



## Minutes

McLean County Regional Planning Commission  
Transportation Technical Committee

**Friday, March 23, 2018 10:00 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 <i>Bill Wasson</i>
<i>Jim Karch</i>	by proxy Kevin Kothe, City of Bloomington, Public Works Director, and as proxy for <i>Steve Rasmussen</i>
Kevin Kothe	City of Bloomington, City Engineer
<i>Wayne Aldrich</i>	by proxy Gene Brown, Town of Normal, Public Works Director, and as proxy for <i>Mark Peterson</i>
Gene Brown	Town of Normal Engineer
Robert Nelson	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5
<i>Isaac Thorne</i>	Connect Transit, General Manager
<i>Carl Olson</i>	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director

### **Others Present**

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

### **Call to Order**

Ms. Pinnamaraju 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.

## **Minutes**

Mr. Brown offered a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2018 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 5 through 6 to the FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program, as proposed by IDOT District 5, as follows:
  - Amendment No. 5, project no. MBPM5001, for project no. MBPM5001 in FY18 reflecting a \$500,000 budget increase.
  - Amendment No. 6, project no. HSIP 1605, for project no. D082-3 in FY19 for resurfacing and ADA improvements at the intersection of IL 9 and Veterans Parkway; will also impact elements of Project D-082 in the FY 2020 program.

The Committee discussed the ADA improvements in Amendment 6. Mr. Nelson noted that no additional pedestrian facilities in the 2020 program on Veterans' Parkway, which will maintain the road and bring it to current standards. Mr. Stokes noted that by 2020 Veterans' Parkway will have been resurfaced from I-74 to Clearwater.

The Committee discussed the programmed Phase 1 study regarding the Empire and Veterans' Parkway intersection revamping. The Committee would like an early chance to be involved in the project.

Mr. Brown offered a motion to approve amendments 6, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to approve amendments 6, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ Adoption of the Project Selection Criteria framework

Ms. Sicks noted that in prior discussion of the criteria several elaborations were considered; in light of this being the first use of the process, the framework retains

the simpler configuration. This will allow for a straightforward test of the process and the results of the prioritization of federally funded projects. She asks that any issues be noted for further discussion and acting in July.

Mr. Brown noted the need to account for the occasions in which regional scale projects without multijurisdictional involvement; Ms. Pinnamaraju suggested that regional significance is the better metric. The Committee discussed how to evaluate the criteria after the first use. Ms. Pinnamaraju noted the importance of Vision Zero and Complete Streets in looking at project priorities, and projects that may address those criteria. There was also discussion of the proposed bike lane striping on portions of Main Street in Normal.

Mr. Brown offered a motion to approve the prioritization criteria framework and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Items of Information or Discussion**

#### *Project Selection Criteria Framework*

See above.

#### *FY 2019 – 2023 TIP Development timeline*

Ms. Sicks advised on the schedule for TIP data and approval for publication. The Normal and County budgets are approved, and Bloomington will do so early in April. Ms. Sicks would like to publish on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nelson advised that the state program is expected shortly

#### *Autonomous Vehicles*

Ms. Pinnamaraju noted that Rivian has applied to test their vehicles here, and other companies may follow suit. It would be helpful to have considered how this will be handled and what oversight local governments may wish to engage in, should that be possible. The Committee discussed some possible approaches for further discussion.

### **Next Meeting**

The Technical Committee will next meet on May 9, 2018.

### **Adjournment**



Mr. Stokes moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. Ms. Pinnamaraju adjourned the meeting at 10:35 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