



McLean County Regional Planning Commission Transportation **Technical** Committee

Minutes

Friday, January 17, 2020

10:30 am

Government Center, Room 345

115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois

Committee Members:

(bold indicates members attending or acting as proxy; italics members not present)

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| Raymond Lai | MCRPC, Executive Director, Technical Committee Chair |
| Jim Karch | City of Bloomington, Director of Public Works, by proxy Kevin Kothe, also as proxy for <i>Tim Gleason</i> |
| Jerry Stokes | McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer, and as proxy for <i>Camille Rodriguez</i> |
| Wayne Aldrich | Town of Normal, Director of Public Works, as proxy for <i>Pam Reese</i> |
| Ryan Otto | Town of Normal, Town Engineer |
| Robert Nelson | IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief |
| Dan Magee | IDOT District 5, Federal-Aid Coordinator |
| Isaac Thorne | Connect Transit General Manager |
| <i>Carl Olson</i> | Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director |

Others Present:

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| James Kyte | FHWA |
| Luke Thoele | City of Bloomington |
| Jennifer Sicks | MCRPC |

Call to Order

Ms. Sicks called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m., and introduced Raymond Lai as the new Executive Director of MCRPC. Mr. Lai described his prior experience in planning, and general introductions were carried out.

Public Hearing & Comment

Ms. Sicks advised that no request for public comment was received, nor were any comments submitted in advance of the meeting.

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With a staff attendance correction by Mr. Stokes noted, Mr. Thorne offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2019 meeting of the Technical Committee, as modified, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action

Public Hearing regarding Amendment #3 to the FY 2020-2024 TIP

Ms. Sicks opened the public hearing at 10:43 a.m., and noted that there have been no requests to provide input regarding the Amendment #3 update of the FY 2020-2024 TIP during the 30-day comment period provided. With no one present to offer comment, the public hearing was adjourned at 10:45.

Approval of Amendment #3 to the FY 2020-2024 TIP, and of Public Review of same

Ms. Sicks noted several comments by committee members and staff, requiring minor changes to project details such as funding and programmed year. She noted that illustrative projects are not included in the calculation of the fiscally-constrained program cost. The Committee was provided with copies of those portions of Amendment #3 that have been altered since the December meeting.

Mr. Magee noted that it was helpful to have the explanation of why County projects outside the metropolitan planning area; he suggested that it might be clearer to separate those projects and their costs into a sub-list of projects. Ms. Sicks will look into reorganizing the project list.

Mr. Stokes offered a motion approving Amendment #3 for referral to the Policy Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items of Information or Discussion

Ms. Sicks noted that the presentation by the Hile Group regarding the Vision Zero Action Plan project is postponed, and is currently planned for the January Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Aldrich requested a summary of the project. Ms. Sicks noted that MCRPC went through an extensive process to target an RFQ published in early 2019, which did not result in any proposals. Ms. Gadhiraju opened discussions with the Hile Group based on their proposal to conduct the education and outreach elements of the project, and a contract to that effect was executed in June 2019.

Work began and continued after Ms. Gadhiraju's departure from MCRPC, but as the

executive director search continued, the project was put on hold until the arrival of a new director. With Mr. Lai's arrival, the project is reactivated.

The Hile Group effort is focused on education of elected officials and other stakeholders regarding the current transportation system safety issues and the benefits of the Vision Zero approach to reducing and eliminating deaths and serious injury occurring on the transportation system.

Next Meeting and/or Public Hearing

The Technical Committee will next meet on February 21, 2020 at 10:30 am.

Adjournment

Mr. Thorne moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Kothe; the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



Jennifer A. Sicks
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