



Draft Minutes
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Policy Committee

Government Center, Suite M-103
115 East Washington Street
Bloomington, Illinois 61701

[Hybrid meeting with in person and virtual participation]

Friday, June 25, 2021
11:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Committee Members

(includes representation by proxy)

Mary Kramp	Chair, Transportation Policy Committee and McLean County Regional Planning Commission
Jim Soeldner	Chair, McLean County Board Transportation Committee, by proxy Cassy Taylor
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor, City of Bloomington, by proxy Kevin Kothe
Chris Koos	Mayor, Town of Normal, by proxy Eric Herbst

Committee Members Not Present:

Scott Neihart	IDOT District 5
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Others Present

JD Stevenson	FHWA	Raymond Lai	MCRPC
Tom Caldwell	IDOT, OP&P	Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
Jerry Stokes	McLean County	Tessa Ferraro	MCRPC

1. Call to Order

Ms. Kramp called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance by Committee members and proxies was determined and is listed above. A quorum was present.

3. Public Comment

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

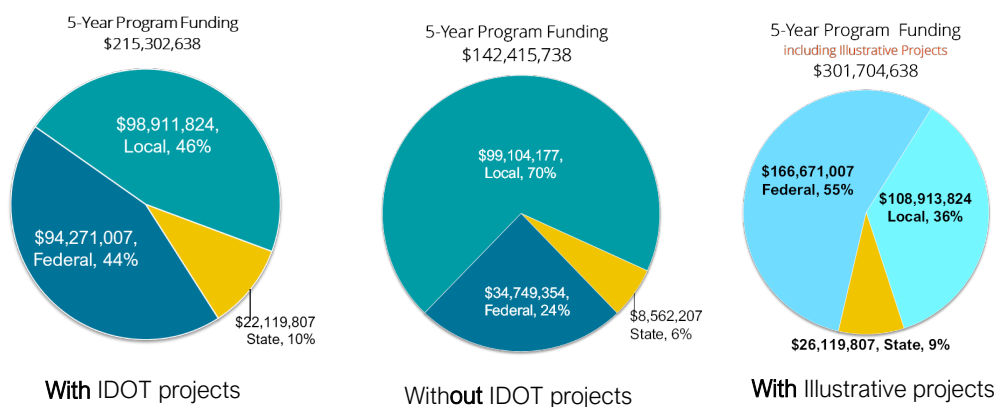
4. Minutes

Mr. Kothe offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2021 meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

5. Approval of Draft FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Sicks gave a brief presentation regarding the annually updated Transportation Improvement Program, noting that the program provides a 5-year summary of programmed projects, meaning those which have committed funding and thus qualify as fiscally constrained. This includes streets, trails and transit. Projects can also be included as illustrative, meaning that they are not fully funded, but funding is actively being sought.



For the FY 2022 – 2026 period, program funding totals \$215,302,638. Of this total, 46% is local funding, 44% is federal funding and 10% is state funding. It was noted that the inclusion of the State programmed projects caused a significant increase in the federal percentage share of the total program, from 24% to 44%, with a resultant decrease in the local share from 70% to 46%. If the identified illustrative projects were to be funded within the FY 2022-2026 period, approximately \$85 million would be added to the total funding over the five years.

Mr. Stokes moved for the approval of the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval for referral of the FY 2022 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Ms. Sicks noted that the FY 2022 budget for our Metropolitan Planning Organization from federal and state sources is \$471,383, and the total MPO project cost is \$626,383, which includes local funding. The Unified Work Program includes the five work elements that comprise the MPO project – General Administration, Comprehensive Planning & Technical Assistance, Transportation Planning & Technical Assistance, Data Gathering, Technology & Smart Cities, and Education & Outreach.



The UWP also reflects two work elements that are transportation-related but not part of the core elements for the MPO process. They are included to illustrate the scope of the transportation planning work done by MCRPC, and include the Human Services Transportation Plan for Region 6 project, and the Town of Normal PASER project funded under a State Planning & Research grant. The work program delineates the tasks associated with each project element, and it aligns with the state fiscal year, beginning on July 1st in each year. Mr. Lai noted that the UWP is included in the budget developed for the County fiscal year, which includes projects not funded through the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mr. Kothe moved for the approval of the FY 2022 Unified Work Program, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion

7. Policy Committee meeting schedule for State FY 2022

Ms. Kramp noted the dates for the Policy Committee meetings for the coming year. Ms. Sicks advised that some deviation from the standard fourth Friday of each month has been made to accommodate holidays and other conflicts.

8. That Which May Arise

Mr. Lai noted that there are a few new participants, and suggested a round of introductions by the group. New participants include Cassy Taylor, the Interim County Administrator; Tessa Ferraro, Assistant Planner at MCRPC; and Eric Herbst, a project manager for the Town of Normal.

Mr. Stevenson advised that there will be a planning review of MCRPC, which is expected to take place in early 2022.

9. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 11:30 am on July 23, 2021. (Later rescheduled to July 30, 2021.)

10. Adjournment

Mr. Stokes moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Kothe. Ms. Kramp adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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

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