



Draft Minutes
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Policy Committee

Friday, May 28, 2021

11:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting through GoToMeeting™

Attendance:

Committee Members

Mary Kramp

Jim Soeldner

Chris Koos

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Scott Neihart

(includes representation by proxy)

Chair, Transportation Policy Committee and McLean County Regional Planning Commission, by proxy Jim Soeldner

Chair, McLean County Board Transportation Committee

Mayor, Town of Normal, by proxy Wayne Aldrich

Mayor, City of Bloomington, by proxy Kevin Kothe

IDOT District 5, by proxy Bob Nelson

Committee Members Not Present:

None.

Others Present

Tom Caldwell

Jerry Stokes

IDOT, OP&P

McLean County

Raymond Lai

Jennifer Sicks

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Soeldner called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance by Committee members and proxies was determined and is listed above. 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. Aldrich offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2021 meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion was unanimously approved.



5. Items for Action, as recommended for approval by the Technical Committee

None.

6. Items of Information or Discussion

Review of the FY 2022 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Draft

Ms. Sicks reviewed the content of the draft Transportation Improvement Program, noting that the constrained funding over the five-year program is \$215,302,638. When unconstrained illustrative projects are included, the five-year total is \$301,704,638. The illustrative projects have a substantially higher reliance on possible federal funding support.

A chart of the funding source by level of government shows that the constrained funding identified in the draft Transportation Improvement Program is close to the average over the past fourteen years.

Ms. Sicks noted that the annual project maps are yet to be completed; she is requesting assistance from other MCRPC staff. Connect Transit and SHOW BUS public transit agency information is included. With respect to the non-profit agency §5310 providers, which include Marcfirst, Homes of Hope and the Carle BroMenn Adult Day Services, none are operating at their usual capacity, and to date Carle BroMenn has not advised regarding their program.

Mr. Lai noted that the draft TIP is currently published for 30 days of public review and comment. The draft will be brought to the Technical Committee for review and a public hearing, and will be back before the Policy Committee on June 25th. The June agenda will also include review for approval of the FY 2022 Unified Work Program.

7. That Which May Arise

Mr. Soeldner asked about the disposition of COVID Recovery Act funding for use in infrastructure projects, noting that the County has been allocated more than \$30 million under the Act. Ms. Sicks inquired of staff present. Mr. Stokes indicated that he has not heard of allocation to road projects, aside from the COVID Relief funds recently announced. He noted that the National Association of Counties has proposed that the Recovery Act allocations might be used to recoup motor fuel tax losses. Mr. Kothe has not been advised of such allocations for municipalities.

Mr. Soeldner, noting that Congress and the Administration are considering infrastructure funding, is hopeful that additional funding may be available to SHOW BUS. Ms. Sicks noted that IDOT will be opening a new grant round for the Consolidated Vehicle Purchase program, for which SHOW BUS will be eligible. IDOT is also applying for a federal grant to



do a statewide pilot project for electric vehicles and charging equipment, for which SHOW BUS is a likely pilot agency. This program depends on the state receiving a federal grant.

8. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 11:30 am on June 25, 2021.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Soeldner adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer A. Sicks".

Jennifer A. Sicks

Senior Transportation Planner, McLean County Regional Planning Commission