

## MINUTES

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

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

Policy Board Members Present (9): Greenlee, Boggs, Barber, Kehoe, Schleeper, Baker, Von Bergen, Schreiber, Bates

Policy Board Members Absent (1): Forbeck

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present (12): Frisbee, Prindiville, Christensen, Boggs, Barber, McKearn, Schleeper, Downing, Baker, Von Bergen, Schreiber, Bates

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

Non-voting Members / Others present: Doug DeLille, Karl Buck, Jon Paul Diipla, Sydney Turner, Joe Rose, Jeff Johnson, Carl Lange, Rick Barder T.J. Nee

#### **2. Public Participation**

Jeff Johnson extended an invitation to the ribbon cutting of a new archway at Monterey Park in Janesville where the Peace Trail intersects with the Ice Age Trail, this coming Wednesday at 3 PM. He also inquired about the Park Avenue bike lane project schedule. Prindiville noted concepts are being prepared, construction is planned in 2025.

Rick Barder inquired about the City of Beloit pilot project on Milwaukee Road at White Avenue. Prindiville noted it would likely be yet this year, the results of which will be evaluated for a long-term solution. Barder also noted the meeting held on the Willowbrook Road project was informative.

#### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 5, 2024 Joint Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings**

A motion was made by Barber, second by Frisbee, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

#### **4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modifications**

None to report

**5. Resolution 2024-7, Approval of Amendments to the SLATS 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:**

- a. Amend TIP Number 2-22-004 for Village of Rockton to update name and limits to Rockton Road Multi-Use Pedestrian and Bicycle Path 0.1 MI W of Aspland DR, move funding to 2024, and remove lapsed Covid Relief Funds in the amount of \$55,553.98. New totals are \$250,000 Federal (SRTS) and \$163,080 local.
- b. Add TIP Number 291-24-008 for City of Beloit, Peace Trail Connector, \$242,424 federal (Carbon Reduction Program funds) and \$60,606 local funding in 2024. This project will be continued into 2025.
- c. Add TIP Number 291-24-009 for Town of Beloit, Riverside to Armstrong Eddy Sidepath, \$117,180 federal (Carbon Reduction Program funds) and \$29,295 local funding in 2024. This project will be continued into 2025.

McKearn inquired on the limits of the Peace Trail Connector. Nee clarified that the limits are from the end of the path at the Welty Center parking lot to the corner of Afton Road and Big Hill Road where it would connect to the County's planned sidepath project. Frisbee inquired if we heard from the State if two years of CRP would be able to be used. Nee indicated we have yet to hear from the State but Buck (FHWA) confirmed 2025 was intended to be two years of CRP funding.

A motion was made by Downing, second by McKearn for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-7 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barber, second by Kehoe for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2024-7, Approval of Amendments to the SLATS 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**6. Resolution 2024-8, Approval of the SLATS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

Nee reported that the draft 2025-2028 TIP has been out for a 30-day public review since September 14. One notable addition to the 2025 TIP is the IL 2 / IL 75 - Prairie Hill Road to WI State Line - 3R (LA) project, which is specifically for land acquisition in FY27, and is currently estimated at \$1.5M. Construction from IL 2 / IL 75 is planned beyond the timeframe of the current TIP which goes through 2028.

A motion was made by Downing, second by Barber for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-8 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Von Bergen, second by Barber for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2024-8 Approval of the SLATS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**7. Resolution 2024-9, Adoption of Highway Safety Improvement Program 2025 Performance Measure Targets (PM1) and Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan 2025 Performance Measure Targets.**

Nee reported that MPOs are required to incorporate Performance-Based Planning and Programming in the development of MPO Long-Range Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs. 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 2025 as listed on the resolution and in the TIP.

Schreiber inquired if these were the State's targets. Nee confirmed they were.

A motion was made by Downing, second by Baker for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-9 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barber, second by Von Bergen for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2024-9, Adoption of Highway Safety Improvement Program 2025 Performance Measure Targets (PM1) and Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan 2025 Performance Measure Targets.

**8. Resolution 2024-10, Approval of the SLATS 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Nee reported that the SLATS budget for 2025 is about \$322,000, which is an increase of about \$10,000 from 2024. The funding sources are about 80 percent federal, 10 percent from the State of Illinois, 4.5 percent from the City of Beloit and the rest from the State of Wisconsin and other local agencies. In addition to ongoing or routine activities under program administration, short and long-range planning and the TIP, noteworthy projects planned in 2025 include completing the Regional Transit Feasibility Study and Transit Development Plan for BTS and SMTD, completing the SLATS Bike and Pedestrian Plan update, beginning the 2026 Long Range Transportation Plan Update and updating roadway functional classification with WisDOT and IDOT.

Nee mentioned the 2017 bike plan was steered by a subcommittee. McKearn inquired how it worked and confirmed that it worked well. Nee noted it would be brought forward at the next meeting and asked the TAC and Board members to let him know if they were interested in being on the subcommittee.

Downing discussed the upcoming regional transit study and transit development planning process with SMTD planned for 2025.

The open MPO planner positions were discussed and are anticipated to be reposted soon.

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Barber for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-10 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Von Bergen, second by Barber for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2024-10, Approval of the SLATS 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

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

- City of Beloit Engineering – Prindiville noted the Cranston Road resurfacing from Prairie to Collingswood would be complete soon, the city-wide pavement program was almost complete except for the Inman/Prairie intersection, and the Willowbrook Road meeting went well with about half of attendees preferring a round-a-bout option at Milwaukee Road and Willowbrook Road. Plans to move the bike accommodations off-road are being considered. Nee noted the anticipated volumes on Willowbrook would lend itself to that decision and better meet FHWA guidelines. The status of the Milwaukee Road/White Avenue intersection was discussed.
- City of South Beloit – Boggs noted the ITEP application was submitted, and the City is wrapping up their annual streets project.
- Town of Beloit – McKearn noted the SMA is expected soon for the Cranston Road project (Riverside to Prairie).
- Town of Turtle – Schleeper noted the Town is working on an active road maintenance plan for 2025, with Town Board support to increase funding for road maintenance efforts and larger road projects.
- Rock County Planning – Baker noted the County Board authorized staff to request funding in the Governor’s budget for a passenger rail study to include Rock County, and that the County Administrator Josh Smith resigned the previous day.
- IDOT Bureau of Urban Program Planning – DeLille noted that IDOT received more than 240 ITEP applications with selections anticipated late winter or early spring, and that PM2 and PM3 targets have been updated by IDOT. MPOs have until the end of March 2025 to update targets.

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

The next meeting will not be until mid-January 2025 at the earliest.

## **11. Adjournment**

McKearn moved to adjourn, second by Downing. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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