

**SLATS RESOLUTION 2015-1**  
**ASSIGNMENT OF STP-U FUNDS FOR A PORTION OF PRAIRIE AVENUE IN THE**  
**CITY OF БЕЛОIT**

**WHEREAS**, the **Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS)** is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Beloit (WI-IL) Urbanized Area and the greater Stateline Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA); and

**WHEREAS**, the SLATS Policy Committee has the responsibility to direct, coordinate, and administer the federal continuing, comprehensive and coordinated (3C) transportation planning process throughout the MPA; and

**WHEREAS**, in the SLATS Urbanized Area (UA), SLATS is also responsible for project selection and programming of a special category of Federal highway improvement funds (annually suballocated to SLATS by and through the State of Wisconsin and State of Illinois) commonly referred to as Surface Transportation Program - Urban (STP-U) funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the SLATS Policy Committee adopts an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) specifying project review and selection criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Wisconsin portion of SLATS the currently approved and underway STP-U funded project, County BT (Inman Parkway) extension, will be completed in 2016, thereby freeing future funds in the amount of **\$1,900,497** for the 2015-2020 STP-U program cycle and necessitating the selection and designation of a succeeding STP-U-funded project; and

**WHEREAS**, SLATS has determined that the DOT required design process and standards for all future STP-U funded projects will be one-hundred percent locally funded and completed and approved a minimum of one year ahead of SLATS scheduled construction to maximize funding for construction each program cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the SLATS Technical Committee reviewed and prioritized potential STP-U projects within the SLATS UA and the Prairie Avenue reconstruction (extending between Huebbe Parkway and Cranston Road in the City of Beloit was determined to be the highest priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prairie Avenue reconstruction includes necessary base, pavement and curb and gutter replacement, traffic control and utility upgrades, and design will include traffic analysis to determine future lane configuration, intersection upgrades and any pedestrian and bicycling accommodations and amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beloit will fund and have completed in time for approval the entire design of the Prairie Avenue reconstruction project in time for a mid-2018 letting at an estimated cost of \$350,000 with construction planned to begin in 2018 at an estimated cost of \$2.3 million dollars (\$1.9M in STP-U funds and \$475k in local funds); and

**WHEREAS**, the Prairie Avenue reconstruction may be completed in one or two phases depending on actual cost thereby funded with STP-U funds from the 2015-2020 program cycle and potentially the 2017-2022 program cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended Policy Committee adoption of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the SLATS Policy Committee has reviewed the above recommendations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The proposed Prairie Avenue reconstruction extending between Huebbe Parkway and Cranston Road in the City of Beloit be accepted and designated as the next SLATS STP-U-funded project on the Wisconsin side;

**AND BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED THAT** SLATS Staff is instructed to incorporate the Prairie Avenue reconstruction project into the 2016 and subsequent SLATS Transportation Improvement Programs and transmit this Resolution to appropriate State and Federal officials.

Approved this 21th Day of September, 2015

**ATTESTS:**

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Chairman, SLATS Policy Committee

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Chairman, SLATS Technical Committee or  
SLATS MPO Coordinator