



# Minutes

## McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### Transportation Policy Committee

Friday, May 24, 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
<i>William Caisley</i>	Chair, McLean County Transportation Committee, by proxy Jerry Stokes
<i>Chris Koos</i>	Mayor, Town of Normal, by proxy Wayne Aldrich
<i>Tari Renner</i>	Mayor, City of Bloomington, by proxy Jim Karch
Scott Neihart	IDOT District 5

#### Others Present, including proxies

Curtis Jones	IDOT
James Kyte	FHWA
JD Stevenson	FHWA
Wayne Aldrich	Town of Normal
Jim Karch	City of Bloomington
Jerry Stokes	County Engineer
Vasu Gadhiraju	MCRPC
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC

#### Call to Order

Mr. Teichman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

#### Public Comment

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

#### Minutes

Mr. Aldrich offered a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2019 meeting of the Policy Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Neihart. The motion was unanimously approved.



Items for Action, as forwarded by the Technical Committee

*Approval of FY 2020 Unified Work Program*

Ms. Gadhiraju noted that the two-part work program introduced last year continues, with the Unified Work Program including only transportation-related and funded projects. In contrast, the Overall Work Program captures all funding sources, and uses the calendar year.

Ms. Gadhiraju reviewed the document, noting that on pg. 18 that federal MPO funding has been consolidated. There is no more indirect rate, due to the age of available audit numbers and the difficulty of adequately recouping expenditures.

Mr. Karch moved for approval of the UWP and was seconded by Mr. Neihart. The motion was unanimously approved.

*Approval for Publication of the draft FY 2020 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program*

Ms. Sicks noted that the IDOT program for 2020 – 2024 has not yet been released, noting further than should the IDOT projects not be available before the Technical Committee public hearing, it is likely that they will be amended into the program following approval of the current draft.

She further noted that there are a few other insertions to make, such as some maps, prioritization forms, and updating of the appendix, noting that certain elements cannot be update until after the Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Aldrich inquired of Mr. Karch regarding the allocation of funds to the pending Hamilton Road project; Mr. Karch identified STU in an 80/20 split for construction and railroad funding of \$500,000. There is also an element of the project is the railroad relocation, expected to be \$2 million. Mr. Karch noted that no Policy Committee action has been taken on the larger portion of the STU funds identified.

Mr. Aldrich noted that he would prefer that the City pursue the railroad location using funds other than STU, and the City is pursuing such alternatives, but has not secured those alternative sources. Mr. Stokes noted that the current allocation would be difficult for District 5 to program. Mr. Karch confirmed that the potential alternatives cannot be secured within the FY 2020 program year.

Mr. Stevenson noted that the amount currently listed as applied to the Hamilton Road project may exceed the amount of STU funding available to the MPO. Mr. Karch noted some concern about how project timelines align with the District constraints. Mr. Stevenson noted that the project could be split or phased, the first portion with the agreed \$1.6 million in STU for R-O-W, and the second, with the railroad relocation, using \$2 million confirmed either through alternative sources such as the BUILD program or through STU funding. Mr. Aldrich noted the possibility of an INFRA grant. Phasing the project in this



way would improve the allocation alternatives from the District point of view. Alternatively, the second phase could be reclassified as an illustrative project, if there is no STU funding currently approved for that phase.

Ms. Sicks summarized the conclusion that the Hamilton Road project will be split into the fiscally constrained stage with \$1.6 million in STU. The illustrative portion of the project will be included in the illustrative list, noting that the \$2 million in STU is not yet confirmed.

Mr. Aldrich moved for approval of the TIP for publication on May 28th and was seconded by Mr. Neihart. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### Items of Information or Discussion

Ms. Sicks reiterated that there are a few pieces of information still to be added. There will be a switch of one Normal project from Illustrative to active status. Mr. Stevenson noted that the TIP will need to reflect the use of toll credits as a match for IDOT projects, thus bringing Federal share to 100%; Mr. Stevenson noted that this should be explained in the document text. Mr. Jones suggested footnoting the references. Ms. Sicks requested clarification on how toll credits should be represented in the TIP.

Mr. Stokes inquired about the reference to the East Side Highway monitoring program in the TIP; Ms. Sicks noted that it is

Ms. Gadhiraju noted that it is very exciting to have the SPR funding available to the MPOs; the grant received in 2018 is funding the Vision Zero project. For 2019, the project will support the process of putting all the local jurisdictions on the same platform for the evaluation of street conditions; Normal will pursue the assessment of the Town's streets using the PASER system used by Bloomington and McLean County.

#### Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 11:30 am on June 28, 2019.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Karch moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. Mr. Teichman adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer A. Sicks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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