



## Minutes

McLean County Regional Planning Commission  
Transportation Technical Committee

Friday, December 7, 2018 10:00 am  
Government Center, Room 345  
115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois

### Committee Members:

*(bold indicates members attending or represented by proxy; italics members not present)*

Vasu Gadhiraju	MCRPC, Executive Director, Technical Committee Chair
Kevin Kothe	City of Bloomington, City Engineer, & as proxy for <i>Tim Gleason</i> and <i>Jim Karch</i>
Jerry Stokes	McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer, and as proxy for <i>Bill Wasson</i>
Wayne Aldrich	Town of Normal, Public Works Director, as proxy for <i>Pam Reese</i>
Ryan Otto	Town of Normal, Town Engineer
Robert Nelson	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal-Aid Coordinator
Isaac Thorne	Connect Transit, General Manager
<i>Carl Olson</i>	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director

### Others Present:

JD Stevenson	FHWA
Scott Neihart	IDOT, District 5
Curtis Jones*	IDOT, OP&P
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC

\*by telephone

### Call to Order

Ms. Gadhiraju called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### Public Comment

Ms. Sicks advised that no request for public comment was received, nor were any comments submitted in advance.

### Minutes

Mr. Thorne offered a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2018 meeting of the Technical Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion was unanimously approved.

## Items for Action

### *Approval of Amendment #1 to the FY 2019 Unified Work Program*

Ms. Gadhiraju noted that the amendment revises the UWP to include only transportation projects and the related information; the full MCRPC budget and activities will be included in the MCRPC Overall Work Plan. She further noted that past practice has been not to include the HSTP grant in this category.

Mr. Thorne offered a motion to refer approval of Amendment #1 to the Unified Work Program corrected as noted, and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The motion was unanimously approved.

## Items of Information or Discussion

### *Beaufort Street Crossing*

Mr. Aldrich noted that the crossing at University Street is a concern due to long trains stopped so as to block intersections for varied periods of time. This sometimes results in persons crossing through (or under) the stopped trains despite the danger, especially as the location has two active tracks. Union Pacific has made some operational changes and is aware of the issue, but there are still stoppages blocking the University-Beaufort intersection. Intersections can be blocked by the trains for as long as one half-hour, inclining students (and others) located south of the tracks to risk crossing to reach the main ISU campus, and vice versa.

### *Funding Availability*

Mr. Magee noted that a call for projects will be issued in the next two weeks, when IDOT Central Office will provide Local Roads with what funding will be available in the next year and beyond. He suggests that anyone with projects currently in view over the next 1 to 2 years provide him with a description of what is planned. Mr. Magee can then look at all the potential projects and determine what can be funded and on what time scale. The District is usually allocated about \$9 million per year, and Mr. Magee believes that additional projects are needed to utilize the funding. Mr. Otto asked Mr. Neihart if Main Street might be on that list; Mr. Neihart responded that it would not be in the Local Roads allocation, but on the state side of funding.

Ms. Gadhiraju asked is the District had examples of a state route analogous to Main



Street designated as a transit corridor or including bike lanes. Such a project was carried out in Rantoul on Route 45, which added bike accommodation, which Mr. Nelson was extensively involved. This is also a feature of current discussion of Route 9 in Bloomington.

Next Meeting and/or Public Hearing

The Technical Committee will next meet on March 15, 2019, if required.

Adjournment

Mr. Thorne moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. Ms. Gadhiraaju adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

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

Jennifer A. Sicks  
Land Use/Transportation Planner  
McLean County Regional Planning Commission