



# Minutes

## McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### Transportation Policy Committee

Friday, January 31, 2020

11:30 a.m.

Government Center, Room 345

City of Bloomington Department of Public Works

115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois

#### Committee Members Present

*(italics indicated members represented by proxy)*

Mary Kramp	Chair, Transportation Policy Committee and McLean County Regional Planning Commission
<i>William Caisley</i>	Chair, McLean County Board Transportation Committee, by proxy
	Jerry Stokes
<i>Chris Koos</i>	Mayor, Town of Normal, by proxy Wayne Aldrich
<i>Tari Renner</i>	Mayor, City of Bloomington, by proxy Kevin Kothe
Scott Neihart	IDOT District 5

#### Others Present

Curtis Jones	IDOT	Luke Thoele	City of Bloomington
James Kyte	FHWA	Raymond Lai	MCRPC
Ryan Otto	Town of Normal	Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
JD Stevenson	FHWA		

#### Call to Order

Ms. Kramp called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

#### Public Comment

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

#### Minutes

Mr. Stokes offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2019 meeting of the Policy Committee, and was seconded by Mr. Aldrich. The motion was unanimously approved.



Items for Action, as forwarded by the Technical Committee

*Amendment #3 to the FY 2020-2024 TIP; Public Comment*

Ms. Kramp asked that Ms. Sicks advise the Committee regarding the status of the amendment. Ms. Sicks noted that the amendment substantially alters both the total program cost and project inventory found in the TIP as originally adopted, as the full slate of IDOT projects are now included. Amendment #3 has been approved by the Technical Committee and referred to the Policy Committee for final disposition.

The Committee discussed the use of STU funding for Hamilton Road as reflected in the amended TIP. Ms. Sicks noted that status changes in the Hamilton Road project could be handled through the TIP amendment process. Mr. Aldrich suggested that an informational packet regarding use of the Surface Transportation Program urban funding, to prepare elected officials for discussion of the policy preferences for the use of STU dollars. Ms. Sicks noted that the project prioritization process can incorporate funding sources to the criteria applied. Mr. Aldrich reiterated the importance of drawing elected officials and senior staff into the discussion provided with adequate information to assess the issues at hand.

Mr. Stevenson agreed that a detailed review of the prioritization process is a useful approach, and is something that FHWA has raised in past FHWA reviews. Ms. Kramp asked if the Hamilton Road project had been analyzed in the context of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Kothe noted that the final section from Bunn to Commerce has been pending for a number of years, but now it is coming close to meeting the requirements for the railroad component. There remain a number of steps needed to permit the railroad relocation to proceed. Mr. Thoele is present as the project manager for this effort.

Mr. Kothe that noted that there is also a Constitution Trail connection included in the project, as well as a new signalized intersection, creating greater connectivity in multiple modes. He expects that if the continuing discussions go well, the project could be ready to proceed by late fall of this year.

Ms. Kramp inquired as to how the STU funding has been used in the past. Mr. Aldrich noted that the current Uptown project involves the rail underpass at Uptown Station, under the Union Pacific tracks. The Town has announced the award of a \$13 million BUILD grant, for this purpose, and Normal capital funds, ICC funds and additional IDOT funding may also be used. Mr. Otto noted that STU funding is also proposed for the West College Avenue Phase 1 project for reconstruction near the Rivian location, for which Normal motor fuel tax has been identified.

Ms. Sicks noted the process for generating the revised funding detail tables and charts for the 5-year program and each individual program year. The TIP will be re-issued with the amendment #3 replacing the originals; those pages are identified at the foot of the page.



Mr. Kothe offered a motion to approve Amendment #3 to the FY 2020-2024 TIP, and was seconded by Mr. Neihart. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### Items of Information or Discussion

A discussion regarding the Vision Zero Action Plan project was postponed. The Hile Group has indicated that they would like a meeting with Mr. Lai and Ms. Gadhiraju before proceeding with public presentations to the committees and the Commission. Ms. Kramp inquired as to what prompted this project; Ms. Sicks noted that the project addresses the safety priorities emphasized in the LRTP, and at the forefront of the priorities defined by the Federal Highway Administration.

#### Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet at 11:30 am on February 28, 2020.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Otto moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Stokes. Ms. Kramp adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.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