



Draft Minutes
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Policy Committee
Government Center, Room 400
115 East Washington Street
Bloomington, Illinois 61701

Friday, August 27, 2021
11:30 a.m.

Attendance by Committee Members (In person - Italics indicate representation by proxy)

- Mary Kramp: Chair, Transportation Policy Committee and McLean County Regional Planning Commission, by proxy Jennifer Sicks
Jim Soeldner: Chair, McLean County Board Transportation Committee, by proxy Jerry Stokes
Mboka Mwilambwe: Mayor, City of Bloomington, by proxy Kevin Kothe
Chris Koos: Mayor, Town of Normal, by proxy Ryan Otto
Scott Neihart: IDOT District 5

Others Present

Table with 4 columns: Name, Agency, Name, Agency. Rows include James Kyte (FHWA), Tom Caldwell (IDOT, OP&P), Ray Lai (MCRPC), Tessa Ferraro (MCRPC), Shubhangi Rathor (MCRPC), and Katie McShane (MCRPC).

- 1. Call to Order: Ms. Sicks called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.
2. Attendance: Attendance by Committee members and proxies was determined and is listed above. A quorum was present in person. Ms. Sicks noted the provisions of the Open Meetings Act permitting remote attendance by Committee members.
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. Kothe offered a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2021, meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Neihart. The motion was unanimously approved.



Items for Action, as recommended for approval by the Technical Committee

5. Approval of **Amendment #3a** to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, consisting of capital improvements by SHOW BUS, including ongoing rehabilitation of the SHOW BUS facility, at a total project cost of \$1,300,000, with SHOW BUS FY 2022 contract funding provided.

Ms. Sicks noted that the amendment is a revision to the previous Amendment #3 to respond to comments received from the Federal Transit Administration.

Mr. Otto moved for the approval of Amendment #3a to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of **Amendment #4** to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, consisting of an increase in funding for Project No. K030 on U.S. 51, to include Preliminary Engineering (Phases I & II), between Gregory Street and Olive Street, at a total project cost of \$594,000.

Mr. Neihart noted that the multi-year program will include the extension to Gregory.

Mr. Otto moved for the approval of Amendment #4 to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of **Amendment #5** to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, consisting of additional funding for Project No. Y089 On U.S. 51, Preliminary Engineering, Phases I & II on U.S. 150 (Morrisey Ave.) between Oakland Avenue and Veterans Parkway in Bloomington, at a total project cost of \$800,000.

Mr. Neihart noted that this is a carryover from FY 2021.

Mr. Kothe moved for the approval of Amendment #5 to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of **Amendment #6** to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, the addition of Project No. PP2022-2 on Illinois Rt. 9 for crack and joint sealing between Towanda-Barnes Rd and IL 165, at a total project cost of \$25,560.

Mr. Neihart noted that the project is part of the transportation asset management process.

Mr. Stokes moved for the approval of Amendment #6 to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion carried unanimously.



9. Approval of **Amendment #7** to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, the addition of Project No. CM22-5014 for patching on I-55 from 1.8 miles south of Shirley to south of the 1-74 and I-55 split, at a total project cost of \$170,000.

Mr. Neihart noted that this is a contract maintenance project.

Mr. Otto moved for the approval of Amendment #7 to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval of **Amendment #8** to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, the continuation of Project No. A168 on I-55B, Veterans Parkway, for a feasibility study regarding the intersection with Illinois Rt. 9, at a total cost of \$369,000.

Mr. Neihart noted that the project has been through a public presentation which was made available twice. Mr. Caldwell asked about the elements of the existing facility that have prompted the study. Mr. Neihart noted that the intersection has been a high crash location. He further noted that the ramps that divert turns from the center of the intersection are improvements from a capacity standpoint. Mr. Caldwell noted that crash incidence was less related to design than to driver error and speed. Mr. Neihart noted that there is a record of rear end crashes, and several signalized modes. There have been two recent pedestrian fatalities, and pedestrian facilities need attention.

Mr. Kothe moved for the approval of Amendment #8 to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Approval of **Amendment #9** to the FY 2022 – 2026 TIP, the continuation of Project No. J043 on U.S 150/Illinois Rt. 9 for Preliminary Engineering, Phases I & II between east of I-74 to Royale Pointe Dr. in and between Locust St. to Towanda Ave., at a total project cost of \$1,500,000.

Mr. Neihart noted that the project has been delayed by cultural resources issues, and the cultural resources unit having responded with altered instructions. The screen brought up two locations with cultural impact. One is the intersection of Empire and Center Streets, where considering Lee Street required a change in the geometrics. The second issue is the historic brick streets in the City of Bloomington, which the consultants are considering based on Bloomington's policies regarding brick side streets.

Mr. Kothe noted that that Main Street was once the two-way Route 66, until the couplet was created in the 1970s, and noted that it was interested that Center Street is being identified as Route 66. He offered to provide additional information regarding that issue as well as the brick streets.

Mr. Kothe moved for the approval of Amendment #9 to the FY 2022-2026 TIP and was



seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion carried unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

12. That Which May Arise

Mr. Kyte advised that JD Stevenson's last day at FHWA will be September 15, 2021. Upon his departure, Mr. Kyte will assume his role as the FHWA contact with MCRPC and will pass our information to Betsy Tracy. Mr. Lai thanked Mr. Kyte for the update, and expressed appreciation of Mr. Stevenson's service over many years with us in our area as well as the MPO in Decatur when Mr. Lai was working there. Mr. Kyte will keep MCRPC advised on the upcoming program review.

13. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 11:30 am on September 24, 2021. (The September meeting was subsequently cancelled.)

14. Adjournment

Mr. Neihart moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. Ms. Sicks adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer A. Sicks".

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