26th, 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
Chris Koos ‡(*proxy by Ryan Otto*) Town of Normal
Jason Stults ‡(*proxy by Derek Bridges*) Illinois Department of Transportation
Tom Caldwell* Illinois Department of Transportation
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 – May 29, 2026

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

Items for Action/Confirmation by the Policy Committee

5. Resolution of Approval of the FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Sicks provided an overview of edits made to the PDF document of the draft FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Caldwell followed by explaining guidelines from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding TIP approval requirements.

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve the resolution that approves the FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Ruder asked Policy Committee members to remain in the room once the meeting concludes in order to formally sign the resolution.

Items of Information or Discussion

6. Project Updates

- a. Mr. Karch inquired about land acquisition on U.S. Route 51. Mr. Bridges stated that there are no updates.
- b. Mr. Lai informed the Committee about a public hearing that IDOT is hosting for the Illinois Route 9 Corridor Improvements between Main Street and Towanda Avenue in Bloomington. He stated that the announcement came from the contractor Stark Excavating rather than IDOT themselves.
- c. Mr. Lai updated the Committee about the Reinvent Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan project. He stated that the project steering committee (PSC) met two weeks ago to discuss potential funding opportunities. The consultant, TY Lin, also presented their draft market analysis report to PSC members. Once PSC members provide their comments, the report will be posted on the MCRPC website.

7. That Which May Arise

None.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting – July 26, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Karch offered a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Ruder declared the meeting adjourned at 11:47 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Valencia

Assistant Planner, McLean County Regional Planning Commission