



Minutes

McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 22, 2019

11:30 a.m.

MCRPC, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street,
Bloomington, Illinois

Committee Members Present

(italics indicated members represented by proxy)

Carl Teichman Chair, Transportation Policy Committee and McLean County Regional
Planning Commission

William Caisley Chair, McLean County Transportation Committee

Chris Koos Mayor, Town of Normal, by proxy Wayne Aldrich

Tari Renner Mayor, City of Bloomington, by proxy Billy Tyus

Scott Neihart IDOT District 5

Others Present, including proxies

Jerry Stokes McLean County

JD Stevenson FHWA

Billy Tyus City of Bloomington

Vasu Gadhiraju MCRPC

Jennifer Sicks MCRPC

Call to Order

Mr. Teichman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Teichman had the group offer introductions.

Public Comment

Ms. Sicks advised that no request for public comment was received, and that no one appears present to comment.

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Mr. Neihart offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2018 meeting of the Policy Committee, and was seconded by Judge Caisley. The motion was unanimously approved.



Items for Action, as forwarded by the Technical Committee

Approval of FY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program, Amendment #3

The Technical Committee voted approval of the amendment, and recommends its adoption by the Policy Committee.

Mr. Neihart noted that the amendment refers to a District-wide traffic signal modernization project, consisting of replacing traffic light backplates with larger reflective yellow backplates at 105 locations in the MPA. The project supports the new safety goals established through the FAST Act and adopted locally.

Judge Caisley questioned the cost of the project, noting that the tasks involved in making the changes could be handled with local labor at low cost. Mr. Neihart noted that the cost-benefit analysis supported the project. The replacements will permit the signals to be seen more easily and be more effective, and will improve nighttime visibility.

Mr. Aldrich offered a motion to approve Amendment 3 to the FY 2019-2023 TIP, and was seconded by Mr. Neihart. A majority of the Committee voted to approve the amendment, with one vote against the motion.

Items of Information or Discussion

Technical Assistance for Health in Transportation on the Main Street Corridor

Ms. Sicks described the federal initiative for which MCRPC applied for and received a slot in the second phase of the federal project. Using the same section of Main Street identified in the recent IDOT application for a TIGER grant. Mr. Aldrich noted that feedback from federal level regarding the TIGER application suggested that the project needs a clearer sense of the people for whom the benefits will accrue. On March 8th the consultant-advisor will be on hand to conduct two meetings with local staff and stakeholders, with approximately 80 people having been invited.

Mr. Neihart noted that the Main Street project options remain matters of interest for District 5, although the position of Planning and Programming is not known.

Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 11:30 am on March 22, 2019.

Adjournment

Mr. Aldrich moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Neihart. Mr. Teichman



adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer A. Sicks". The script is fluid and cursive.

Jennifer A. Sicks
Senior Transportation Planner
McLean County Regional Planning Commission