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Joint Policy Board & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings, Stateline Area Transportation Study Monday March 24, 2025 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 March 24, 2025. Nee called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Policy Board Members Present (8): Greenlee, Boggs, Barber, Schleeper, Gorman, Von Bergen, Elias, Bates

Policy Board Members Absent (2): Forbeck, Kehoe

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present (12): Frisbee, Prindiville, Christensen, Boggs, Barber, McKearn, Schleeper, Downing, Jorgenson, Von Bergen, Elias, Smith

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

Non-voting Members / Others present: Rob Bates, Sydney Turner, Doug DeLille, Mary Forlenza, Carl Fischer, Karissa Chapman, Ahna Bizjak, Tim Verbeke, Josef Kurlinkus, Joe Rose, Don Driscoll, Patty Hansberry, Jeff Johnson, Carl Lange, Rick Barder, T.J. Nee

2. Election of Officers (Policy Board)

Election postponed to future meeting.

3. Public Participation

Jeff Johnson announced that the Rock Trail Coalition (RTC) is building an arch over the Peace Trail terminus this summer, and asked about the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) project for the Peace Trail Connector. Nee reported agreements are moving forward with the State. Johnson noted the TIP modification removing the Afton Road sidepath from the TIP was disappointing but was glad the project design with local funding was moving forward, and that RTC would provide funding assistance. Johnson also highlighted and inquired about other bike-related projects in TIP. Von Bergen noted Prairie Hill Road bridge is going to be let in 2025 with construction in 2026. Barber noted the Rockton Road path is working through right-of-way issues, the Old River Road path is starting this spring, and the IL-75 bridge over the Rock River in Rockton programmed for 2027 will have bike accommodations. Johnson inquired about the bike and pedestrian plan. Nee noted the consultant selection process is underway.

Rick Barder inquired about an upcoming public information meeting for Willowbrook Road. Prindiville noted there will be one, but it has not yet been determined when. Barder inquired about, and Prindiville noted the schedule for Willowbrook Road including the bridge over Spring Brook in 2026, and the road project beginning later in 2026 or most likely 2027. Barder

confirmed if the Park Avenue bike project will be in 2025. Prindiville noted it would be, and that a public information meeting will likely be in April.

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

A motion was made by Barber, second by Greenlee, to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modifications

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

- a. Update TIP document to add updated PM2, PM3 and PTASP targets.
- b. Add Afton Road Sidepath (formerly TIP number 291-22-006) to the illustrative project list. Project dropped on 2/27/2025 because of insufficient funds for design affecting ability to proceed and complete the project within TAP project deadline. County, Town and City intend to proceed with locally funded design and apply for construction funding in 2025.

6. Resolution 2025-01, Adoption of Adjusted NHS Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2) Targets and Travel Reliability and Freight Reliability (PM3) Targets (IDOT)

Nee reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) updated three of the statewide four-year targets for PM2 and two of the statewide four-year targets for PM3, and provided those updates to MPOs on October 7, 2024. WisDOT updated PM3 targets and provided those updates to MPOs on December 2, 2024; however, those updates do not apply to SLATS because they were for CMAQ only. Resolution 2025-1 adopts the updated IDOT targets for PM2 and PM3 and agrees to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of each State's targets listed in the resolution.

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Barber for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2025-1 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barber, second by Gorman for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2025-1, Adoption of Adjusted NHS Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2) Targets and Travel Reliability and Freight Reliability (PM3) Targets (IDOT).

Motion carried.

7. Resolution 2025-02, Adoption of updated Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measure Targets (BTS)

Nee reported that BTS updated their PTASP safety targets. Resolution 2025-2 adopts Annual Safety Performance Targets for BTS and SMTD for 2025 as listed in the resolution.

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Downing for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2025-2 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barber, second by Gorman for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2025-2, Adoption of updated Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measure Targets (BTS).

Motion carried.

8. Resolution 2025-03, Approval of Amendments to the SLATS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Amend TIP Number 2-22-004 for Village of Rockton, Rockton Road Multi-Use Pedestrian and Bicycle Path to update description, move funding to 2025 and replace lapsed Covid Relief Funds in the amount of \$55,553.98 with State funds. New totals are \$250,000 Federal (SRTS), \$55,553.98 State and \$107,526.02 local.
- b. Add TIP Number 291-25-001 for RSVP Operating Assistance/Volunteer Drivers, \$7,545 federal (5310) and \$7,545 local (RSVP) funding for a total of \$15,090 in 2025.
- c. Add TIP Number 291-25-002 for Rock County Transit Medium Bus Replacement, \$112,880 federal (5310) and \$37,627 local (Rock County) funding for a total of \$150,507 in 2025.
- d. Add TIP Number IL-25-002 for IDOT, IL-2 0.8 MI N of Roscoe Rd to Prairie Hill Rd in South Beloit, SMART Overlay, \$3.6M NHPP/\$1.2M STBG-U federal and \$1.2M State funds for a total of \$6M in 2025.
- e. Add TIP Number 291-25-052 for Beloit Transit System Intercity Transit Study, \$80,000 federal (5304) and \$20,000 local (BTS, Janesville Transit and GBEDC) funding for a total of \$100,000 in 2025.
- f. Amend TIP Number 291-22-013 for City of Beloit, Lee Lane Sidepath, \$82,361.44 additional federal (STBG-U) up from \$208,632 and \$16,472.29 local funding for a total of \$98,833.73 in 2025.
- g. Remove TIP Number 291-22-006, Afton Road Sidepath, \$382,208 federal (TAP) funding.

Nee reported that for item f. above related to the Lee Lane Sidepath, the State/Municipal Agreement (SMA) capped federal STBG-U funding at \$208,632 as approved by SLATS in 2022. Actual costs to construct the now completed path were \$363,742. The City has requested that \$82,361.44 in extra STBG-U funds from the recently completed Cranston Road project (Prairie to Collingswood) be transferred to the Lee Lane Sidepath project to offset some of this cost.

Options for an additional remaining \$375k in STBG-U if the Policy Board approved the \$82k transfer to Lee Lane were discussed including moving funds to the next phase of Cranston, in part to fund the path and sidewalk from the previous phase of Cranston that was postponed until the current phase. Other options include allocating funds to a new project that can be designed and let by September 12, 2028, or potentially allocating funds to the Afton Road Sidepath if the project could be designed and let by September 2028.

McKearn agreed funding Lee Lane to 80 percent as well as additional funding for the next phase of Cranston was a good option. Frisbee concurred since part of the extra funds were for the bike

and pedestrian facilities planned in the previous phase of Cranston. Discussion on funding the Afton Road sidepath ensued, as well as how much funding to move to Cranston Road. Ultimately it was decided to approve additional funding for Lee Lane, and determine the use for the rest of the funding at a future meeting.

A motion was made by McKearn, second by Frisbee for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2025-3 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gorman, second by Barber for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2025-3, Approval of Amendments to the SLATS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Motion carried.

9. Resolution 2025-04 Establishment of a Special Subcommittee for the SLATS Active Transportation Plan

Nee reported that SLATS will be kicking off an update to the 2017 bike and pedestrian plan for the region shortly, with the intention of creating a subcommittee comprised of community members interested in bike and pedestrian planning throughout Stateline area. If the Board agrees with this approach, Resolution 2025-04 establishes the subcommittee and designates SLATS staff or staff's designee to chair the subcommittee meetings as needed, and to recruit and appoint subcommittee members. It also notes that the subcommittee will dissolve following adoption of the updated Plan without further Board action. Jeff Johnson, Rick Barder, Carl Lange and Bill Frisbee expressed interest in being on the subcommittee. Nee asked the local agencies to find individuals from their communities that would be interested in joining as well.

A motion was made by Downing, second by Prindiville for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval of Resolution 2025-4 to the Policy Board.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gorman, second by Barber for the Policy Board to accept the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and to approve Resolution 2025-4 for the Establishment of a Special Subcommittee for the SLATS Active Transportation Plan.

Motion carried.

10. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agency Reports

- City of Beloit Engineering – Prindiville noted there will be a public information meeting for Park Avenue bike project in April. A public information meeting will also be scheduled for E. Grand Avenue which is planned for reconstruction in 2026. 2025 construction projects include portions of Fifth Street, Park Avenue bike facilities, West Grand Avenue, and a road diet on Shopiere Road north of Cranston. Watermain on Poole Court, Birch Avenue and Beach Avenue will be done as well, which will cause some temporary street closures.

- City of South Beloit – Boggs noted the design for the resurfacing of Manchester Road south of Illinois 75 will be underway.
- Village of Rockton – Barber noted the Village has applied for a RAISE grant for portions of Rockton Road, Main Street, Union Street and Hononegah Road.
- Town of Beloit – McKearn noted the Town is working on its road maintenance program and that the design for the next phase of Cranston Road is on schedule.
- BTS – Downing noted BTS is working on its Transit Development Plan (TDP) and regional transit study with SMTD. A Request for Proposals for a Beloit Janesville Express (BJE) will be going out soon.
- Rock County – Jorgenson noted CTH X (Hart Road to Clinton) will be starting soon. The Lathers Road bridge is going through the historical process, and there is an interested party in relocating it. The Afton Road sidepath RFQ for locally funded design is going out shortly. The HSIP project on CTH D and CTH Q will be in 2026, and will accommodate future bike and pedestrian crossings.
- Winnebago County – Von Bergen noted Prairie Hill Road will be closed next week for a few days for soil borings related to the bridge project. The project will go out to bid this summer, with construction in 2026. Old River Road design is underway and it is planned for construction yet this year.
- IDOT District 2 – Bates noted the Illinois 2 resurfacing (Roscoe Road to Prairie Hill Road) will be let in June. IDOT is finishing up Phase 1 for the reconstruction project through South Beloit. A public meeting will be scheduled this year. The IL-75 bridge over the Rock River in Rockton is moving into Phase 2 with construction anticipated in 2027.
- IDOT Bureau of Urban Program Planning – DeLille noted that IDOT will not be doing a call for SPR projects this year. Federal redistributed TIFIA funds will be through the STBG-U formula process. IDOT is moving forward with funding e-TIPs with EcoInteractive for MPOs which will include SLATS (both the Illinois and Wisconsin portion of SLATS) to streamline project input and approval process. SLATS will be about a year out from the transition. Forlenza confirmed IDOT was leading this for the MPOs.
- FHWA – Forlenza noted ongoing changes and appreciated the support from the State and local governments, and noted staffing cuts including at FTA Region 5 and FHWA-IL.
- R1PC – Verbeke noted they will be transitioning to the eTIP this summer.
- Village of Roscoe – Kurlinkus noted they will be reaching out to coordinate on their upcoming Comprehensive Plan update.

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

The next meeting is not set but will likely be within the next couple of months to reallocate the remaining STBG-U funds.

12. Adjournment

Greenlee moved to adjourn, second by Frisbee. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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