



**Draft Minutes**  
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
**Transportation Technical Committee**  
of the Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Government Center, Room 404  
Bloomington, Illinois

Friday, February 18, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting, in-person and through GoToMeeting™

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

<i>Raymond Lai</i>	MCRPC, Executive Director, Technical Committee Chair, by proxy Jennifer Sicks
<i>Tim Gleason</i>	City of Bloomington, City Manager, by proxy Craig Shonkwiler.
<i>Kevin Kothe</i>	City of Bloomington, Director of Public Works, by proxy Craig Shonkwiler
Craig Shonkwiler	City of Bloomington, City Engineer
<i>Pam Reese</i>	Town of Normal, City Manager, proxy by Eric Herbst
Ryan Otto	Town of Normal, Public Works & Engineering Director, by proxy Eric Herbst; Mr. Otto joined the meeting in progress virtually
<i>Cassy Taylor</i>	McLean County, County Administrator, proxy by Jerry Stokes
Jerry Stokes	McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer
David Braun	Connect Transit, General Manager (attended virtually)
Robert Nelson	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief, (attended virtually)
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator (attended virtually)

**Committee Members Absent:**

Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director
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**Others Present**

John Burrill	MCRPC Chair	Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Brandon Geber	IDOT, OP&P (virtual)	Tania Barreto	MCRPC
Tom Caldwell	IDOT, OP&P (virtual)	Greg Huss	MCRPC
Brian Trygg	IDOT, District 5	Kathryn McShane	MCRPC
Ben Wilson	Kankakee Co. RPC	Ana Mendoza	MCRPC

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1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Sicks advised that she is proxy for Mr. Lai, and called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. She noted that this is a hybrid meeting, being held both in-person and virtually,

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, no one has requested to be present to offer comment, there is no one in attendance.

### 4. Minutes

Mr. Shonkwiler moved for approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2022 meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion was unanimously approved.

### Items for Action

5. Approval of Approval of Amendment #16 to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, adding State Project No. ITS-2023, consisting of installation of dynamic messaging/ITS at various locations in Bloomington-Normal, with state-only funding for a total project cost of \$1,725,000.

Mr. Nelson noted that this project adds additional functionality to ITS installations, including message updating.

Mr. Braun moved for approval of Amendment #16 and was seconded by Mr. Magee, The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Amendment #17 to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, combining College Avenue illustrative projects in FY 2024, for Rehabilitation of PCC/HMA Pavement, Multimodal Improvements, CC&G replacement, Intersection Improvements at College Avenue & Landmark Drive, and at various other intersections. Total project cost is estimated to be \$5,500,000, with funding sources to be determined.

Mr. Herbst advised that combining the elements into a single project is intended to streamline the project overall. Mr. Geber noted that amendment of an illustrative project is not typical, Ms. Sicks described how illustrative projects are identified in the TIP, noting that their inclusion is intended to provide greater transparency about the projects under consideration. Mr. Herbst indicated that the project will carry over into the FY 2023-2027 TIP, for potential implementation.

Mr. Stokes moved for approval of Amendment #17 and was seconded by Mr. Herbst, The motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Amendment #18, adding an illustrative project consisting of city-wide installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Total cost is estimated to be \$4,300,000, with funding sources to be determined.

Mr. Braun asked if the charging network will include free charging. Mr. Otto noted that some of the specifics are still under discussion, and may include upgrading existing locations, network expansion, necessary new power infrastructure to support the charging network. The decisions on these options will also be affected by the funding available.

Amendment #18 was approved unanimously.



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**Items of Information or Discussion**

8. Administrative Modifications to the TIP

Ms. Sicks noted that she has reviewed and updated the administrative modifications with respect to advance construction status, and will be posting and distributing a project inventory shortly.

9. That Which May Arise

Mr. Geber advised that within the next two weeks, IDOT will release an application for SPR grant funding.

10. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 10:30 am on Friday, March 18, 2022. (The meeting scheduled in March was canceled.)

11. Adjournment

Mr. Stokes moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Braun. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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

Jennifer A. Sicks

Senior Transportation Planner

McLean County Regional Planning Commission