



Minutes

McLean County Regional Planning Commission Transportation Technical Committee

Friday, February 15, 2019

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
Brian Trygg	As proxy for 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
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC

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.

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Mr. Kothe offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2018 meeting of the Technical Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Aldrich. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action

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

Mr. Nelson 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. Although the installations are intended to be on state routes, Mr. Nelson will check on the scope to confirm that installations will include cross streets are not state routes.

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to refer approval of Amendment #3 to the Unified Work Program corrected as noted, and was seconded by Mr. Aldrich. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items of Information or Discussion

Health in Transportation Meeting Schedule

Ms. Sicks noted that due to weather concerns the Health in Transportation kick-off meeting has been moved to Friday, March 8th. Mr. Heyd will provide feedback on the original draft agenda. The new agenda will be distributed to the intergovernmental, sustainable transportation, health coalition and transportation advisory committee lists.

ITS Architecture

Ms. Sicks advised that the state's consultants have delivered the tailored ITS and supporting software. Ms. Sicks will schedule a demo when time permits, and the inventory can be reviewed through intergovernmental. The ITS can serve as a framework for a technology plan. Ms. Gadhiraju noted that this dovetails with the work of the new open data commission.

That Which May Arise

Vasu noted that staff is assembling transportation metrics for the transportation dashboard. MCRPC received data from the County Highway Department, but found it could not be associated with FHWA data and published. Mr. Stevenson was unsure as to how or why the condition data on bridges might be restricted. Mr. Stokes noted that there are other standards for determining condition, and that they are sometimes in conflict, even if only in the category definitions. Mr. Kothe noted that the condition data might be useful to release in the aggregate, but not specifically by each structure. Ms. Sicks noted that proper public education might



help allay some fears about the meaning of ratings such as “structurally deficient,” by explaining that the rating should be considered in the context of how the structure matches current standards. Mr. Stevenson noted that aggregated information on bridge condition could be used for public education.

Ms. Gadhiraju noted that the TLC project is looking for some additional funding; this year two projects. Two projects will be funded in the first round, including research on Route 66, and an update of the Town of Normal Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Next Meeting and/or Public Hearing

The Technical Committee will next meet on March 8, 2019 at 9 am, in coordination with the Health in Transportation event.

Adjournment

Mr. Thorne moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. Ms. Gadhiraju adjourned the meeting at 10:55 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