



Minutes

McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 26, 2018 11:30 a.m.
MCRPC, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street,
Bloomington, Illinois

Committee Members Present

(italics indicated members represented by proxy)

Mary Jefferson	Chair, Transportation Policy Committee and McLean County Regional Planning Commission
<i>William Caisley</i>	Chair, McLean County Transportation Committee, by proxy Luke Hohulin
<i>Chris Koos</i>	Mayor, Town of Normal, by proxy Wayne Aldrich
<i>Tari Renner</i>	Mayor, City of Bloomington, by proxy Jim Karch
Scott Neihart	IDOT District 5

Others Present

Michael Buragas	MCRPC Commission Member
Tom Caldwell	IDOT, Office of Planning and Programming
JD Stevenson	FHWA
Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC

Call to Order

Ms. Jefferson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Public Comment

Ms. Sicks advised that no request for public comment was received, and that no one appears present to comment.

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Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2018 meeting of the Policy Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Aldrich. The motion was unanimously approved.



Items for Action, as forwarded by the Technical Committee

Approval of the FY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Sicks noted that the format of the document has been revised added text regarding the adoption of state safety targets, and the future targets on bridges and pavements. The final document also incorporates two administrative modifications and an additional project from District 5. The final elements, such as the minutes of the transportation committees, will be added once they are available.

The TIP now includes the recently adopted project selection matrix, used to assess projects submitted for inclusion by the local jurisdictions, to implement the new project prioritization process. The matrix may be revised to incorporate LRTP goals and objectives and the adopted state performance targets.

Mr. Karch offered a motion to approve the FY 2019 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program, and was seconded by Mr. Aldrich. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items of Information or Discussion

Ms. Sicks noted that for the remainder of FY 2019 the Policy Committee will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. In September 2018 the meetings will be held one week earlier than the schedule dictates, due to a conflict with the APA state, and other changes to the September schedule may be necessary. The November Policy meeting will be held a week following Thanksgiving, and the Committee will not meet in December.

The Title VI draft will publish on July 30th and the review period will end on September 13, 2018, leading into the Technical Committee hearing on September 14th.

The 2018 Federally Obligated Project Report will be completed in September as well, and submitted for Committee approval.

Policy Committee Attendance

Mr. Aldrich suggested that the Policy agenda could include an educational session to advise the members and the public regarding the activities of the Policy Committee. Mr. Caldwell suggested that the Regional Engineer or District Engineer could also attend. Ms. Sicks suggested that such a session could be scheduled early in the new year.

Mr. Stevenson agreed with Mr. Aldrich's suggestions, and noted that new discussion



regarding performance measures and state targets might be a topic to consider. Ms. Sicks noted that discussion of the IDOT budget process would be helpful, as many people do not have a complete understanding of the process and how it affects the MPO. If there are sufficient topics suggested, the Policy Committee could meet either quarterly or every four months. Ms. Gadhiraju approved the concept of ongoing policy-driven topics over the course of the year.

Mr. Caldwell inquired as to the date on which the last update of the Public Participation Plan was adopted. Ms. Sicks noted that the PPP is re-confirmed each year through its inclusion in the TIP. A revision is due to Integrate the PPP with the comprehensive planning process, which has been much broader, and uses the partnership network to expand the scale of the outreach process. The public engagement process discussion in the Title VI has been redrafted to focus of the target populations. Mr. Caldwell noted that the CMAP Title VI document is only 16 pages long. He also noted that the timing of advance notice before meetings needs to be revised in the new PPP.

Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 11:30 am on Thursday, August 30, 2018, if needed.

Adjournment

Mr. Aldrich moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Hohulin. Ms. Jefferson adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer A. Sicks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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