

**MINUTES**  
**Joint Policy Board & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings**  
**Stateline Area Transportation Study**  
**Monday, May 21, 2018 at 10:00 A.M**  
**Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, Wisconsin**

A joint meeting of the Stateline Area Transportation Study Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board was held on Monday May 21, 2018 at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Boulevard. Flesch called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Policy Board Members Present (8): Adams, Forbeck, Greenlee, Bates, Sweeney, Rehl, Anclam, Koprowski

Policy Board Members Absent (2): Hecox, Haney

Technical Committee Members Present (10): Flesch, McKearn, Williamson, Gavin, Bates, Byrnes, Jorgenson, Bomkamp, Koprowski, Pennington

Technical Advisory Committee Members Absent (5): Diduch, Reininger, Hecox, Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Planning

Non-Voting Members Present (2): DeLille, Turner

Others present:

Joe Rose, Mike Birkholz, Ian Hass, Carl Lange, Frank Hodina, Nick Dimassis, Jason Dupuis, T.J. Nee

**2. Citizen Participation.**

None

**3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2018 Joint Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings.**

A motion was made by Adams, second by Forbeck, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting. Motion passed.

**4. Approval of the 2016-2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment Incorporating the SLATS Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan Update - *Resolution 2018-6***

Nee gave an overview of the Plan amendment. Implementation of the 2016 LRTP included doing a further update of the pedestrian and bicycle system component of the plan, and amending the LRTP to incorporate that update once complete, which is the purpose of this resolution. The plan has been endorsed by the SLATS Bike and Pedestrian Planning Committee and was presented to the general public for a 30-day public review period.

A motion was made by Byrnes, second by Williamson for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval to Policy Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forbeck, second by Koprowski for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee to approve the SLATS 2016-2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment incorporating the *SLATS Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan Update 2017*. Motion carried 7-1 (Anclam voting nay).

#### **5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification(s)**

Nee gave an overview of one (1) 2018 TIP Administrative Modification requested by IDOT which moved TIP number IL—18-003 (IL-2 at SOO RR and Old River Road in Rockton Bridge Painting) from current to Advanced Construction status. No action required.

#### **6. Discussion of SLATS Bylaw Amendment to Update Technical Advisory Committee Membership**

The Town of Beloit's request to add two additional voting members to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for a total of three votes was discussed. Nee reiterated that if the Policy Board makes changes to the makeup of the TAC for the Town, a similar consideration should be given to South Beloit and Rockton, based on the Town's noted population. Rehl indicated South Beloit was not in a position to add members and suggested reducing the total number of TAC members to reflect the makeup of the Policy Board to remove any actual or perceived politicization of the TAC and reduce the burden of making quorum. Flesch echoed the concern of making quorum and suggested one vote per community with the addition of non-voting members is an option. Flesch noted the ongoing incorporation process of the Town would require looking at this again if the incorporation goes through, and suggested waiting for that process to complete one way or the other. Forbeck questioned if it was about funding. Greenlee indicated it was about having an equal voice with other municipalities, namely the City of Beloit. Rehl indicated that this is a regional board and that equity would be achieved by mirroring the Policy Board regardless of community size, and that the committee acts in the interest of the entire region. Adams agreed that decreasing membership on the TAC may be appropriate as opposed to increasing membership. Rehl indicated that the technical input from the TAC to the Policy Board was more important than the votes and that if there is perception that there is inequality, the TAC votes are politicized. Byrnes suggested staff formulate some alternatives for future discussion. Nee indicated he would do so. No action was taken.

#### **7. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agency Reports**

Flesch (City of Beloit Engineering) – Prairie Avenue design ongoing with a November PS&E planned. Improvement include additional bike and pedestrian facilities. Construction will be in 2019. Current projects include Milwaukee Road mill and overlay (Lee Lane to Interstate project limits). Improvements include a bike path on the south side of Milwaukee Road.

Byrnes (Rock County Planning) – Discussed bicycle connection from Afton to Big Hill Park and noted the County will dovetail that path with County Park Plan.

Jorgenson (Rock County Public Works) – Noted they are finishing the Bike path towards Big Hill Park.

McKearn (Town of Beloit) – Sewer and water projects ongoing ahead of schedule. Resurfacing program underway and should be complete in the coming weeks.

Bomkamp (Town of Turtle) – Discussed Stateline Road project, patching and crack filling.

Koprowski (WisDOT Southwest Region) – Noted I-39 construction guide is available. US-51 project ongoing with a November PS&E. Plans include sections with a proposed lane reconfiguration from four to three including a TWLTL with construction in 2019.

Pennington (City of Beloit Community Development) – Noted ongoing private sector development (commercial and industrial) taking place. The City of Beloit Comprehensive Plan update is underway with a meeting tomorrow [May 22] at 3:30 at library to present the draft plan, followed by June public open houses and Plan Commission and City Council review in the summer.

Adams (Rockton) – Opening bids on patching projects and will also have a small project on Rockton Road along with the bike path bid in August.

Rehl (South Beloit) – Oak Grove signal project will start May/June. The project will take care of some stormwater issues as well. Other projects include the bike path project in the park, repair of part of Blackhawk Boulevard by IDOT from The Turtle Creek Bridge to the railroad tracks, a larger project on the west side and crack-filling maintenance on the east side.

Gavin (Beloit Transit System) – Received notice of bus replacement grant. Looking at minor route modifications this summer including those related to the Fourth Street closure.

**Non-voting agencies.**

DeLille (IDOT Bureau of Urban Program Planning) – Noted the IDOT Fall Planning Conference is October 11-12 in Peoria. SPR funding applications are now closed. Intergovernmental agreements and GATA processes with MPOs are underway. The BUILD grant program is open until July 19 (similar process as TIGER). ITEP cycle will be every 2 years for shovel ready projects.

**8. Scheduling of Future Meetings**

Next meeting anticipated later in the summer at the earliest unless otherwise needed.

**9. Adjourn**

Forbeck moved to adjourn, second by Adams. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

-T.J. Nee, MPO Coordinator - SLATS