

**MINUTES**  
**Joint Policy Board & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings**  
**Stateline Area Transportation Study**  
**Monday, April 16, 2018 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 April 16, 2018 at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Boulevard. Flesch called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Policy Board Members Present (9): Adams, Greenlee, Williamson, Bates, Hecox, Reininger, Bomkamp, Vanderwerff, Koprowski

Policy Board Members Absent (1): Sweeney

Technical Committee Members Present (12): Flesch, McKearn, Williamson, Gavin, Bates, Diduch, Reininger, Hecox, Bomkamp, Vanderwerff, Koprowski, Pennington

Technical Advisory Committee Members Absent (3): Rock County Planning, Jorgenson, Dornbush

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

Others present:

Ian Hass, Joe Rose, Mike Birkholz, Todd Needham, Wayne Pratt, Carl Lange, Jason Dupuis, T.J. Nee

**2. Citizen Participation.**

None

**3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2018 Joint Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings.**

A motion was made by Adams, second by Vanderwerff, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting. Motion passed.

**4. Review of the SLATS Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan Update 2017**

Nee gave a report on the SLATS Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan Update (Plan). The Plan is complete with the various recommended facilities mapped and prioritized by ALTA Planning + Design. The Bike and Pedestrian Planning Committee met the end of March to review the Plan, provide input and ultimately concur with the recommendations. The next and final step is to amend this Plan into the SLATS 2016-2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, tentatively scheduled for May 21, following a 30-day public comment period on the amendment from April 20 through May 19. Discussion ensued.

**5. Adoption of a Cooperative Agreement between IDOT, SLATS and SMTD on Transportation Performance Management**

Nee gave the staff report. The FAST Act requires States, MPOs and public transit agencies to develop written procedures to implement the use of performance measures. WisDOT is doing so through a written policy with MPO and transit input. IDOT is doing so with signed agreements between IDOT, each MPO and each public transit agency. The ultimate deadline to do so is May 27, 2018. IDOT has requested that SLATS and SMTD approve this Cooperative Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Transportation, Stateline Area Transportation Study - Metropolitan Planning Organization and Stateline Mass Transit District-Transit Provider. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was made by Vanderwerff, second by Reininger for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee to adopt the Cooperative Agreement between IDOT, SLATS and SMTD on Transportation Performance Management. Motion carried.

#### **6. Presentation and Prioritization of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Applications – Wisconsin Department of Transportation - Resolution 2018-3**

Nee gave an overview of the two TAP applications that have been submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 2018-2022 TAP award cycle within the SLATS MPO planning area including the **Inman Parkway Sidewalk** (Inman Parkway) submitted by the School District of Beloit Turner in the Town of Beloit and the **Milwaukee Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Path and Lighting** (Milwaukee Road) submitted by the City of Beloit. WisDOT requires projects that take place in an area represented by an MPO to be ranked by that MPO. Each applicant (McKearn/Needham for Turner and Flesch for Beloit) gave a brief overview of their application and answered questions from the TAC and Policy Board.

A motion was made by Diduch, second by McKearn for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend Inman Parkway as Priority 1 and Milwaukee Road as Priority 2 to Policy Board. Discussion ensued. Motion failed 6-5 (Flesch, Williamson, Gavin, Diduch, Hecox, Pennington voting nay) with 1 abstention (Koprowski).

A motion was made by Vanderwerff, second by Williamson for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend Milwaukee Road as Priority 1 and Inman Parkway as Priority 2 to Policy Board. Motion carried 8-3 (McKearn, Reininger, Bomkamp voting nay) with 1 abstention (Koprowski).

A motion was made by Williamson, second by Vanderwerff for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee to prioritize Milwaukee Road as Priority 1 and Inman Parkway as Priority 2 for 2018-2022 TAP applications. Motion carried 6-2 (Greenlee, Bomkamp voting nay) with 1 abstention (Koprowski).

#### **7. Approval of the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for I-43, Beloit to Elkhorn - Resolution 2018-4**

Nee gave a staff report. WisDOT has requested a TIP amendment for project 291-16-003 for the I-43 project (Beloit to Elkhorn) from bridge deck reconstruction to reconditioning of roadway surface between bridges and bridge deck overlays. The total length of the project increased from

approximately 2 miles to nearly 12 miles. The amendment also corrects project ID#'s. Design ID# 1093-01-01 is currently programmed for \$495,750 90/10 Federal/State funding split. Construction project ID# 1093-01-81 is now \$12,100,000 and project ID# 1093-01-82 is now \$8,805,500 currently programmed for CY 2024 with possible construction advancement if approved.

A motion was made by Hecox, second by Diduch for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the TIP amendment to Policy Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vanderwerff, second by Williamson for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee to approve the TIP Amendment. Motion carried.

#### **8. TIP Administrative Modification for Rockton Road Bike Path**

Nee gave a staff report. IDOT requested an administrative modification to the TIP related to the Rockton Road Bike Path. The project limits in the TIP have been noted as Dorr Road to the Stone Bridge Trail. This modification adjusts the westerly limit to Old Meadow Lane. No further action required.

#### **9. Approval of the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for TAP Application Projects (Inman Sidewalk and Milwaukee Road Path) *Resolution 2018-5***

Nee gave a staff report. A requirement of the WisDOT TAP program is to include the TAP project applications in the TIP. The Inman Parkway Sidewalk and Milwaukee Road Path in the TIP as illustrative (unfunded) projects, but they have updated based on current anticipated costs and schedules outlined in each application.

A motion was made by Pennington, second by Vanderwerff for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of the TIP amendment to Policy Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Williamson, second by Vanderwerff for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee to approve the TIP Amendment. Motion carried.

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

Nee gave an overview of the Town of Beloit's request to add two members to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for a total of three votes. This would require the Policy Board to approve an amendment to the current bylaws. The Town of Beloit Administrator (Hass) discussed the Town's request based on Town department structure and population. Nee indicated that consideration to add members for the Town should be extended to the City of South Beloit and Village of Rockton, which have similar populations and municipal departments. Additional changes discussed included moving members with low attendance to non-voting status, potentially adding members as non-voting for participation without additional quorum/proxy issues, and having criteria/methodology for number of votes for each community. Discussion ensued. The TAC and Policy Board to consider the request and discuss at the next meeting. No action was taken.

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

Flesch (City of Beloit Engineering) – Construction season underway including Milwaukee Road (Lee to Branigan), Townline Road (Liberty to Whipple), Town Hall Road (railroad tracks to Gateway) and Powerhouse Riverwalk awaiting award. Prairie Avenue reconstruct Public Information Meeting on April 25 from 5-7 at the City Of Beloit Engineering facility.

Vanderwerff (Winnebago County Highway) – Old River Road letting planned for spring 2020. Work on Rockton Road Bridge over I-90 planned for 2019 depending on funding.

McKearn (Town of Beloit) – Ongoing road work on the west side of the River (Afton/Newark area). Inman redevelopment plan completed. Annual paving program awarded.

Bomkamp (Town of Turtle) – Awaiting approval for Stateline Road project. Additional patching and paving projects around the Town.

Adams (Village of Rockton) – Illinois 75 project underway, expected completion now August

Reininger (City of South Beloit) – Signals at Oak Grove and Blackhawk Boulevard out for bid. De La Tour Drive possible reconstruction.

Gavin (Beloit Transit System) – Currently recruiting drivers, training provided. Visit BTS website.

Hecox (Stateline Mass Transit District) – Celebrated anniversary. Increase in youth ridership. Record month in March will 1,647 rides.

Koprowski (WisDOT SW Region) – I39/90 Open House scheduled Thursday April 19 from 4-6 at the Turtle Town Hall. View WisDOT website/Facebook page for 2018 construction guide. Highway 51 likely will be delayed but would allow additional time to consider alternative layout.

Bates (IDOT District 2) – Illinois 75 project subsurface utilities underway in anticipation of paving next month.

### **Non-voting agencies.**

DeLille (IDOT Bureau of Urban Program Planning) – Competitive IDOT freight application program closed. Statewide Enhancement Program applications are being ranked and announcement may be at the Illinois Bike Summit early May. SPR funding applications open last Friday through May 16.

## **12. Scheduling of Future Meetings**

Upcoming meeting tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2018.

## **13. Adjourn**

Vanderwerff moved to adjourn, second by Adams. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

-T.J. Nee, MPO Coordinator - SLATS