



Draft Minutes
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Committee
of the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Friday, June 19, 2020
10:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting through GoToMeeting™

Committee Members in attendance:

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| Raymond Lai | MCRPC, Executive Director, Technical Committee Chair |
| Kevin Kothe | City of Bloomington, Director of Public Works, proxy for Tim Gleason |
| Craig Shonkwiler | City of Bloomington |
| Jerry Stokes | McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer, proxy for Camille Rodriguez |
| Luke Hohulin | McLean County Highway Department |
| Wayne Aldrich | Town of Normal, Director of Public Works, proxy for Pam Reece |
| Ryan Otto | Town of Normal |
| Robert Nelson | IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief |
| Dan Magee | IDOT District 5, Federal-Aid Coordinator |
| Isaac Thorne | Connect Transit, General Manager, by proxy Martin Glaze. |

Committee members not in attendance:

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| Carl Olson | Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director |
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Others Present

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| Holly Bieneman | IDOT, OP&P | Luke Thoele | City of Bloomington |
| Tom Caldwell | IDOT, OP&P | Jennifer Sicks | MCRPC |
| JD Stevenson | FHWA | | |

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lai called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Attendance

A quorum was present, with members in attendance as listed above.

3. Public Comment

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



4. Minutes

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2020 virtual meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action, for referral to the Policy Committee

5. Permission for the Illinois Department of Transportation to Allocate Unused State Metro Planning Funds for Statewide and MPO Activities

Mr. Lai introduced Holly Bieneman, Chief of the Bureau of Planning in the IDOT Office of Planning and Programming, to the committee. Ms. Bieneman described the State's proposal for the allocation of unused state planning funds to projects considered by IDOT and the Illinois MPOs. Such use must be approved by the MPOs. She noted that several projects were considered for use of the funds, from which two were chosen.

The first is collection of pavement condition data, including classified streets designated as collectors or above. The collection process would be carried out in alternate years, and raw data would be distributed to the MPOs as available. Ms. Bieneman noted that data collection would use IDOT's preferred method, but data conversion might be available. Mr. Stokes asked what the schedule for the pavement condition survey would be; Ms. Bieneman noted that the process would begin in calendar year 2022, and would continue every other year from that point forward.

IDOT would also use the available funding to pay MPO dues for membership in the Association of MPOs (AMPO) and the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC).

Mr. Aldrich moved for approval of the IDOT proposal, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - THE FY 2021 – 2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Sicks opened the public hearing at 10:45 am, noting instructions on accessing the virtual meetings. She noted that she has received one comment on the published draft from members of the Connect Transit "Connect to the Future," Working Group, wherein the group members advocated for the implementation of the recommendations made to the Board of Trustees and the councils of Bloomington and Normal. The introductory portion of the comment was read to the Committee, and copies were made available to the Committee members.

Ms. Sicks noted that no other persons asked to participate in the public hearing, and no other written comments were offered. Mr. Glaze offered a motion to close the public



hearing, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes; the hearing was closed at 10:47 am.

6. *FY 2021 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program*

Ms. Sicks noted that the report is now complete, although appendices incorporating minutes of the Transportation Committees will be complete and added after approval. The current report incorporates all revisions provided to MCRPC by Wednesday of the current week.

Mr. Kothe moved for the approval of the FY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program, and was seconded by Mr. Glaze. The motion carried unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

7. Technical Committee Meeting Schedule – July 2020 through December 2021

Mr. Lai noted the dates proposed for meetings of the Technical Committee now cover an 18-month period, including both State and County fiscal years.

8. That Which May Arise

No matters were raised.

9. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 10:30 am on July 17, 2020.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Stokes moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. Approval of adjournment was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 10:52 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