

**MINUTES**  
**Joint Policy & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings**  
**Stateline Area Transportation Study**  
**Monday, July 20, 2015 at 10:00 A.M**  
**Rotary River Center, 1160 Riverside Drive (U.S.H. 51), Beloit, Wisconsin**

A meeting of the Stateline Area Transportation Study's Technical Advisory and Policy Committees was held on Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Rotary River Center, 1160 Riverside Drive. Mike Flesch called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Policy Committee Members Present (6): Adams, Sloniker, Wilson, Long, Jencius, Vanderwerff

Policy Committee Members Absent (4): Sweeney, Rehl, Anclam, Gust

Technical Committee Members Present (10): Flesch, McKearn, Boysen, Gavin, Long, Jorgenson, Nygren, Hecox, Vanderwerff, Schreiber

Technical Committee Members Absent (7): Donovan, McComb, Byrnes, Reininger, Birkholz, Dornbush, Koprowski.

Non-Voting Members Present (3): Delille, Nolan, Hren.

Others present:

John Paul Diipla (RMAP), Michael Dunn (RMAP) Patricia Diduch (Village of Rockton) Drew Pennington (City of Beloit), Diane Greenlee (Town of Beloit), Rick Barder (Citizen), Jeff Johnson (Citizen), Carl Lange (Citizen), Jason Dupuis (City of Beloit), T.J. Nee (SLATS/City of Beloit)

**2. Citizen Participation.**

Rick Barder spoke about the need to mark a bike lane along the shoulders of CTH G project. Also inquired about the width of CTH BT and if a shoulder was planned.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2014 Joint Policy and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings. Action required by Technical and Policy Committees.**

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Vanderwerff, second by McKearn, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

**4. Presentation of the Beloit Transit System Transit Development Plan.**

Presentation delayed pending final BTS review. SLATS plans to reschedule presentation for fall of 2015. A copy of the draft plan is location on the Beloit Transit website.

## **5. Review of the Draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP).**

Nee presented a few key points related to the PIP update. Updating the SLATS website, providing translation or interpretive services to non-English speaking populations, expanding the use of surveys to gather data, provide additional updates to projects, and updating the existing mailing list were a few of the items highlighted by Nee. Delille asked about the availability of using a local access channel to present SLATS information.

## **6. Review of the draft SLATS Bylaws Update.**

Nee highlighted a few minor changes to the SLATS Bylaws including: updating the appointments and alternate designation procedures for the Policy Committee, designation of the Technical Advisory Committee members, and elections. Discussion relating to the County Board members currently designated to represent SLATS. Flesch recommended addition of the City of Beloit Community Development Department to the Technical Advisory Committee. Any additional comments should be sent to SLATS staff.

## **7. Discussion of the STP-U Program and Priorities.**

Nee gave overview of STP-U programs for Wisconsin and Illinois projects. Long talked about funding and cycle length for STP-U projects in Illinois. Schreiber talked about Wisconsin's funding and cycle length for STP-U projects. Schreiber talked about local funding for design and transit options being ways to maximize the funding allocations for STP projects. Nee suggested that for SLATS to maximize the current cycle allocation of approximately \$1.9 million on the Wisconsin side, a project will need to be selected by October of 2015. Discussion regarding the timelines and budgets for each cycle and the projects that are being prioritized. The City of Beloit will move forward with an application this program cycle. Nee discussed the Illinois portion of STP-U programs and current fund balance, and that IDOT has indicated projects should not count against future allocations for more than a few years. Currently, Old River Road within the SLATS area and Roscoe Road from IL 2 to Old River Road are the only projects being talked about using STP-U funding. Vanderwerff talked about the ability to split the Old River Road project into smaller segments. Adams asked to see proposals of the potential Old River Road segments and the costs associated with each. Project is also on RMAP radar since Roscoe Road is a border road.

## **8. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modifications.**

Nee notified Committee of changes to CTH BT (Inman) project, South Beloit bike path (Wheeler Bridge) project, and SMTD buses.

## **9. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Solicitation for the 2016-2019 TIP.**

Nee spoke about the kick-off process and solicitation of projects from each agency. The final TIP is due in November 2015. Committee thought an open house would suffice for the documents. Nee also stated that the Work Plan would follow the same schedule.

## **10. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agency Reports and TIP Project Updates.**

Flesch called for reports from the voting members.

McKearn: (Town of Beloit Engineering) – Reiterated the Town’s desire to apply for TAP funding during next cycle.

Long: (IDOT District 2) – Structure repairs to IL 2 over Turtle Creek and Hononegah Road over IL 2.

Also, IL 2 at Roscoe Road is ongoing

Jorgenson: (Rock County Highway) – Gave an update on CTH BT (Inman) project, project is on schedule. CTH G is behind schedule currently.

Adams (Village of Rockton, Public Works) – Had bid opening Rockton Road from Dorr Road East, Rockton Road bike path design and easement acquisition is on-going.

Hecox (SMTD) – Just completed successful Triennial Review and provided over 2,100 rides during Old Settlers Days.

Vanderwerff (Winnebago Highway) – Received an agreement from IDOT to take over Prairie Hill Road and Bridge from IL 2 to South Bluff. Plan to sign jurisdictional transfer and then apply for bridge funding to move forward with bridge work. Additional width for bike paths is not included in the design. Long mentioned that design may include 8’ shoulders, which would be sufficient for bikers according to IDOT design standards.

Flesch: Called for reports from the non-voting agencies.

No reports.

#### **11. Scheduling of future meetings of the Policy and Technical Committees.**

Nee suggested mid-October for next meeting and September for open house related to TIP and work plan.

#### **12. Adjourn**

Vanderwerff moved to adjourn, second by Nygren. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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City of Beloit