



Draft Minutes
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Policy Committee

Friday, June 26, 2020
11:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting through GoToMeeting™

Attendance:

Committee Members (includes representation by proxy)

Mary Kramp	Chair, Transportation Policy Committee and McLean County Regional Planning Commission
William Caisley	Chair, McLean County Board Transportation Committee, <i>by proxy Jerry Stokes</i>
Chris Koos	Mayor, Town of Normal, <i>by proxy Pamela Reece</i>
Tari Renner	Mayor, City of Bloomington, <i>by proxy Kevin Kothe</i>
Scott Neihart	IDOT District 5

Others Present

Wayne Aldrich	Town of Normal	JD Stevenson	FHWA
Ryan Otto	Town of Normal	Raymond Lai	MCRPC
Tom Caldwell	IDOT, OP&P	Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Holly Bieneman	IDOT, OP&P		

1. Call to Order

Ms. Kramp called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance by Committee members and proxies was determined and are 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. Ms. Sicks noted that instructions are available for access to virtual meetings and livestreams of the Transportation Committees.

4. Minutes

Ms. Reese offered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2020 meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was unanimously approved.



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

5. Permission for the Illinois Department of Transportation to Allocate Unused State Metro Planning Funds for Statewide and MPO Activities

Ms. Bieneman described the funding conditions which led to the money not spent being available for investment in the projects that were agreed among the state's MPOs, noting that the MPOs individually have generally not been able to spend down the funds. Consequently, the statewide projects seemed the better choice to expend the accumulated funds, accumulated over a period of about ten years. In discussions with the MPOs earlier this year, IDOT offered several project options to draw down the funding, ultimately settling on two areas in which to invest.

The first project to be funded is a pavement condition survey, wherein a contractor working with IDOT will assess pavement conditions across the state and make the data available to the MPO for tracking performance measures. The first data collection would begin in 2022, and be done in alternate years thereafter, with data made available to the MPOs when ready. The Committee discussed some of the specifics, including the ability to translate the data into systems used by the MPO.

Funds would also be used to cover the membership costs for the MPOs with the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the National Association of Regional Councils, providing access to the resources available from those groups.

Mr. Stevenson noted that the balance of the unexpended federal road dollars can be used in the fashion described by Ms. Bieneman, with MPO concurrence. Such broad use at the state level is expected economies of scale in certain activities not otherwise achievable.

Mr. Stokes moved for permission to be granted to IDOT to use the accumulated funds as agreed in consultation with the MPOs, and was seconded by Ms. Reece. The motion carried unanimously.

6. FY 2021 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Sicks notes that the TIP reflects the anticipated road, transit and other transportation related projects in the Bloomington-Normal area over the specified 5-year period, including those which involve the use of federal transportation funds. She further noted that the program does not substantially differ from the projects included last year. [With the consent of the Committee members, Mr. Neihart presided as the Chair was disconnected from the virtual meeting due to technical difficulties.] Following brief discussion, the Committee concluded its action on the draft TIP.

Ms. Reece moved for the approval of the FY 2021 – 2025 Transportation Improvement



Program, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion carried unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

7. Policy Committee FY 2021 meeting Schedule

Ms. Sicks noted that meeting dates have been selected across an 18-month period, which concludes at the end of calendar year 2021.

8. That Which May Arise

None were raised.

9. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 11:30 am on July 24, 2020.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Stokes moved for adjournment, was seconded by Mr. Kothe, and the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Kramp adjourned the meeting at 11:47 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