

**MINUTES**  
**Joint Policy & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings**  
**Stateline Area Transportation Study**  
**Monday, June 12, 2017 at 10:00 A.M**  
**Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, Wisconsin**

A joint meeting of the Stateline Area Transportation Study's Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board was held on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Boulevard. Flesch called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Policy Committee Members Present (7): Forbeck, McKearn, Long, Jencius, Rehl, Vanderwerff, Koprowski

Policy Committee Members Absent (3): Adams, Sweeney, Anclam

Technical Committee Members Present (10): Flesch, McKearn, Nord, Gavin, Long, Jorgenson, Reininger, Hecox (10:40), Koprowski, Pennington

Technical Committee Members Absent (5): Rock Co. Planning, Barber, Bomkamp, Vanderwerff, Dornbush

Non-Voting Members Present (3): DeLille, Schreiber, Turner

Others present:

Dave Townsend (Citizen), Rick Barder (Citizen), Celestini Ruffini (Visit Beloit), Summer Marcum (BMHS), Patty Hansberry (RSVP), Ryan Booth (Rock Co. Mobility Manager), Carl Lange (Citizen), Kristin O'Toole (Alta), Tim Gustafson (Alta), T.J. Nee (SLATS/City of Beloit), Jason Dupuis (City of Beloit)

**2. Citizen Participation.**

Questions regarding the upcoming meeting for the Bike/Ped plan were asked. Nee informed the group that the Bike/Ped plan meeting will take place immediately after this meeting. The SLATS group will vote on the formation of a formal planning committee for the Bike/Ped plan later on in the agenda. Nee stated that ALTA planning was here and would answer questions related to the Bike/Ped planning process during the Bike/Ped Kickoff meeting.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2016 Joint Policy and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings. Action required by Policy Committees.**

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Vanderwerff, second by McKearn, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting. Motion passed.

**4. Presentation by IDOT on the Statewide Transportation Plan. (Presentation moved to follow agenda item 8)**

DeLille gave a presentation on the Statewide Transportation Plan for IDOT. Illinois is required to complete the update to the plan in 2017. Goals of the plan are Safety, Economic Growth, Access,

Livability, Stewardship, and Resilience. Ongoing updates to the plan can be found on the IDOT website.

#### **5. Approval of SLATS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - Res. 2017-1**

Nee gave an overview of the 2017-2020 TIP amendment related to the changes in operating costs and vehicles in the TIP for SMTD.

Forbeck inquired about ridership levels and the use of small buses similar to SMTD for BTS. Gavin discussed the reasons BTS currently uses full-size buses.

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Reiningger for the Technical Committee to recommend approval to Policy Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forbeck, second by Vanderwerff for the Policy Committee to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee to approve the June 2017 Amendment to the SLATS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Motion carried.

#### **6. Overview of the City Center and Rockton Parking needs assessments**

Nee gave introduction to the project followed by Dupuis summarizing the results of the Parking needs assessments. Discussion related to the physical condition of lots, improvements needed and suggestions for both the City Center and Rockton parking areas.

McKearn inquired what the next steps would be. Nee indicated it would be up to each municipality to decide if/when to implement the recommendations contained in the Plans.

#### **7. Overview of the Park Avenue Road Reconfiguration – Broad to Gardner**

Nee gave an overview of the proposed project. The project will reconfigure Park Avenue to allow for the addition of bike lanes in both the north and south directions of travel. The project is a collaborative effort across the state line involving the City of Beloit and the City of South Beloit. The project will involve local dollars only and is scheduled to be completed this year.

#### **8. Establishment of a Bike and Pedestrian Planning Committee for the SLATS Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update**

Nee gave an update and the Bike/Ped planning process and asked if the group would like to establish a Bike and Pedestrian Planning Committee to help guide the planning process for this plan. The Committee would be comprised of TAC and Policy Board members along with interested community members.

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Reiningger for the Technical Committee to recommend approval to Policy Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vanderwerff, second by Forbeck for the Policy Committee to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee to establish a planning committee for the 2017 SLATS Bike/Ped plan update. Motion carried.

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

Nord: (City of Beloit, Public Works) – Dave Nord introduced himself as the Interim Public Works Director.

Flesch: (City of Beloit, Engineering) – In the process of hiring a consultant for Prairie Avenue project.

Vanderwerff: (Winnebago Co., Highway) – Gave update on bike path project , Perryville Road-Stone Bridge trail.

Jorgenson: (Rock Co., Public Works) – Duane Jorgenson introduced himself as the new Public Works Director.

McKearn (Town of Beloit) – Gave update on local road maintenance projects.

Reininger (South Beloit) – Gave update on local road maintenance projects.

Gavin (Beloit Transit) – Made announcement that BTS is hiring drivers and buying a new bus. In process of finalizing changes to the TDP.

Hecox (SMTD) – Announced an increase in ridership and relayed information about CVP bus replacement.

Koprowski (WisDOT) – Gave update on I39/90 project, temporary widening near Beloit. Hart Road Bridge girder repair will take place shortly. Stateline Bridge will be under construction until mid-August.

Long (IDOT, District 2) – IL-75 project through Rockton is underway.

DeLille (IDOT, Planning) – ITEP grants will be available between October and December. Fall planning conference is scheduled to be held in Rockford, Illinois.

Schreiber (WisDOT, Planning) – Fall planning conference is scheduled to be held in Milwaukee. Mid-year review is scheduled for July.

Non-voting agencies.

N/A

## **10. Scheduling of Future Meetings**

Upcoming meetings tentatively scheduled for October, 2017. The Bike/Ped planning committee will establish dates for additional meetings related to the plan update at the meeting immediately following this one.

## **11. Adjourn**

Rehl moved to adjourn, second by Vanderwerff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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