



## MINUTES

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

Monday October 4, 2021 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 October 4, 2021. Nee called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Policy Board Members Present (8): Rehl, Forbeck (Williamson), Diduch, Greenlee, Kehoe, Hodina, Flottmeyer, Bates

Policy Board Members Absent (2): Anclam, Sweeney

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present (11): Williamson, Prindiville, Pennington, Boggs, Diduch, McKearn, Downing, Baker, Hodina, Koprowski, Bates

Technical Advisory Committee Members Absent (4): Bomkamp, Hecox, Jorgenson Winnebago County Planning

Non-voting Members / Others present: Bradley Sippel, Doug DeLille, Alexander Brown, Melisa Ribikawskis, James Thompson, Carl Lange, Rick Barder, Jason Dupuis, Jim Meyer, T.J. Nee

#### 2. Public Participation

Rick Barder inquired about projects related to Park Avenue. Staff noted that the restriping project with South Beloit is planned yet for 2021. Future projects include Broad to White in 2023 and Cranston to Inman is in 2023. Henry to White is not currently programmed. Barder inquired about the Cranston project from Shopiere to Milwaukee. Staff confirmed it would be done in 2021.

#### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the March 29, 2021 and June 21, 2021 Joint Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Downing, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Dupuis reported projects IL-20-10 (IL-75 bridge over the Rock River in Rockton) and 2-13-002 (Interim path from Bailey Street to Roscoe Avenue in South Beloit) were moved to current status from advanced construction status in the 2021 TIP per A.M. 4. The projects are financially active.

#### 5. Resolution 2021-9, Approval of Amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following:

- a. TIP number 291-21-012 for the State of Wisconsin, I-39 from the Illinois State Line to Madison, Pavement Markings, \$888,000 in federal /\$222,000 State funding authorized in CY21 for construction in CY22.
- b. TIP number 291-21-013 for the State of Wisconsin, Creek Road railroad crossing safety improvements in Tiffany, \$151,995 in federal /\$81,305 State funding programmed in CY21 for construction in CY22.

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Diduch for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-9 to the Policy Board.

Williamson - Aye  
Prindiville - Aye  
Pennington – Aye  
Boggs – Aye  
Diduch – Aye  
McKearn - Aye  
Downing - Aye  
Baker - Aye  
Hodina - Aye  
Koprowski - Aye  
Bates - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Williamson, second by Diduch for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2021-9 Approval of Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP.

Rehl - Aye  
Williamson – Aye  
Diduch - Aye  
Greenlee – Aye  
Kehoe – Aye  
Hodina – Aye  
Flottmeyer – Aye  
Bates- Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

**6. Resolution 2021-10, Adoption of Highway Safety Improvement Program 2022 Performance Measure Targets (PM1) and Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan 2022 Performance Measure Targets**

Dupuis noted MAP-21 and the FAST Act require incorporation of Performance-Based Planning and Programming in the development of MPO Long-Range Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs, including setting targets to measure that performance.

States and MPOs set performance measure targets for Safety (PM1) and Transit Asset Management (TAM) annually. This resolution adopts updated PM1 and TAM targets for 2022 in support of State targets, and agrees to plan and program projects to help each State achieve those targets.

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Downing for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-10 to the Policy Board.

Williamson - Aye  
Prindiville - Aye  
Pennington – Aye  
Boggs – Aye  
Diduch – Aye  
McKearn - Aye  
Downing - Aye  
Baker - Aye  
Hodina - Aye  
Koprowski - Aye  
Bates - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Williamson, second by Diduch for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2021-10 Adoption of Highway Safety Improvement Program 2022 Performance Measure Targets (PM1) and Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan 2022 Performance Measure Targets.

Rehl - Aye  
Williamson – Aye  
Diduch - Aye  
Greenlee – Aye  
Kehoe – Aye  
Hodina – Aye  
Flottmeyer – Aye  
Bates- Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

**7. Resolution 2021-11, Approval of the SLATS 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Dupuis reported that the 2022-2025 TIP has been finalized and that the Draft TIP had been out for public review since August 30. A significant addition to the 2022 TIP from 2021 is the Old River Road Multi-use Path in Rockton, funded largely through an ITEP grant.

A motion was made by Prindiville, second by Downing for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-11 to the Policy Board.

Williamson - Aye  
Prindiville - Aye  
Pennington – Aye  
Boggs – Aye  
Diduch – Aye  
McKearn - Aye  
Downing - Aye  
Baker - Aye  
Hodina - Aye  
Koprowski - Aye  
Bates - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Williamson, second by Greenlee for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2021-11 Approval of the SLATS 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Rehl - Aye  
Williamson – Aye  
Diduch - Aye  
Greenlee – Aye  
Kehoe – Aye  
Hodina – Aye  
Flottmeyer – Aye  
Bates- Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

**8. Public Hearing and Resolution 2021-12, Approval of the SLATS 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

Jim Meyer with AECOM provided a recap of the LRTP document and process. He noted there were 560 unique users to virtual room including 125 in last month, 205 markers on maps and 30 stakeholder meeting participants. This Plan added an EJ/Equity goal. Key themes and input during the process focused on complete streets, accommodating new technologies, applying an equity lens, advancing regional transit and supporting investments to support economic development. Meyer discussed that the fiscally constrained projects include portions of Cranston and Liberty next in WI, with Old River Road and Gardner next in IL based on currently anticipated funding and timing. Topics of regional transit, microtransit and passenger rail service were included in the Plan. Non-motorized improvements from the bike and pedestrian plan were also incorporated into the Plan, and are part of the fiscally constrained roadway projects. Other key connections including to Big Hill Park are highlighted. The 30-day public review period produced comments at the open house including the desire for longer transit hours, maintenance of bike lanes, truck traffic, need for more bicycle facilities near schools, discussion of smaller buses/microtransit and concerns over speeding/wreckless driving.

Rehl opened the public hearing at 10:45 AM. Rick Barder inquired about the new infrastructure bill and the effect it might have on funding and timing for projects. Meyer noted some projects in the fiscally constrained plan may be able to move up faster. Illustrative projects could potentially move up and be programmed. Meyer noted the Plan is a blueprint and can be amended if needed. Other projects that bill could potentially advance are electric buses and related needs. Bike projects such as the connection to Big Hill and others could potentially move forward sooner. Rehl closed the public hearing at 10:49 AM.

A motion was made by Downing, second by McKearn for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-12 to the Policy Board.

Williamson - Aye  
Prindiville - Aye  
Pennington – Aye  
Boggs – Aye  
Diduch – Aye  
McKearn - Aye  
Downing - Aye  
Baker - Aye  
Hodina - Aye  
Koprowski - Aye  
Bates - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Forbeck, second by Diduch for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2021-12 Approval of the SLATS 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Rehl - Aye  
Forbeck – Aye  
Diduch - Aye  
Greenlee – Aye  
Kehoe – Aye  
Hodina – Aye  
Flottmeyer – Aye  
Bates- Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

**9. Resolution 2021-13, Approval of the SLATS 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Dupuis reported that the SLATS budget for 2022 is \$247,485.08, the same as 2021. The funding sources are broke out by State (60% on the Wisconsin side and 40% on the Illinois side), and then population as detailed in the UPWP. Noteworthy projects planned in 2022 include corridor studies for Gardner Street and portions of STH 81 to identify potential future improvements, potential SLATS website updates and updates to the SLATS Adjusted Urban Area (AUA) and Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) as a result of the 2020 Census.

A motion was made by Prindiville, second by McKearn for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-13 to the Policy Board.

Williamson - Aye  
Prindiville - Aye  
Pennington – Aye  
Boggs – Aye  
Diduch – Aye  
McKearn - Aye  
Downing - Aye  
Baker - Aye  
Hodina - Aye  
Koprowski - Aye  
Bates - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Forbeck, second by Diduch for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2021-13 Approval of the SLATS 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Rehl - Aye  
Forbeck – Aye  
Diduch - Aye  
Greenlee – Aye  
Kehoe – Aye  
Hodina – Aye  
Flottmeyer – Aye  
Bates- Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

**City of Beloit Public Works** – Prindiville noted the Henry Avenue project from Riverside to Royce is underway and will be completed in November.

**Town of Beloit** – McKearn noted there would be a public information meeting the following Wednesday for Park Avenue from 5-7 at McKearn Park.

**Beloit Transit System** – Downing noted planned route modifications to address timing issues and ride times are anticipated to begin November 1. The modifications have been out for public review. There have been two public information meetings and one more scheduled for October 14, 3-5 PM at the Transfer Center.

**WisDOT SW Region**– Koprowski thanked everyone for all the efforts on the I-39/90 project and looked forward to it being completed soon.

**IDOT District 2** – Bates noted that there are no construction updates but projects are in development including for Blackhawk Boulevard in/with South Beloit, Illinois 2 from Latham to Roscoe Road, and Roscoe Road to Prairie Hill Road.

**Janesville MPO** – Brown noted they would be doing a TDP update for Janesville Transit in 2022, including looking at the BJE.

**11. Scheduling of Future Meetings of the Policy Board and Technical Committees**

Nee noted the next meeting would likely be early 2022.

**12. Adjournment**

Forbeck moved to adjourn, second by Rehl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

- T.J. Nee, MPO Coordinator – SLATS