



MINUTES

Joint Policy Board & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings, Stateline Area Transportation Study Wednesday May 29, 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 Wednesday May 29, 2024. Nee called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Policy Board Members Present (9): Forbeck, Greenlee, Hoppes, Kehoe, Schleeper, Gorman, Von Bergen, Flottmeyer, Bates

Policy Board Members Absent (1): Peterson (Village of Rockton)

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present (12): Peterson (City of Beloit), Prindiville, Christensen, Boggs, McKearn, Schleeper, Downing, Hecox, Baker, Von Bergen, Flottmeyer, Bates

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

Non-voting Members / Others present: Justin Johnson, Karl Buck, Jon Paul Diipla, David Salmon, Sydney Turner, Jeff Johnson, Rick Barder, Carl Lange, Don Driscoll, T.J. Nee

2. Public Participation

Rick Barder inquired about the timeline for the Park Avenue bike lane project. Prindiville noted the design would be in 2024 and construction may be complete in 2024. Barder inquired if the casino affects the timetable for Willowbrook Road/Colley Road project. Prindiville noted the design is under contract and is moving ahead with the bridge replacement scheduled in 2025, and the remainder of the project beginning with the south half scheduled in 2026. Barder inquired about the CTH X project, which required follow up with Rock County.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 15, 2024 Joint Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

A motion was made by Greenlee, second by Forbeck, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024. Motion carried.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modifications

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

- a. Amend TIP Number 291-24-050 to 291-24-051 for BTS, Diesel to Hybrid Bus Replacement.
- b. Amend State funding match for SMTD for 2026-2027 to an estimated \$1,358,071 and \$1,493,878.

5. Resolution 2024-2, Approval of Amendments to the SLATS 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Amend TIP Number IL-27-001 for State of Illinois, Various Districtwide HSIP Safety, \$501,000 federal (HSIP) and \$56,000 state funding for a total of \$557,000 in 2027.
- b. Amend TIP Number 291-22-007 for Rock County, CTH Q (CTH D to Rock River), \$966,095 federal (STBG-U) up from \$699,843 and \$351,622 local funding for a total of \$1,317,717 in 2024.
- c. Amend TIP Number 2-25-001 for SMTD, Operations, \$839,230 federal (5307) up from \$344,548 and \$1,234,610 State with \$159,798 local for a total of \$2,233,638 in 2025.
- d. Amend TIP Number 2-21-002 for SMTD, 6 replacement Medium Duty paratransit vehicles with lift (5 wheelchairs/14 passengers and related bus equipment (communication, security, bike racks), \$720,000 federal (5339) in 2024.
- e. Add TIP Number 291-24-052 for BTS, Diesel to Hybrid Bus Replacement, \$736,000 federal (VW Mitigation Grant) and \$184,000 local funding for a total of \$920,000 in 2024.
- f. Add TIP Number 291-24-006 for State of Wisconsin, C. of Beloit, Park Avenue DME RR Xing 388200H RR OP/Replace Signals, Bungalow/MISC, \$360,196 federal (Railroad Funds) for Design in 2024.
- g. Add TIP Number 291-24-007 for State of Wisconsin, C. of Beloit, Prospect Street DME RR Xing 3882199R RR OP/Replace Signals, Bungalow/MISC, \$360,196 federal (Railroad Funds) for Design in 2024.

A motion was made by Hecox, second by McKearn for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-2 to the Policy Board.

McKearn inquired about the bungalows on the railroad projects. Flottmeyer confirmed they are the control boxes.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoppes, second by Kehoe for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2024-2, Approval of Amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Motion carried.

6. Resolution 2024-3, Adoption of updated Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measure Targets (SMTD)

Nee reported that recipients of 5307 transit funds including Stateline Mass Transit District (SMTD) are required to develop and certify a Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and annual safety performance targets. SMTD (through RMTD) updated targets in January 2024. SLATS must also annually adopt the targets within 180 days of receipt from each transit agency, and incorporate them into the TIP. The targets have not changed from the previous year.

A motion was made by Prindiville, second by Downing for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-3 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Greenlee, second by Gorman for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2024-3, Adoption of updated Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measure Targets (SMTD).

7. Resolution 2024-4, Approval of the SLATS 2020 Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary

Nee provided a follow up on the MPA update from the April meeting, noting no changes were made to the boundary since presented in April. Nee described the new boundary map, noting the previously adopted Adjusted Urban Area (AUA) from last October, where growth might occur in the next 10 years, and the proposed MPA where growth might occur in the next 20 years, noting it no longer goes out to the edges of the Town of Beloit and Town of Turtle, and only changes slightly on the Illinois side on the southwest corner of Rockton along Illinois 75. Nee also noted the MPA does not yet go into Boone County. McKearn inquired if the line between Janesville and Beloit shifted south near the Rock River. Nee confirmed that the Janesville Urban Area (UA) expanded south slightly in that area, and also that Townline Road is also a border between SLATS and JAMPO, with Townline Road being in SLATS. Von Bergen inquired if Roscoe Road would be in one MPO. Nee noted that would be recommended and would need to be coordinated with IDOT/Rockford. Forbeck inquired why we update the boundary. Nee noted the Decennial Census defines new UAs every 10 years, and so MPOs need to smooth those Census-defined borders and update the AUA where we anticipate growth could occur in the next 10 years, and then update the MPA where we anticipate growth could occur in the next 20 years. Gorman inquired if there are implications for the areas no longer part of the MPA. Nee noted that the MPA does not affect voting for the Towns that are part of SLATS, nor does it affect funding opportunities through SLATS, which allocates STP-U funding in the AUA only, not out to the MPA boundary. Christensen inquired about the next Long Range Transportation Plan. Nee noted it would be in 2026, with the bike and pedestrian plan being done in 2025.

A motion was made by Schleeper, second by Hecox for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-4 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 2024-4, Approval of the SLATS 2020 Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary.

8. Discussion of Carbon Reduction Program

Nee noted that the deadline for application to WisDOT was June 30, and that SLATS would need to select a project or projects and incorporate them into the TIP later this summer. Eligible items include bike and pedestrian projects, and other projects geared towards reducing carbon emissions. The SLATS allocation is roughly \$130,000 per year over four years. McKearn inquired if CRP could be used along a connecting highway. Nee and Flottmeyer noted they were waiting to hear from Central Office. Prindiville noted that the City applied for CRP for the Peace Trail Connector, in addition to applying for redistribution funds. McKearn mentioned a potential project to connect Armstrong Eddy Park to Riverside Park. Prindiville noted another potential path project on Gateway Boulevard to fill a gap in the system, and potentially traffic signal coordination along Milwaukee Road.

9. Agency Reports

City of Beloit Engineering – Prindiville noted that the Lee Lane sidepath came in a little below estimate and would begin in July. Payne and Dolan is the contractor. Cranston Road will be bid later this summer and the project will be constructed late this year (Prairie to Collingswood).

City of South Beloit – Boggs noted that the Hayes Avenue roadway and sewer project would begin within the month, and that the annual MFT resurfacing project is out for bid.

Town of Beloit – McKearn noted that the Town’s resurfacing program was complete for the year.

Beloit Transit – Downing and Driscoll noted that the technology upgrades project was about 80 percent complete and potentially ready for the school year (includes cashless fare system, ability to track stops, real time video of bus location and wait time, infotainment system and automatic stop announcements).

SMTD – Hecox noted the South Beloit Transit Hub project is moving ahead and that the new buses awarded are up to 18 months out.

Rock County Planning – Baker welcomed Supervisor Gorman to the Policy Board, and noted that the passenger rail development ad hoc committee was authorized at least until the end of the year, looking at the connection between Rockford and Madison. Nee mentioned the ongoing AECOM study to look at the economic impacts that passenger rail could have on that corridor.

Winnebago County – Von Bergen noted the Prairie Hill Road railroad overpass bridge that was struck will require the County to lower the road about 3 inches to meet the 14’-6” clearance. The Prairie Hill Road bridge over the Rock River will be out to bid by spring and constructed in 2025. Old River Road will be out to bid later this year.

FHWA-IL – Diipla introduced himself as the new FHWA-IL representative.

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

Nee noted that the next meeting is not scheduled, but is anticipated to be in July at the earliest.

11. Adjournment

Forbeck moved to adjourn, second by Greenlee. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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