Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS)
Policy Committee

MINUTES – APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

DATE: Wednesday, September 14, 2011
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
John Dimit Meeting Room
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Policy Voting Members

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Others Present: Tom Caldwell & Julie Vahling (IDOT), Tom Costello & Don Uchtmann (CUMTD), Pattsi Petrie (Champaign Co Board), Susan Taylor

CUUATS Staff: Rita Black, Gabe Lewis, Eric Hansen, Sharif Ullah, Udit Molakatalla, Beth Brunk

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
   Ms. Prussing called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call
   The roll was taken by written record and a quorum was declared present.

III. Audience Participation
   None

IV. Approval of Agenda
   There being no changes, Mr. McCleary made the motion, seconded by Mr. Markwell to approve the agenda as distributed. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes
   A. CUUATS Policy Committee Meeting – June 22, 2011
      There being no changes, Mr. Markwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peters, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2011 CUUATS Policy Committee meeting as distributed. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.
VI. New Business

A. Approval of Draft Federally Obligated Projects (FOP) Listing FY 2011 – Gabe Lewis

Staff has prepared the annual listing of projects in the urbanized area that received federally obligated funding for fiscal year 2011. Four projects had highway, pedestrian, bicycle and/or rail elements, and two projects had transit elements.

Mr. Weibel moved to approve the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY 2011 as presented. Mr. McCleary seconded. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY2012-2015 Amendments – Gabe Lewis

IDOT had two administrative modifications from resurfacing projects that changed the funding type. This notification is for informational purposes only.

Mr. Lewis delineated eleven proposed TIP amendments from four agencies as follows:

1. **IDOT**
   - Installation of median cable on I-74 east of Urbana
   - Intersection improvement and signal modernization at Prospect Avenue/Springfield Avenue in Champaign
   - Circuitry improvement to Illinois Central Railroad crossing on Leverette Road in Urbana

2. **University of Illinois**
   - Resurfacing of Dorner Drive in Urbana
   - Resurfacing of First Street from Kirby Avenue to Peabody Drive in Champaign
   - Resurfacing of Gregory Drive from Fourth Street to Sixth Street in Champaign
   - Reconstruction of Gregory Drive from Oak Street to First Street in Champaign

3. **Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (C-U MTD)**
   - Extension of C-U Safe Routes to School project grant

4. **Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)**
   - Update of Champaign County Greenways & Trails plan
   - Development of a traffic circulation plan for the University of Illinois
   - Development of guidelines for bus passenger facilities in urbanized area

Mr. Markwell moved to approve the amendments for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2012-2015 as discussed. Mr. White seconded. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Amendment to CUUATS Unified Technical Work Program (UTWP) FY2012 – Rita Black

In July, Ms. Black was notified by IDOT that CUUATS was eligible to receive an additional $38,000 of planning funds. The required 20% local match, approximately $9,000, was paid from the reserve CUUATS local match account. Ms. Black proposed to use this money to employ a part-time safety engineer to work with police, planners and engineers in devising safety education programs in the community. The additional funding received from IDOT is not guaranteed for next year. The UTWP needs to be amended to reflect the additional funding and how the money will be used.

Mr. Peters moved to amend the Unified Technical Work Program (UTWP) FY2012 as discussed. Mr. Weibel seconded. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Final CUUATS Title VI Compliance Report – Eric Hansen

In June, the draft CUUATS Title VI Compliance Report was approved by both the CUUATS Policy and Technical Committees. It was then submitted to a 30-day public comment period – no comments were received. The report provides a demographic spatial profile of the community so the public engagement process can target those potentially underrepresented groups that will be affected by transportation projects.

Mr. McCleary moved to approve the final CUUATS Title VI Compliance Report as presented. Mr. White seconded. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.
VII. Old Business

A. Committees and Working Groups

1. CUTEC
   No report

2. CATS III Technical Committee
   A meeting is scheduled in October.

3. Champaign County Transit Partnership Group (CCTPG) – Rita Black
   CCTPG is a subcommittee of the Champaign County Board that is facilitated by CUUATS staff. This project was started three years ago with IDOT to implement rural transportation. CRIS Rural Mass Transit District started service in the Rantoul area in February 2011. The total rides per month are increasing – 500 in May, 1,200 in August. Ms. Black was recently notified that a grant application for five new vehicles to be used in Champaign County was approved.

4. Olympian Drive
   No report

5. miPLAN – Tom Costello
   The modeling is almost done. Presentations to CUUATS Technical and Policy Committees should be in the first part of 2012 to finalize this project.

B. Agency Reports

1. City of Champaign – Roland White
   The maintenance projects on campus are wrapping up including overlays on First Street, Armory Avenue, Chalmers Street and some sidewalk repairs. Champaign continues to expand its Complete Street elements by restriping the bike lanes on First Street. Construction on University Avenue in downtown Champaign should be complete by the end of October. This project included new LED lighting and various pedestrian improvements.

2. City of Urbana – Laurel Prussing
   Springfield Avenue just west of downtown has been significantly improved. The local gas taxes will provide revenues for future road upgrades.

3. Village of Savoy – Robert McCleary
   Savoy has concluded the overlays on Prospect Avenue and Woodfield Drive. The Old Town Drainage project is putting down asphalt on Friday and then has shoulder and grading work left to finish the job.

4. C-U Mass Transit District (MTD) – Tom Costello
   The ridership on MTD buses continues to increase. Mr. Costello reported a 6-8% increase of passengers in August. Overloads occur on the UIUC campus to Parkland College route and Lincoln Avenue corridor. It is a challenge for resources.

5. Champaign County – Pius Weibel
   The County is working on many bridges and culverts.

6. University of Illinois – Morgan Johnston
   The replacement of a storm sewer under Gregory Drive between First Street and Oak Street resulted in new pavement for one lane. A porous asphalt parking lot on Fifth Street and Chalmers Street is scheduled for construction this fall. Resurfacing projects include one-half block of the east lane of Dorner Drive north of Peabody Drive; First Street from Peabody Drive
to Kirby Avenue; and Gregory Drive from Fourth Street to Sixth Street. A total road
reconstruction will occur on Gregory Drive from First Street to Oak Street.

7. **Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) – Rita Black**
   Staff prepared a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant for the intersection of
   Main Street and Race Street for $231,000 which was recently approved. CUUATS has
   purchased two bike counters that have been placed at Illinois Street and Lincoln Avenue. Ms.
   Black is hopeful that the three open positions in CUUATS, Associate Engineer, Planner II,
   Transportation Planning Intern, will be filled by the end of October.

   CCRPC Planning & Community Development submitted a $550,000 grant application last
   month through the Sustainable Community Initiative Program. It was among 188 candidates
   selected to continue the application process. The closest competitor is Bloomington-Normal.
   Ms. Black will be soliciting money from approximately 25 agencies to come up with the
   $150,000 local match.

8. **IDOT District 5 – Dennis Markwell**
   Construction projects in the area include:
   • US-45 resurfacing from Curtis Road in Savoy to the northern corporate limits of
     Tolono is done except for some cleanup
   • Traffic signal modernization at Church Street and University Avenue is 33% complete
   • Concrete patching on the I-74 ramps from I-57 is finished except for some cleanup
   • Patching on IL-130 from Village of Philo to Windsor Road in Urbana is complete
   • Fiber optic interconnect at various locations in Champaign-Urbana may continue into
     spring 2012

   For September let:
   • I-57 southbound lanes rubblization and pavement replacement north of town – $10
     million contract – if bids are favorable, work will start next spring

9. **IDOT Central Office – Tom Caldwell**
   Congress is considering a possible extension for taxes and spending authority of the Highway
   Trust Fund and the Airport/Airway Trust Fund.

10. **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Betsy Tracy**
    No report

C. **Announcements**

Mr. Markwell introduced Julie Vahling, a recent hire at IDOT District 5. She focuses on public
relations with local agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the district.

Mr. White appreciated IDOT’s cross section design on the Windsor Road Bridge over I-57 which
will include two 12’ lanes, two 6’ bike lanes and two 5’ sidewalks. It is a cross section template
that could be used for Kirby Avenue, Bradley Avenue and Mattis Avenue as well. Mr. White stated
that the City of Champaign and IDOT are still discussing who is responsible for the approaches to
the bridge.

Mr. Markwell explained that IDOT’s cross section design has not changed as it was detailed in a
July 2010 IDOT agreement with the City of Champaign. In terms of the bridge approach, IDOT
follows an agreement in place from 1963 where township roads were jurisdictionally transferred
to local agencies. Mr. Markwell stated that this arrangement leaves the city with the responsibility
of the approaches to the bridge abutments. However, IDOT continues to try to identify funding
sources to help the local agency defray the cost.

Ms. Black announced that on September 22nd and 23rd, IDOT will be holding its fall planning
conference at the Hilton Hotel in Champaign.
VIII. **Audience Participation**
None

IX. **Adjournment**
There being no further business, Ms. Prussing adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.