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Joint Policy Board & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings St. Lawrence Area Transportation Study

Monday February 14, 2022 at 10:00 A.M, 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511

A joint meeting of the St. Lawrence Area Transportation Study Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board was held on Monday February 14, 2022. Nee called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Policy Board Members Present (8): Rehl, Forbeck, Diduch, Greenlee, Jorgenson, Molina, Koprowski, Bates

Policy Board Members Absent (2): Kehoe, Anclam

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present (12): Williamson, Prindiville, Pennington, Rehl, Diduch, McKearn, Downing, Hecox, Jorgenson, Molina, Koprowski, Bates

Technical Advisory Committee Members Absent (3): Bomkamp, Baker, Winnebago County Planning

Non-voting Members / Others present: Bradley Sippel, Doug DeLille, Mitch Batuzich, David Salmon, Sydney Turner, Melisa Ribikawskis, Joe Rose, James Thompson, Jeff Johnson, Carl Lange, Rick Barder, T.J. Nee

2. Public Participation

Jeff Johnson was pleased to see the Rockton Road Multi-use Path and Afton Road Sidepath added to the list of illustrative projects in the TIP.

Rick Barder inquired about projects for 2022. They were discussed under Agency Reports.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Joint Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

A motion was made by Forbeck, second by Diduch, to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modifications (if any)

None to report.

5. Resolution 2022-1, Adoption of Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measure Targets (SMTD)

Nee reported the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that recipients of 5307 transit funds develop and certify a Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). SMTD receives 5307 funds to operate demand response public transit within the Illinois portion of the SLATS Urbanized Area. Because Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) oversees the maintenance and operations for SMTD, the RMTD PTASP includes and satisfies the PTASP requirement for SMTD. It also includes required Annual Safety Performance Targets for FY2022. SMTD adopted the RMTD PTASP and targets last fall. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) must also annually adopt the targets within 180 days of receipt from the transit agency.

Resolution 2022-1 adopts the following Annual Safety Performance Targets for the following performance measures for SMTD.

Annual Safety Performance Targets							
<i>Based on the safety performance measures established under the National Public Transit Safety Plan</i>							
Mode of Service	Fatalities (total)	Fatalities (per 100k VRM)	Injuries (total)	Injuries (per 100k VRM)	Safety events (total)	Safety events (per 100k VRM)	System Reliability (failures/VRM)
Demand Response	0	0 per 100k VRM	7	0.61 per 100k VRM	0	0 per 100k VRM	20,000 miles

VRM = Vehicle Revenue Miles

A motion was made by Prindiville, second by Diduch for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2022-1 to the Policy Board.

Williamson - Aye
 Prindiville - Aye
 Pennington – Aye
 Rehl – Aye
 Diduch – Aye
 McKearn - Aye
 Downing - Aye
 Hecox – Aye
 Jorgenson - Aye
 Molina - Aye
 Koprowski - Aye
 Bates - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Molina, second by Forbeck for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2022-1, Adoption of Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measure Targets (SMTD).

Rehl - Aye
 Forbeck – Aye

Diduch - Aye
Greenlee – Aye
Jorgenson – Aye
Molina – Aye
Koprowski – Aye
Bates- Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

6. Resolution 2022-2, Approval of Amendments to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Remove TIP number 291-21-010 for the State of Wisconsin, rail crossing improvements in the City of Beloit at Prospect Street. Project removed by WisDOT.
- b. Add TIP number 291-22-001 for the State of Wisconsin, WIS-81 resurface, CTH K to Paddock, \$162,400 in federal /\$40,600 State funding programmed for design in 2022 and \$2,407,999 in federal /\$601,999 State funding programmed for construction in 2028.
- c. Add TIP number 291-22-002 for Rock County, mobility management/1-on-1 and group travel training, \$89,049 in federal /\$22,012 local funding programmed for 2022.
- d. Add TIP number 291-22-003 for Rock County, mobility management, 1 medium bus, \$60,800 in federal /\$15,200 local funding programmed for 2022.
- e. Add TIP number 291-22-004 for RSVP for operating assistance, \$11,435 in federal /\$11,435 match funding programmed for 2022. Project costs updated and moved from illustrative list.
- f. Add Illustrative project for the Rockton Road Multi-use Path Phase 2, \$250,000 in federal / \$155,409 local. Village of Rockton SRTS application.
- g. Add Illustrative project for the Afton Road Sidepath, \$333,139 in federal / \$139,052 local. Rock County TAP application with City of Beloit and Town of Beloit.

A motion was made by Hecox, second by McKearn for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2022-2 to the Policy Board.

Downing noted the correction to the resolution number. DeLille confirmed that the illustrative project for Rockton was the only Illinois project on the list and is considered administrative.

Williamson - Aye
Prindiville - Aye
Pennington – Aye
Rehl – Aye
Diduch – Aye
McKearn - Aye
Downing - Aye
Hecox – Aye
Jorgenson - Aye
Molina - Aye
Koprowski - Aye
Bates - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Forbeck, second by Greenlee for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2022-2, Approval of Amendments to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Rehl - Aye
Forbeck – Aye
Diduch - Aye
Greenlee – Aye
Jorgenson – Aye
Molina – Aye
Koprowski – Aye
Bates- Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

7. Discussion on infrastructure funding

Nee reported anticipated funding increases for existing and new programs as a result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), including to our annual STP-U allocations through IDOT and WisDOT. Beginning in FY23, our allocation through IDOT is expected to be approximately \$265,102, up from \$199,449 in FY22. The current balance is about \$1.26M plus \$55,554 in COVID relief funds. \$2M is committed for Old River Road planned in FY24, followed by improvements to Gardner Street.

For Wisconsin, we are still waiting details. Our current annual allocation is about \$381k per year or \$1.9M per program cycle (currently programmed in FY23 for Park Avenue (Cranston to Inman), with a supplemental allocation of \$384k in FY24 for Henry (Royce to Prairie). Any additional funds for FY22 will need to be programmed by the MPO, and application to WisDOT are April 1. An eligible project, especially for FY22 funds, would need to be shovel ready or otherwise relatively simple (e.g. a resurface), not involve real estate acquisition, not involve a railroad and not involve any utility conflicts. For the 2024-2029 program cycle, we anticipate our full \$1.9M allocation, but this will likely increase. The next project planned is Cranston Road, currently 2 phases spanning Riverside to Prairie. In order to maximize our allotment, the project will need to be approved and ready to go for an FY25 letting if WisDOT approves.

Batuzich noted that he had confirmation from WisDOT that additional funding could be added for existing programmed projects under 80% federal. Nee noted if the FY22 increase was not large enough to do a new project, it potentially could be added to an existing project if the timing worked out. McKearn noted Park Avenue was scheduled for a March 2023 letting, but it could potentially be advanced to November 2022. He also noted the Town had submitted LRIP projects that could potentially be funded through STP-U. Prindiville noted the City had identified projects that could move forward as a simple mill and overlay. Koprowski noted that as soon as WisDOT can, they will share allocation amounts. He mentioned there may be additional opportunities for TAP funding. Prindiville noted the City would like to pursue funding for the Milwaukee Road sidepath again. Nee reiterated the need to determine and approve a project for FY22 once funding amounts are known, and that applications are due April 1. McKearn

inquired if Cranston could be advanced to the FY23 cycle with the additional funding anticipated. Nee noted depending on funding and timing/deadlines, it potentially could be.

8. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agency Reports

City of Beloit Engineering– Prindiville noted Cranston and Henry projects, both of which included reconfigurations and bike accommodations are substantially complete, that the Cranston and Shopiere left-turn signal has been added and that the Prince Hall and White signals should be installed this spring.

City of Beloit Community Development – Pennington noted several development projects including a Woodman’s employee parking expansion, Welders Supply moving to the old Cub Foods and Kwik Trip and OrthoWisconsin breaking ground soon.

City of South Beloit – Rehl noted the ITEP project is in its final steps, an upcoming meeting with IDOT regarding the improvement schedule to Blackhawk and Gardner corridors, an annual \$500k street improvement project program in the City and the bike lane project on Park Avenue to be completed this spring.

Town of Beloit – McKearn noted that Park Avenue design continues and Joe Rose noted the Town is planning road maintenance projects for the next few years.

Beloit Transit – Downing noted that BTS has two new buses and will be looking into funding electric buses in the future, and is reaching out to RMTD to better understand electric fleet infrastructure needs. James Thompson noted the new buses have bike racks.

SMTD - Hecox noted the Rebuild Illinois grant and CVP purchase was delayed because of parts availability so costs have increased significantly. As such, SMTD may decide to go out to bid with RMTD for those 3 buses instead.

Rock County Highway – Jorgenson noted the CTH J bridge reconstruction is this summer and the CTH D sidepath TAP application has been submitted. For BIL funding, the County is considering CTH D (Janesville to Beloit) and CTH X (Beloit to Clinton) for pulverize and overlay. He noted that for LRIP projects, it is recommended to also apply for FY22 BIL funding because the LRIP notifications will not be out before the FY22 BIL applications are due, but cautioned that LRIP supplemental projects cannot be transferred or substituted.

Winnebago County Highway – Molina noted that the County will be using Rebuild Illinois funds to mill and overlay Prairie Hill Road between Illinois 2 and 251 later this year.

WisDOT SW Region - Koprowski noted that BIL specific information will be forwarded as soon as available and that I-39 corridor pavement marking will begin in April with traffic control ahead of that, with the project taking a few months.

IDOT District 2 – Bates noted no construction projects currently but several bridge replacements and roadway projects are moving forward. He noted the MYP is being developed and that with BIL, some projects may move slightly with a few additions, otherwise things are in project

development at this point.

IDOT Bureau of Urban Program Planning – DeLille noted that RAISE applications are out and to keep an eye out for new discretionary programs through BIL along with new census data possibly released this spring.

9. Scheduling of Future Meetings of the Policy Board and Technical Committees

Nee noted the next meeting is tentatively March 14 if we know our STP-U allocation amount.

10. Adjournment

Diduch moved to adjourn, second by Forbeck. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

- T.J. Nee, MPO Coordinator – SLATS