

**TO: SLATS Policy and Technical Committees**

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**SUBJECT: Summary of Agenda Items, September 21, 2015 SLATS Joint Policy/Technical Meeting**

The following is a summary of the items to be reviewed at the September 21, 2015 SLATS Joint Policy and Technical Advisory Committee meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at [neet@beloitwi.gov](mailto:neet@beloitwi.gov) or 608-364-6702.

#### **Agenda Item 4**

STP-U funds are federal funds allocated to the MPO through WisDOT and IDOT for eligible, locally determined transportation projects. SLATS is projected to have \$1,900,497 million available for a project to be completed within the next funding cycle (2015-2020). The intention is that design (although an eligible expense) for this and future STP-U funded projects will now be 100% locally funded in order to maximize MPO funding allocations on an approved cycle basis. The next project sponsored by the City of Beloit will be the reconstruction of a portion of Prairie Avenue from Huebbe Parkway south through the Prairie Avenue commercial corridor to Cranston Road. The intended next project programmed will be Park Avenue from Cranston to Inman in the Town of Beloit, tentatively scheduled for reconstruction in 2020-2021 (provided Prairie is complete). Design will need to begin by 2018.

#### **Agenda Item 5**

As discussed at our July 20, 2015 meeting, the current SLATS bylaws are being revised to clarify a few items that were either missing, unclear or in need of updating specifically related to the organization's structure and procedures including:

- Official appointments to the Policy Board when different than the local agency's Chief Elected Official or designated WisDOT and IDOT representatives
- Official alternate appointments (and changes to appointments) to the Policy Board
- County Board representation on Policy Board (if not the County Chair as designated, whether the representative should reside within or represent a portion of the SLATS MPA)
- Vacancies/absences
- Official appointments to the TAC, official alternate appointments (and changes to appointments) to TAC and makeup of the TAC (e.g. number, additions, titles) and vacancies/absences
- Evaluation of non-voting members
- Policy Board officers and elections

## **Agenda Item 6**

### Review of the Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Every year SLATS updates the TIP to include all known programmed and illustrative transportation projects in the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) for the next 4(+) years. The past few weeks your communities or agencies have had a chance to review the current TIP, and provide the MPO with any additions, revisions or deletions to projects for the 2016-2019 TIP. That input has been incorporated into this Draft, which has been available for review since September 18, 2015. Comments received by the public during the 30 day-review period beginning September 18, 2015 will be summarized in the Final TIP for your consideration prior to approving the Final TIP (tentatively October 19, 2015). SLATS will also host an Open House at the Rotary River Center from 4-6 P.M. September 21, as part of the formal public review period.

If you have not already done so, please review the project information for your community or agency in the Draft TIP (available at the SLATS office (address above), the Beloit, South Beloit, Rockton and Roscoe public libraries and on the [SLATS](#) website under Documents/Transportation Improvement Program), and provide either confirmation that the information is up to date or provide minor changes you would like incorporated at our September 21 meeting.

## **Agenda Item 7**

### Review of the Draft SLATS 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the SLATS MPO describes the planning activities to be conducted during the coming calendar year. Typically, eighty percent of the planning work proposed in the UPWP will be funded with federal tax dollars. Work in the UPWP generally falls under one of five work elements: *Program Administration, Short-Range Planning, the TIP, Long-Range Planning and Special Studies*. Each element is then broken down into a number of specific tasks that are planned to be completed in the coming year.

No action is required by SLATS on the Draft UPWP. This is an opportunity to review the work plan (available for review on the [SLATS](#) website) and offer any input or suggestions prior to adoption of the final plan in October (tentatively at the same meeting in which the Final TIP will be approved). The Draft UPWP will also be reviewed and feedback will be provided by the State DOT(s), FHWA and FTA prior to final SLATS approval. Once SLATS approves the final UPWP, staff will forward it to the State DOT(s), FHWA and FTA for their final approval.

The overall budget is \$233,681, slightly less than 2015. A few of the major projects planned for next year include continuing and completing the Transit Development Plan for SMTD and parking needs assessments for downtown Beloit/South Beloit/ Rockton. A large portion of the work plan is completion of the 2016 Long-Range Transportation Plan update due next October.