Minutes

McLean County Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Technical Committee

Friday, January 26, 2018 10:30 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
Jerry Stokes	McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer, and as proxy for *Bill Wasson*
Jim Karch	City of Bloomington, Public Works Director, and as proxy for *Steve Rasmussen*
Kevin Kothe	City of Bloomington, City Engineer
Wayne Aldrich	Town of Normal, Public Works Director, and as proxy for *Mark Peterson*
Gene Brown	Town of Normal Engineer
Robert Nelson	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator
Isaac Thorne	Connect Transit, General Manager
Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director

Others Present

Tom Caldwell	IDOT, Office of Planning and Programming
Vontra Giles	Federal Highway Administration
Luke Hohulin	McLean County Highway Department, Asst. County Engineer
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Dan Handel	MCRPC

Call to Order

Ms. Pinnamaraju called the meeting to order at 10:32 p.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. Brown offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017

meeting of the Technical Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Karch. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action

Review and recommendation for action by the Policy Committee regarding:

Amendments 1 through 4 to the FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program, as proposed by IDOT District 5, as follows:

- Amendment No. 1, project no. MBPM5001, bridge joint repair at various locations
- Amendment No. 2, project no. HSIP 1605, lighting one location in MPA on U.S. 51
- Amendment No. 3 project no. CM5016, bridge deck repairs on U.S. 51B over Sugar Creek
- Amendment No. 4, project no. HSIP 2018-1, guardrail at various locations, including U.S. 51B at I-55 and I-39, IL-9 at Veterans Parkway

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to approve amendments 1 through 4, and was seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

Project Selection Criteria Framework

Ms. Sicks advised that a draft project prioritization tool will be distributed for review, and gave the Committee members a sample of the criteria and scoring scheme used by the Champaign-Urbana MPO for informational purposes. The adopted framework will applied to federally funded projects in the FY 2019 – 2023 TIP. Ms. Sicks noted that MCRPC has consistently argued that the consensus approach taken to date has worked well, integrated with the decision process of each juris

Freight Study Report

Ms. Sicks asked for any final comments on the freight study report, and further noted that appropriate elements of the report will be amended into the LRTP later this year.

Mr. Stokes noted that the Chapter 4 discussion regarding priority County facilities relies too heavily on the study that was done, and some of the identified projects have already been completed. Mr. Stokes will send notes on the needed changes to Ms. Sicks, who will forward

Mr. Nelson noted that Mr. Trygg distributed the 2018 Safety Engineering 5% report data and Response Report, which he requested that local staff review for further discussion with him after January 30th. Mr. Kothe noted that the local jurisdictions may not have complete information regarding the details of serious crash incidents, and local information may not tally with the state records. Mr. Nelson suggested contacting Mr. Trygg with these issues.

MCRPC Organizational Updates

Ms. Pinnamaraju advised that MCRPC has updated the intergovernmental MPO agreement and the Commission by-laws, which will be circulated to IDOT and counsel for the local jurisdictions for review. Mr. Caldwell noted that the agreement should be sent for review by IDOT counsel as soon as possible.

Next Meeting

The Technical Committee will next meet on March 26, 2018.

Adjournment

Mr. Stokes moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Karch. Ms. Pinnamaraju adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

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