



Minutes

McLean County Regional Planning Commission Transportation Technical Committee

Friday, April 26, 2019
10:30 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
Jim Karch	City of Bloomington, City Engineer, & as proxy for <i>Tim Gleason</i>
Jerry Stokes	McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer, and as proxy for <i>Bill Wasson</i>
<i>Wayne Aldrich</i>	Town of Normal, Public Works Director,
Ryan Otto	Town of Normal, Town Engineer, and as proxy for <i>Pam Reese</i>
Robert Nelson	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal-Aid Coordinator
<i>Isaac Thorne</i>	Connect Transit, General Manager
<i>Carl Olson</i>	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director

Others Present:

Curtis Jones	IDOT Planning & Programming
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC

Call to Order

Ms. Gadhiraju called the meeting to order at 10:31 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 February 15, 2019 meeting of the Technical Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action

Approval of Amendment #4 to the FY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment #4 refers to IDOT project J043, for Phase 1 study of Illinois Route 9 and U.S. 150, from I74 to Royal Point Drive, and from Locust Street and Towanda Avenue, all in Bloomington. Mr. Nelson noted that the amendment documents an increase in the funding for the Phase 1 portion of this ongoing project.

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to refer approval of Amendment #4 to the Policy Committee and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items of Information or Discussion

FY 2021 Local HSIP Circular

Ms. Sicks advised that there was an IDOT request that the circular be provided to MPO participants, and potential applications. Mr. Stokes noted that the County received a grant two years ago, and was considering what projects would be suitable in the next grant round.

Mr. Jones encouraged the group to apply for the HSIP funds. Mr. Karch asked if there were other projects under-applied for; Mr. Jones noted that the possible guardrail project was a good example, and further noted that in any application the use of good data to support the project discussed would increase the chance of success. Mr. Magee noted that funding lapses after two years, further noting that award recipients need to move quickly to get the funding obligated.

Status of TIP Content

Ms. Sicks noted that to date she has not received TIP materials, noting further that the draft needs to be available for public review in less than a month. Ms. Sicks reminded local staff that project lists should be accompanied by project prioritization forms for all projects using federal funds. The text in the TIP will be revised to indicate, for each federally-funded project, what IDOT and local goals and metrics are related to the project.

SPR Grant Application

Ms. Gadhiraju noted that MCRPC will apply for a State Planning and Research grant, to fund a PASER survey to bring the Town of Normal road/street conditions data into the system already used by the City and County. The expectation is that



For the next SPR grant opportunity, the Committee discussed an application to support the full implementation and maintenance of the ITS architecture. There was also discussion of submitting a project to develop regional gateways. The Committee agreed that the project scope and other details should be developed well before the application window opens.

That Which May Arise

Mr. Jones noted that there will be an ITEP application period between October 2 and December 6, 2019. He confirmed that ITEP and SRTS will be open for application in alternate years. There is also a local rail-highway grade crossing grant in current release.

Next Meeting and/or Public Hearing

The Technical Committee will next meet on May 17, 2019 at 10:30 am, and will include consideration of the FY 2020 Unified Work Program, and a draft of the FY 2020-2024 TIP for approval to forward to the Policy Committee for publication.

Adjournment

Mr. Karch moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. Ms. Gadhiraju adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

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

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