



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

Friday, April 22, 2022

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, by proxy Kevin Kothe
Kevin Kothe	City of Bloomington, Director of Public Works
Craig Shonkwiler	City of Bloomington, City Engineer
<i>Pam Reese</i>	Town of Normal, City Manager, proxy by Eric Herbst
<i>Ryan Otto</i>	Town of Normal, Public Works & Engineering Director, by proxy Eric Herbst
<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
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator

Committee Members Absent:

Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director
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Others Present

Tom Caldwell	IDOT, OP&P (virtual)	Tania Barreto	MCRPC
Doug DeLille	IDOT, OP&P (virtual)	Greg Huss	MCRPC
Glen Wetterow	City of Bloomington	Ana Mendoza	MCRPC
Kimberly Smith	City of Bloomington	Kathryn McShane	MCRPC
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC		

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lai called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He noted that this is a hybrid meeting being held both in-person and virtually,

2. Attendance & Introductions

A quorum was present as listed above. 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, and there is no one attending in person asking to offer comment.



4. Minutes

Mr. Stokes moved for approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2022 meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action

5. Approval of Amendment #19 to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, adding State Project No. CM2023-1, consisting of the application of standard overlay on Quest Drive, a frontage road along the west side of U.S. 51 south of Bloomington and I-74. In addition to the work on Quest Dr., the project also includes work on a median crossover lane on U.S. 51 south of Heyworth.

Both locations are described as being very deteriorated by Mr. Nelson. He noted that the project is for contract maintenance. For CM projects, combining separate elements or locations into a single project is done to streamline project delivery overall. It was noted that Quest Dr. is the location of an IDOT office.

Mr. Nelson moved for approval of Amendment #19 and was seconded by Mr. Shonkwiler. Amendment #19 was approved unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

6. Transportation Improvement Program Update Schedule

Ms. Sicks noted that she has not yet received TIP update information from the local staff representatives. Mr. Stokes advised that the County project list will be completed shortly. Mr. Herbst will consult with Mr. Otto.

Mr. Nelson suggested that he might be able to provide a preliminary list of the District 5 projects in the hope that it will be announced early enough that it can be included before the public hearing. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Caldwell discussed the likelihood that the District 5 program for the FY 2023-2027 TIP would be available by the end of May; Mr. Caldwell thought it unlikely to happen. Ms. Sicks noted that she could create two versions, one with and one without the state projects. She further noted that the MPO, as it has done in past years, can move forward with the local documents and amend the District 5 projects into the TIP once the details are released.

Ms. Sicks noted that the Committee had previously discussed what level of project inventory should be included in the Metropolitan Long-Range Transportation Plan (MLRTP), noting further that the first five years of projects are equivalent to the project list in the TIP adopted for the fiscal year in which the plan was completed. Ms. Sicks will ask Mr. Kyte for guidance on the FHWA policies regarding annual inflation rates and other metrics.

Ms. Sicks noted that technically the later years only require that projects using federal funding be included. Mr. Kothe advised that he would prefer to include all projects, including those in years 6 through 28 of the plan period, to the 2050 horizon. He noted that the inclusion of proposed additions to the street network in prior long-range plans have been very useful in working with intermediate development proposals. Mr. Kothe also advised that the expected street network changes for the MLRTP track with the networks shown in the comprehensive plans. Ms. Sicks asked that everyone prepare to have their projects lists for the MLRTP ready by the end of May.



7. That Which May Arise

Mr. Lai noted that the MLRTP project, including the public survey, is underway. The goal is to have the plan approved during the October meeting of the Policy Committee.

8. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 10:30 am on Friday, May 20, 2022.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Kothe moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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

Jennifer A. Sicks

Senior Transportation Planner

McLean County Regional Planning Commission