



MINUTES

Joint Policy Board & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings, Stateline Area Transportation Study Monday July 25, 2022 at 10:00 A.M, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511

A joint meeting of the Stateline Area Transportation Study Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board was held on Monday July 25, 2022. Nee called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Policy Board Members Present (10): Forbeck, Greenlee, Hoppes, Diduch, Kehoe, Schleeper, Jorgenson, Hodina, Flottmeyer, Bates

Policy Board Members Absent (0)

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present (13): Frisbee, Prindiville, Christensen, Hoppes, Diduch, McKearn, Schleeper, Downing, Hecox, Jorgenson, Hodina, Koprowski, Bates

Technical Advisory Committee Members Absent (2): Baker, Winnebago County Planning

Non-voting Members / Others present: Bradley Sippel, Doug DeLille, David Salmon, Melisa Ribikawskis, Scott Sanders, Joe Rose, James Thompson, Jeff Johnson, Carl Lange, Rick Barder, Steve Howland, T.J. Nee

2. Public Participation

This item was moved before Technical Advisory Committee Reports. During discussion of STBG-U funding, Rick Barder inquired if the bike facility gap between Henry and Cranston along Shopiere would be filled. Prindiville noted it is on the City's radar but no plans are in place. Nee noted a concept to add bike lanes and retain a parking lane exists.

Rick Barder inquired about the timeframe for Illinois 2 improvements including the bridge over Turtle Creek. Nee noted the project was in PE 1, that a PIM would be scheduled by IDOT soon, and that the MYP would be out soon to see if PE 2 is funded. Bates confirmed and noted the project may receive PE 2 funding and encouraged participation in the upcoming PIM. McKearn inquired as to the purpose of the PIM and noted it should include a rough schedule for the project. Barder surmised improvements would likely be years out and noted that there is a "bottleneck" in South Beloit to connect biking north and south. Nee noted the next round of ITEP this fall could be pursued to potentially make a connection sooner. Hoppes noted there have been several positive meetings with IDOT and that the City is catching up and is putting the pieces in place to improve Blackhawk and Gardner, but it is a slow process.

Jeff Johnson expressed gratitude for new City Center bike route through South Beloit, the Rock County TAP grant to extend the Peace Trail and the Rockton SRTS path extension.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2022 Joint Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

A motion was made by Jorgenson, second by Diduch, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modifications

Nee reported TIP number 2-13-002, the original South Beloit Bike Path Project (Wheeler Avenue Bridge) that was dropped in 2015 was converted to “current” status. There is no funding associated with the original project. Also, TIP number IL-20-004, which is preliminary engineering for the Illinois 2/Illinois 75 project from Prairie Hill Rd. to Wisconsin State Line in South Beloit has moved to “current” status.

5. Resolution 2022-8, Assignment of FY23-26 STBG-U Funds - Wisconsin

Nee reported SLATS has received an additional \$2.5M in additional funding for FY23-26. Applications were received including the Cranston Road Rehabilitation from Riverside/51 to Prairie Avenue (Cranston) in the Town of Beloit and City of Beloit estimated at about \$5M and the Townline Avenue Reconstruction from Shirland to Roosevelt (Townline) in the City of Beloit estimated at about \$2M.

Nee noted that this section of Cranston is the next priority project identified in the SLATS Long Range Transportation Plan, but in order to maximize funding in the next full program cycle any projects selected for this 23-26 cycle would need to have funding obligated by June 30, 2024. Both projects are anticipated to take longer than that for PS&E. Also, with Cranston estimated at over \$5M, that leaves the local share for the Town and City much higher. It was recommended that Cranston (Riverside to Prairie) be delayed but prioritized for the next 24-29 cycle, and that one or more projects that can meet a November 2023 PS&E be selected. Options discussed included Cranston Road (Shopiere to Prairie) at \$511,000, CTH Q (Newark) from Afton Road to the Rock River bridge at \$696,000 and funding existing STBG-U projects closer to or up to a maximum of 80% including Park Avenue (Cranston to Inman) an additional \$877,000 and Henry Avenue (Royce to Prairie) an additional \$416,000.

Discussion ensued. McKearn clarified that Park and Henry were not currently funded to 80%. Jorgenson described the CTH Q project in more detail including how it ties in with the TAP grant and the preference for off-road biking facilities along, as opposed to on, County highways. Downing inquired if there was an issue funding the Park and Henry projects since the costs increased. It was noted the City and Town were making up the difference and the projects were moving forward even without the additional funding. McKearn verified the limits of the CTH Q project and if it included an off-road path, the timeline for getting in the TIP and when the design needed to be complete.

A motion was made by Downing, second by Hecox for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2022-8 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Greenlee, second by Kehoe for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2022-8,

Assignment of FY23-26 STBG-U Funds - Wisconsin.

Motion carried.

6. Discussion of COVID Relief Funds - Illinois

Nee reported that \$55,553.98 in COVID Relief funds were allocated to the Illinois portion of SLATS. The funds need to be federally obligated by September 30, 2024 and can be used on projects located on all functionally classified roads except for local or rural minor collector and can also be used for bicycle or multi-use path facilities as long as the purpose and need is not strictly recreational and the path falls within the roadway right-of-way. Given the limited amount of funding, allocating these federal funds to an existing project as opposed to a new project is the most feasible option. Two options were discussed including applying the funds to the Rockton Road path extension west of Dorr Road to potentially either reduce Rockton's eligible costs of the SRTS project that will extend the path to Aspland Drive, or extend the planned path even further west towards the western entrance of the schools. The other option discussed would be to apply these funds to the Old River Road reconstruction, replacing previously committed STBG-U funding with the \$55k in COVID Relief funds while maintaining \$2M in SLATS funding for Old River Road.

Diduch confirmed the Village was agreeable to using the funds to extend the path further towards the western entrance of the schools. Hecox agreed with the concept. Nee noted a resolution assigning the funds along with a TIP amendment would be brought back at the next meeting.

7. Resolution 2022-9, Approval of Amendments to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Add TIP number 291-22-005 for the State of Wisconsin, Liberty Avenue - WIS 213/McKinley Ave. Intersection Reconstruction, \$357,413 in federal /\$119,137 local funding for design programmed in 2022 and \$1,905,963 in federal /\$211,773 State/\$1,000 local funding shown beyond 4-year TIP for construction in 2027.
- b. Amend TIP number 291-22-050 for Beloit Transit operations to include \$814,460 in federal 5307 funding up from \$622,515, plus \$74,190 in ARPA funding and \$257,749 in CARES funding for a total of \$1,146,399, \$491,847 State and \$640,119 local.
- c. Add TIP number 2-22-004 for the Village of Rockton, Rockton Road Multi-Use Path Phase 2, \$47,883 local funding for design programmed in FY23 and \$250,000 in federal/\$107,526 local for construction programmed in FY24. Project moved from Illustrative list.
- d. Amend TIP number 2-22-002 for the Village of Rockton Old River Road Multi-Use Path to 2-22-003 to correct a duplicative number

Nee noted the amendments. The Liberty/213 intersection project by WisDOT was discussed including the planned improvement for a 4-way signalized intersection at what would be a newly aligned 213 at Liberty near the fire station. Other concepts considered by WisDOT were discussed including a round-a-bout. Nee noted a SLATS intersection study was done that considered a round-a-bout option, but this was not the preferred option in part because of real estate needs including the existing gas station, and turning restrictions anticipated at Garfield Avenue.

A motion was made by Hodina, second by Diduch for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2022-9 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kehoe, second by Greenlee for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2022-9, Approval of Amendments to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Motion carried.

8. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agency Reports

City of Beloit Engineering – Concrete panel replacement on Liberty, Shirland/Eighth and Willowbrook/Colley underway in the next couple of months.

City of South Beloit – Appreciates partnership with City of Beloit on concrete panel replacement on Shirland. City Center bike project is almost complete. City is waiting for crossing beacons on Gardner to be finished.

Town of Beloit – The Town’s annual paving program is underway. New subdivisions are moving forward.

Town of Turtle – Town will soon be discussing annual paving program.

BTS – The hybrid bus is on order and is expected in 2023-2024.

SMTD – Upcoming public hearing Thursday on the Rebuild Illinois Transit Capital Grants. SMTD is applying for a new repeater, six replacement buses, three expansion buses, bike racks for all buses and a shelter/transit hub in South Beloit.

Rock County – CTH J bridge reconstruction Notice to Proceed will go out Friday. The Lathers Road bridge will be reconstructed. The process takes time since it is historic. This is the last overhead truss bridge in the County. The County is pursuing a HSIP grant for the CTH Q/CTH D intersection that ties the Afton Road TAP and CTH Q projects together.

R1PC – Announced the second annual Drive Electric Week with virtual and in-person options available including an EV drive-in cruise night in Belvidere.

Janesville MPO – Received a TAP grant for the first leg of a west-side trail in Janesville. THE JTS TDP is in process with community surveys underway.

Village of Roscoe – Annual residential street maintenance is underway. The Village allocates \$500-700K per year. MFT project in the works to improve the northern 251 frontage road from McCurry to the cul-de-sac at the Stateline Foundry. Village is also investing in design, including for box culvert realignments and IDS for the Love Road, Rockton Road, McCurry Road and Willowbrook Road rectangle.

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

The tentative date for the next meeting was set for August 29, 2022.

10. Adjournment

Hecox moved to adjourn, second by Hodina. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

- T.J. Nee, MPO Coordinator – SLATS