



Minutes

McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Transportation Technical Committee

of the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Friday, December 17, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting in-person and through GoToMeeting™

Committee Members Present (*Italics indicate representation by proxy*):

Raymond Lai	MCRPC, Executive Director, Technical Committee Chair
<i>Tim Gleason</i>	City of Bloomington, City Manager, proxy by Kevin Kothe
Craig Shonkwiler	City of Bloomington, City Engineer
<i>Pam Reese</i>	Town of Normal, City Manager, proxy by Ryan Otto
Ryan Otto	Town of Normal, Public Works & Engineering Director
<i>Cassy Taylor</i>	McLean County, Interim County Administrator, proxy by Jerry Stokes
Jerry Stokes	McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer
David Braun	Connect Transit, Interim General Manager
Robert Nelson	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator

Committee Members Absent:

Ryan Otto	Town of Normal, Director of Public Works
Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director

Others Present

Mary Kramp	MCRPC	Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Brandon Geber	IDOT, OP&P	Tessa Ferraro	MCRPC
Tom Caldwell	IDOT, OP&P (virtual)	Katie McShane,	MCRPC
James Kyte	FHWA (virtual)		

1. Call to Order

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

2. Attendance & Introductions

A quorum was present. Participant introductions were made.

3. Public Comment

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

4. Minutes

Mr. Otto offered a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2021 virtual meeting, and



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

Items for Action

5. Approval of Amendment #12 to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, State Project No. D082-2, consisting of land acquisition, cost reduced from \$200,000 to \$151,000; state funding only.

Mr. Nelson noted that the amendment reflects a cost adjustment for land acquisition. Mr. Shonkwiler and Mr. Stokes noted that the project description on the agenda includes a reference to Route 9 not found in the District 5 listing. Ms. Sicks acknowledged that the District description controls. The Committee discussed the location of Old Route 66, and decided to table Amendment #12 until the next meeting.

Mr. Nelson moved that action on Amendment #12 be postponed until the next meeting of the Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion carried unanimously. Amendment #12 will be revisited in January.

6. Approval of Amendment #13 to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, State Project No. SP 2022-2, consisting of structure preservation (bridge deck sealing) at 19 **non-interstate** locations in the MPA.

Mr. Nelson noted that amendments 13 and 15, formerly designated SP 2022, have been split into interstate and non-interstate projects. Project No. SP-2022-2 includes non-interstate projects within the MPA.

Mr. Stokes moved for approval of Amendment #13, and was seconded by Mr. Shonkwiler,

Mr. Magee moved that the amendment numbers 14 and 15 be switched, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Amendment #15 to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, State Project No. BP 2022-1, consisting of railroad engineering associated with structure painting at four interstate (I-74) locations within the MPA, with added funding of \$74,000 for this element of the overall project.

Mr. Nelson noted that the railroad engineering covers activity required to permit bridge painting to proceed. The amendment was renumbered as Amendment #15 to allow the two structure preservation projects to be listed together.

Mr. Stokes moved for approval of Amendment #15, and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of Amendment #14 to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, State Project No. SP 2022-1, consisting of structure preservation through bridge deck sealing at 28 **interstate** locations within the MPA.



Mr. Nelson reiterated that amendments 13 and 14, formerly designated SP 2022, have been split into interstate and non-interstate projects. Project No. SP-2022-1 includes interstate projects within the MPA.

Mr. Otto moved for approval of Amendment #14, and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The motion carried unanimously.

[Following the December Technical and Policy committee meetings, Mr. Nelson provided a revised listing of Amendments 13 – 15; changes will be reported to the Committees as an administrative modification.]

Items of Information or Discussion

9. That Which May Arise

Mr. Kyte congratulated MCRPC and the MPO in the award of the RAISE grant for Veterans Parkway.

Mr. Lai noted that we were one of only 27 planning grants awarded nationwide. MCRPC staff participated yesterday on a webinar regarding management of the grant and study process. Mr. Lai thanked the participants for their help in preparing the application. He also noted that contributions from Mr. Nelson regarding needed safety improvements. Mr. Lai noted that overall, there were over 700 RAISE applications. Ms. Sicks noted that Mr. Lai was able to secure substantial financial commitments to the project from local stakeholders and from IDOT.

Mr. Geber noted that the planning marks for FY 2023, which includes an increase in MPO funding resulting from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. He noted that the expanded funding should be available over the next five years. He further noted that the FY 2023 draft budget summary is due on February 14, 2022. Mr. Lai noted that

Mr. Kyte advised that the MPO program review will take place in Spring or Summer of 2022; he will advise regarding scheduling.

10. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 10:30 am on Friday, January 21, 2022.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Braun moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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

Jennifer A. Sicks

Senior Transportation Planner

McLean County Regional Planning Commission