Minutes

McLean County Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Technical Committee

Friday, May 18, 2018 8:30 am
Government Center, Room 345
115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois

Committee Members Present (*italics indicated members represented by proxy*)

Vasu Pinnamaraju	MCRPC, Executive Director, Technical Committee Chair
Jim Karch	City of Bloomington, Public Works Director, and as proxy for *Steve Rasmussen*
Kevin Kothe	City of Bloomington, City Engineer
Jerry Stokes	McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer, and as proxy for *Bill Wasson*
Wayne Aldrich	Town of Normal, Public Works Director, as proxy for *Mark Peterson*
Gene Brown	Town of Normal Engineer
Robert Nelson	by proxy Dan Magee, IDOT District 5
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Isaac Thorne	Connect Transit, General Manager
Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director

Others Present

Tom Caldwell	IDOT, OP&P	Brian Trygg	**IDOT**
Jason Comfort	Town of Normal	Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
JD Stevenson	FHWA	Dan Handel	MCRPC

Persons Attending for the Subsequent ITS Workshop

Gary Sims	IDOT D5	Bini Williams	Parsons
Kevin Price	IDOT Ops	Terry Heffron	IDOT ITS
Peter Stresino	IDOT ITS	Scott Lee	Transcom

Call to Order

Ms. Pinnamaraju called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Public Comment

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

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Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2018 meeting of the Technical Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action

FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE

MCRPC FY 2019 Unified Work Program

Ms. Pinnamaraju reviewed the revised structure of the FY 2019 UWP, noting that new work elements have been added to the work intended in FY 2019. These include Regional Housing Initiatives and Data Gathering, Technology and Smart Cities. Ms. Pinnamaraju also noted the revisions to the UWP to make it more accessible to a general audience, and to provide information regarding the work and role of MCRPC, and the purpose of a metropolitan planning organization.

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve the FY 2019 Unified Work Program and was seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

Amendment #7 to the FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Trygg noted that the amendment reflects a District 5 revision to project #A168, changing the project description and cost in FY 2019. The project has been reclassified as a feasibility study of the Veterans' Parkway and Route 9 intersection complex in Bloomington, and increases the allocated cost.

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to approve TIP Amendment #7 and was seconded by Mr. Karch. The motion was unanimously approved.

Consolidated Vehicle Purchase applications, per the Transportation Advisory Committee

Ms. Sicks noted that the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends approval for submission of applications for vehicles from Connect Transit, SHOW BUS, Marcfirst and Homes of Hope. She further noted that Homes of Hope applied last year and did not receive a grant; she is coordinating with other TAC members to revise the current application to better reflect her agency's work and resources. Ms. Sicks noted that in some instances in both urban and rural agencies, the award of a vehicle through the CVP helps recipients manage their records, training, operations and maintenance

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve the slate of CVP applications endorsed by the Transportation Advisory Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Approval for Publication of the 2019 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Sicks reviewed the draft TIP document, noting that it was not a final version given that the state program has not yet been released. As a result, state and federal investment in the MPA is under-reported. She further noted that in the past, MCRPC has adopted a TIP without the state program and amended it into the TIP early in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Stevenson noted that the current FY 2018-2019 will continue to be valid after June 30, 2018, and suggested that the FY 2019-2023 be held until the state data can be incorporated into a complete document. The Committee discussed various approaches, and agreed with Mr. Stevenson's suggestion.

Mr. Karch offered a motion to postpone the publication of the FY 2019-2023 draft Transportation Improvement Program until the state program can be included, and was seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval for Publication of the 2019 MCRPC Title VI Plan

Ms. Sicks noted that she had planned to stagger the public review periods for the TIP and the Title VI plan to avoid confusion and give the latter proper attention. The Committee agreed that postponing the publication of the Title VI plan would be preferable, and the matter was tabled until after the publication of the TIP.

Items of Information or Discussion

Retirement of Gene Brown, Town of Normal

Mr. Karch noted that this is the last Technical Committee meeting Mr. Brown would attend, as his retirement from the Town is imminent. Ms. Pinnamaraju and other Committee members and staff thanked Mr. Brown for his contributions and wished him well in his retirement.

Next Meeting

The Technical Committee will next meet on June 15, 2018.

Adjournment

Mr. Karch moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Brown. Ms. Pinnamaraju adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Several of the Committee members remained to participate in the IDOT ITS workshop.

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