

Minutes
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 29th, 2020, 10:00 A.M.
Virtual and Live-Streamed

Members Present:

Mary Kramp, MCRPC Chairperson
Jim Fruin, MCRPC Vice Chairperson
Diana Hauman, MCRPC Designee

Advisory Members Present:

Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator – McLean County
Tim Gleason, City Manager – City of Bloomington
Pamela Reece, City Manager – Town of Normal
Raymond Lai, MCRPC Executive Director

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

MCRPC Staff: Melissa Robinson; Jennifer Sicks; Lauren Gibson; Alyssa Cooper;
Timothy Riley; Melissa Quimby

Call to Order:

Ms. Kramp called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. noting the presence of a quorum.

Public Comment:

None

Minutes:

Following a motion by Ms. Hauman and a second by Ms. Kramp, the minutes of November 8, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

Items of Business:

Proposed FY2021 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Mr. Lai explained that McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) was integrated into the County system about two years ago, which its fiscal year runs from January 1 – December 31. MCRPC also works with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) fiscal year which is July 1- June 30. For IDOT, MCRPC creates the Unified Work Program (UWP), which encompasses the work elements funded by IDOT. Earlier this year, the two Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) committees, Transportation Technical Committee and Transportation Policy Committee, approved the FY 2021 UWP, which was then brought to the MCRPC Commission Meeting in June 2020 for informational purposes.

Mr. Lai presented a PowerPoint (see attached) to the Executive Committee with break-downs of the MCRPC budget. He stated that MCRPC work elements and projects are entirely local, state, and federal funded. Work elements 100, 300, 400, 500, and 600 are funded through IDOTs Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) core grant and are included in the UWP and OWP. However, work elements 200 and 210 are locally funded and are reflected in the OWP.

Ms. Kramp asked Mr. Lai why there was a 22% increase from the previous fiscal year for the Vision Zero project and Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) project. Mr. Lai explained that the PASER project, a pavement assessment project, is funded by an \$100,000 grant through IDOT. However MCRPC staff is working on this project with the Town of Normal (TON). Ms. Sicks added that the increase is due to accounting for the two state planning and research grants. The Vision Zero project and the PASER project have a 20% match each. Both grants will end next spring in 2021.

Mr. Lai gave a brief overview of the Vision Zero project which is a traffic safety project. The goal of this project is to reduce traffic casualties. MCRPC staff is working on this project with a consultant, Hile Group. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Vision Zero project was given an extension by IDOT. It was supposed to end in December 2020 but will now end in June 2021. There is no extension on the PASER project at this time.

Ms. Reece asked what the expected outcome of the Vision Zero project is and what the Town of Normal (TON) and City of Bloomington (COB) are expected to do with the information found. Mr. Lai answered that the findings and recommendations from this project will be shared with the two municipalities, TON and COB, and it will be up to them on how they would like to move forward and if they want to implement any of the findings.

Ms. Kramp and Ms. Hauman thanked the MCRPC staff for creating the budget breakdown chart and the new budget format as it was easy to understand and read.

Ms. Kramp called for a motion to approve the proposed FY2021 Overall Work Program (OWP). Ms. Hauman moved for approval. Mr. Fruin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

None

Adjournment:

With no action to be taken or further business to discuss, Mr. Fruin moved the meeting to adjourn. Ms. Hauman seconded the motion which passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Robinson
Office manager