



MINUTES

Joint Policy Board & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings, Stateline Area Transportation Study Monday April 15, 2024 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 April 15, 2024. Nee called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Policy Board Members Present (8): Greenlee, Hoppes, Kehoe, Schleeper, Baker, Von Bergen, Flottmeyer, Bates

Policy Board Members Absent (2): Forbeck, Peterson

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present (12): Frisbee, Prindiville, Christensen, Hoppes, McKearn, Schleeper, Driscoll, Hecox, Baker, Von Bergen, Flottmeyer, Bates

Technical Advisory Committee Members Absent (3): Barber, Jorgenson, Winnebago County Planning

Non-voting Members / Others present: Justin Johnson, Doug DeLille, Karl Buck, David Salmon, Melisa Ribikawskis, Josef Kurlinkus, Joe Rose, Jeff Johnson, Rick Barder, Carl Lange, T.J. Nee

2. Public Participation

Jeff Johnson noted he was looking forward to a number of bike facility projects being completed including Lee Lane Sidepath, Cranston Road, Peace Trail, CTH Q, Henry Avenue, Avenue and upcoming projects in Rockton.

Rick Barder noted that he had been participating in the Transportation Academy being held by 1000 Friends of Wisconsin over the past few months for which he was preparing a presentation on the Milwaukee Road and Willowbrook Road intersection, and asked to meet with the City and/or WisDOT to discuss. Barder also inquired when the next bike and pedestrian plan update would be done. Nee confirmed it would be in 2025.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Joint Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Greenlee, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023. Motion carried.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modifications

Nee reported the following TIP administrative modifications. No action required.

- a. Amend TIP Number 2-20-002 for SMTD to note award of \$440,021 in Rebuild Illinois Capital Assistance for 3 buses for expansion.

- b. Amend duplicative TIP Number IL-26-001 to IL-27-001 for the State of Illinois for Various Districtwide HSIP Safety projects.
- c. Update quick reference numbers

Hecox provided additional background information on the SMTD bus purchases, and additional funding required since the original award.

5. Resolution 2024-1, Approval of Amendments to the SLATS 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Add TIP Number 291-24-003 for RSVP Operating Assistance/Volunteer Drivers, \$11,789 federal (5310) and \$11,789 local (RSVP) funding for a total of \$23,578 in 2024.
- b. Add TIP Number 291-24-004 for Rock County Mobility Management/1-on-1 and Group Travel Training, \$58,454 federal (5310) and \$14,614 local (Rock County) funding for a total of \$73,068 in 2024.
- c. Add TIP Number 291-24-005 for State of Wisconsin/ C. Beloit, White Avenue/WI-81 Wisconsin Avenue Intersection, \$75,000 federal (NHPP) and \$25,000 local (City of Beloit) Funding for Design in 2024 for a total of \$100,000, and \$355,000 federal (HSIP) Funding for Construction in 2027.

A motion was made by Frisbee, second by McKearn for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-1 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoppes, second by Baker for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2024-1, Approval of Amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Motion carried.

6. Update to the SLATS Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary

Nee provided an overview of the MPA update, which follows the Adjusted Urban Area (AUA) update approved last year. Nee noted the proposed MPA is similar to the current MPA on the Illinois side, but smaller and more realistic on the Wisconsin side, no longer encompassing the entire Town of Beloit and Town of Turtle. Nee noted that this was a first draft, with the final anticipated at the next meeting. McKearn inquired about the planning period. Nee noted it was 20 years, and that funding is based on the Census-defined Urban Area, not the MPA. Schleeper asked about Board or administrative impacts. Nee noted there would be none at this time and also that there is no plan to extend into Boone County, at this time, which if done, may necessitate including them on the Committee, at least as a non-voting member. Hoppes agreed that this could be revisited the future if development so warranted. Von Bergen asked about splitting roads along the planning boundary. Nee noted Townline Road between Beloit and Janesville MPOs would be in SLATS, that other roads on the edge of the AUA and MPA are generally entirely included in the MPO boundary. Roads between SLATS and the Rockford MPO on the Illinois-side such as Roscoe Road and Prairie Hill would ideally be in one MPO or the other and be coordinated with Rockford.

Following discussion of the MPA update, Nee asked if anyone had any agency updates to share.

City of Beloit Engineering – Prindiville noted the Henry Avenue resurfacing project had a tentative start

date of April 29; the Lee Lane Bike Path project was scheduled to start in July; design for the Peace Trail Project in Big Hill Park was complete and would be out to bid soon; the Park Avenue bike facility design would be starting soon; the design consultant contract for the RAISE Grant project for Willowbrook Road and Colley Road was approved and that the portion of Willowbrook Road south of the railroad was planned for construction in 2025; that the City was moving forward with implementing the Carbon Reduction Program project awarded last year for streetlight upgrades; and that WisDOT would be holding a Public Information Meeting on the 81/213 intersection project at the Beloit Historical Society on April 24.

SMTD – Hecox noted that SMTD was awarded 6 buses under the CVP for replacement.

Winnebago County – Von Bergen noted Old River Road was scheduled for bid this spring or summer; that Phase 1 was nearing completion for the Prairie Hill Road Bridge over the Rock River, which is being designed for an eventual bike path on the south side of the bridge structure; that there was an overpass strike on Prairie Hill Road that will shut down the road for 3-6 weeks in the coming weeks.

IDOT Bureau of Urban Program Planning – DeLille noted that greenhouse gas performance measure target setting is encouraged but no longer required.

Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization - Salmon noted they are working with a consultant on a high-level study on transitioning local fleets to lo/no emission vehicles. The report is anticipated to be complete this August. A more detailed study looking at local agency fleets may follow in 2025, with the MPOs potentially covering the cost of the study for their respective local agencies if interested in participating.

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

Nee noted that the next meeting is not scheduled, but is anticipated in June or July.

8. Adjournment

Hecox moved to adjourn, second by Frisbee. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

- T.J. Nee, City of Beloit, Director of Planning and Building Services