



Draft Minutes
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Committee
of the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Friday, May 15, 2020
10:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting through GoToMeeting™

Attendance:

Committee Members

Raymond Lai	MCRPC, Executive Director, Technical Committee Chair
Kevin Kothe	City of Bloomington, Director of Public Works, proxy for Tim Gleason
Luke Thoele	City of Bloomington
Jerry Stokes	McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer, proxy for Camille Rodriguez
Wayne Aldrich	Town of Normal, Director of Public Works, proxy for Pam Reece
Ryan Otto	Town of Normal
Robert Nelson	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal-Aid Coordinator
Isaac Thorne	Connect Transit, General Manager

Committee members not in attendance:

Carl Olson Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director

Others Present

Tom Caldwell	IDOT, OP&P	JD Stevenson	FHWA
Mary Kramp	Chair, MCRPC	Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lai called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Attendance

A quorum was present.

3. Public Comment

Ms. Sicks advised that no request for public comment was received, and no one is present to offer comment.

4. Minutes

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2020 meeting, and was



seconded by Mr. Aldrich. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action, for referral to the Policy Committee

5. Amendment #8 to the FY 2020-2024 TIP

Amendment No. 8 adds \$600,000 in funding to project A164 in FY 2020, for standard overlay on Route 66.

Mr. Otto moved for the approval of Amendment #8, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Amendment #9 to the FY 2020-2024 TIP

Amendment #9 consists of a funding increase for project no. J043, to \$1,500,000 for Route 9 Phase II Engineering.

Mr. Aldrich moved for the approval of Amendment #9, and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Amendment #10 to the FY 2020-2024 TIP

Amendment #10 increases the total funding available to project no. Y089 in FY 2021 to \$1,000,000 for Phases I and II Engineering for US 150 from Oakland to Veterans Parkway.

Mr. Nelson moved for the approval of Amendment #10, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Amendment #11 to the FY 2020-2024 TIP

Amendment #11 increases the total funding available to project no. C099 in FY 2021 to \$5,320,000 for designed overlay on Old Route 66.

Mr. Stokes moved for the approval of Amendment #11, and was seconded by Mr. Thorne. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Approval of the FY 2021 Unified Work Program

Ms. Sicks noted that Mr. Nelson has made a very careful review of the FY 2021 UWP, and has identified some potential corrections needed in introductory tables. Some of these have been resolved, and Ms. Sicks and Mr. Nelson will schedule time to discuss remaining issues. Mr. Nelson, Mr. Lai, Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Sicks discussed the timetable for approval of the FY 2021 Unified Work Program, concluding that if the discrepancies can be resolved early next week, the UWP can proceed to the Policy Committee for approval, and possibly to the Commission early in June.



Mr. Nelson moved to approve the draft Unified Work Program subject to revisions pursuant to comments by Mr. Nelson, and was seconded by Mr. Aldrich. The motion carried anonymously.

10. Approval for Publication of the draft FY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Sicks noted that there have been some last-minute changes to the TIP, and several elements, especially in the appendix, cannot be completed until after the June Technical and Policy committee meetings. Mr. Riley is currently creating the annual project maps. Mr. Thorne will make the Connect Transit materials available following the Transit budget work session next week. This will permit publication on May 22nd.

Ms. Sicks noted that only Mr. Stokes has submitted project prioritization. Mr. Otto noted that the Town will have one prioritization document, and Mr. Thoele will determine if the City will submit a prioritization form

Mr. Aldrich noted previous discussions regarding bringing the Policy principles, including the mayors, into the meetings in order to provide clarity on the funding and how it has been allocated. Ms. Sicks noted that earlier discussions focused on preparing for the next One Voice opportunity. Mr. Aldrich noted that the Technical Committee should look at creating a framework for discussions with the mayors and other elected officials regarding Surface Transportation Program urban funds, and other transportation funding issues.

Mr. Otto suggested that it might be easier to bring the policy makers into the meetings using the virtual meeting format that has become familiar through the COVID-19 shutdown. Ms. Sicks noted that to the extent possible under the Open Meetings Act, that is under consideration, also noting that work sessions with policy makers might be useful.

Mr. Aldrich moved for publication of the draft FY 2021-2025 TIP, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Sicks noted that publication will begin the 30-day public outreach period.

11. Items of Information or Discussion

Mr. Stokes thanked the participants in the Local Roads Safety Plan workshop, and hopes to move forward and tie into the Vision Zero project.

Mr. Aldrich inquired if the City of Bloomington will be applying for the current Federal BUILD grant round, or other emerging grant opportunities, potentially with respect to Hamilton Road. Mr. Kothe advised that the City will be submitting a BUILD application by next Monday, and is considering pursuing other grants.



12. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 10:30 am on June 19, 2020.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Ryan moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. Approval of adjournment was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer A. Sicks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer A. Sicks
Senior Transportation Planner
McLean County Regional Planning Commission