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CUUATS Policy Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Via ZOOM
Members Present: Giraldo Rosales, Brad Diel, Chris Sokolowski (proxy), Diane Marlin, Joan Dykstra, Scott Neihart, Stacey DeLorenzo (proxy)
Members Absent: Deborah Frank Feinen, Mohamed Attalia
Staff Present: Rita Morocoima-Black, Ashlee McLaughlin, Shuake Wuzhati, Debbie Peterik, Rafsun Mashraky, Mahamudul Hasan
Others Present: Karl Gnadt, Dalitso Sulamoyo, Ellen Hedrick, Tom Caldwell, Betsy Tracy

MEETING MINUTES

Approved as Distributed

I. Call to Order

Mayor Marlin called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The roll was taken by voice roll call and a quorum was declared present:

Roll Call Taken:

Giraldo Rosales	present	Brad Diel	present
Chris Sokolowski (P)	present	Diane Marlin	present
Stacey DeLorenzo (P)	present	Joan Dykstra	present
Scott Neihart	present		

III. Audience Participation

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Rosales made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Diel seconded.

Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

Giraldo Rosales	yes	Brad Diel	yes
Chris Sokolowski (P)	yes	Diane Marlin	yes
Stacey DeLorenzo (P)	yes	Joan Dykstra	yes
Scott Neihart	yes		



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Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.

V. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Diel made a motion to approve the minutes from the CUUATS Policy Committee meeting of June 17, 2020. Ms. Dykstra seconded.

Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

Giraldo Rosales	yes	Brad Diel	yes
Chris Sokolowski (P)	yes	Diane Marlin	yes
Stacey DeLorenzo (P)	yes	Joan Dykstra	yes
Scott Neihart	yes		

Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.

VI. New Business

A. Approval of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2020-2023 Amendments – Ashlee McLaughlin

BACKGROUND

The C-U Mass Transit District, Regional Planning Commission, City of Champaign, and Village of Mahomet submitted 16 amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2020-2025. The following describes the amendments:

MTD Project MTD-19-04

This is an existing MTD project for the replacement of two (2) 60-ft hydrogen fuel cell buses with additional facilities and infrastructure costs. The total project cost increased 26 percent from \$11,199,327 to \$14,114,126 in Federal 5307 and 5339 funding, State DOAP funding, and MTD Capital Reserve. The fiscal year changed from FY 20 to FY 21.

MTD Project MTD-21-03

This is an existing MTD project for the replacement of three (3) 40-foot hybrid buses. The project scope changed to replace three (3) 60-foot hybrid buses, increasing the total project cost 48 percent from \$1,983,000 in federal and state funds to \$2,940,000 using 100 percent state Rebuild Illinois Capital Grant funds. This project is in FY 21.

MTD Project MTD-21-04

This is an existing MTD project for building a solar array on property leased from the Urbana Champaign Sanitary District. The total project cost increased 22 percent from \$4.4 million in federal and state funds to \$5.35 million using 100 percent state Rebuild Illinois Capital Grant funds. This project is in FY 21.



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MTD Project MTD-21-05

This is an existing MTD project for repairing existing first generation passenger information kiosks at various bus stops. The total project cost of \$110,000 was funded with a combination of state and local capital and has changed to be funded using 100 percent state Rebuild Illinois Capital Grant funds. This project is in FY 21.

MTD Project MTD-22-01

This is an existing MTD project for the replacement of four (4) 60-ft hydrogen fuel cell buses using federal 5307 and state capital funding. The total project cost has decreased 0.2 percent and federal funding has been removed. The new project cost is \$6,507,000 to be funded using 100 percent state Rebuild Illinois Capital Grant funds. This project is in FY 22.

MTD Project MTD-22-02

This is a new MTD project for the replacement of five (5) 40-ft hybrid buses. The total project cost is \$3,400,000 funded with 80 percent (\$2,720,000) federal 5307 funds and 20 percent (\$680,000) local funds. This project is in FY 22.

MTD Project MTD-23-01

This is an existing MTD project for the replacement of six (6) 40-ft hydrogen fuel cell buses. The total project cost decreased 10 percent and state funding was removed. The new project cost is \$5,400,000 funded with 80 percent (\$4,320,000) federal 5307 funds and 20 percent (\$1,080,000) local funds. This project is in FY 23.

MTD Project MTD-23-02

This is a new MTD project for the replacement of ten (10) 40-ft hybrid buses. The total project cost is \$6,900,000 funded with 80 percent (\$5,520,000) federal 5307 funds and 20 percent (\$1,380,000) local funds. This project is in FY 23.

MTD Project MTD-24-01

This is a new MTD project for the replacement of ten (10) 40-ft hybrid buses. The total project cost is \$7,000,000 funded with 80 percent (\$5,600,000) federal 5307 funds and 20 percent (\$1,400,000) local funds. This project is in FY 24.

MTD Project MTD-25-01

This is a new MTD project for the replacement of five (5) 30-ft compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. The total project cost is \$2,750,000 funded with 80 percent (\$2,200,000) federal 5307 funds and 20 percent (\$550,000) local funds. This project is in FY 25.

MTD Project MTD-25-02





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This is a new MTD project for the replacement of five (5) 40-ft hybrid buses. The total project cost is \$3,550,000 funded with 80 percent (\$2,840,000) federal 5307 funds and 20 percent (\$710,000) local funds. This project is in FY 25.

MTD Project MTD-25-03

This is a new MTD project for the replacement of four (4) 40-ft hydrogen fuel cell buses. The total project cost is \$3,600,000 funded with 80 percent (\$2,880,000) federal 5307 funds and 20 percent (\$720,000) local funds. This project is in FY 25.

City of Champaign Project CH-23-05

This is an existing City of Champaign project for the reconstruction of Mattis Avenue from Windsor Road to Curtis Road approved for STBGP/STPU funds in 2018. The total project cost is \$5,245,000. Due to a clerical error, the amount of STBGP/STPU funds approved by the CUUATS Technical and Policy Committees was \$1,875,000, rather than the \$2,250,000 originally requested. Each agency approved for STBGP/STPU funding in 2018 was intended to receive 50 percent of the eligible project costs in accordance with the 1999 Resolution for Future Use of STPU Funds for CUUATS. This project is in FY 23.

Village of Mahomet MA-22-02

This is a new Village of Mahomet project for new construction and widening of South Mahomet Road from Sunny Acres Road to Churchill Road. The total project cost is \$4,570,000 funded with 93 percent (\$4,250,000) local funds and \$270,00 in IDOT Section 130 funds for new crossing devices and \$50,000 in Illinois Commerce Commission funds. This project is in FY 22.

RPC Project RPC-20-11

This is a new RPC project to create a Collaborative Access Score web application and to host a series of public engagement activities around the MPA to test the methodology and web application. The total project cost is \$205,153 funded with 80 percent (\$164,122) federal planning research funds and 20 percent (\$41,031) state match. This project is in FY 21.

RPC Project RPC-21-02

This is an RPC grant to fund operation of the Champaign County Area Rural Transportation Services (C-CARTS) as well as facilitate meetings of the Champaign County Rural Transit Advisory Group (RTAG), provide compliance oversight, technical planning assistance, and data analysis for the County's rural public transit system. The total project cost is \$913,562 funded



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with FTA 5311 funds, state DOAP funds, lead agency funds, service contracts, and fare box funds. This grant is for FY 21.

Mr. Rosales made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2020-2023 Amendments. Mr. Diel seconded.

Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

Giraldo Rosales	yes	Brad Diel	yes
Chris Sokolowski (P)	yes	Diane Marlin	yes
Stacey DeLorenzo (P)	yes	Joan Dykstra	yes
Scott Neihart	yes		

Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.

- B. Presentation of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2020-2023 Modifications – Ashlee McLaughlin

Ms. McLaughlin commented on a typo on the agenda. The TIP FY should be 2020-2025, not 2020-2023.

BACKGROUND

The Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Champaign, City of Urbana, Mass Transit District, University of Illinois, Village of Savoy, Village of Mahomet, Regional Planning Commission, and Urbana Park District submitted 32 administrative modifications to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2020-2025. The following describes the modifications:

State of Illinois Project A167C

This is an existing state project for I-57/I-74 interchange reconstruction. Since the project includes an experimental feature, FHWA approved a 95/5 federal/state funding split rather than the typical 90/10 split for interstate projects. The total project cost is unchanged at \$121 million. This project is in FY 21.

State of Illinois Project H352/353

The state has added a new phase to an existing state project for I-74 bridge work at ICRR & TR 158. The new phase is for PE phase I & II and is a carryover from FY 20. The cost of the new phase is \$40,000 with 90 percent (\$36,000) federal NHPP-State funds and 10 percent (\$4,000) state match. This project is in FY 21.



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MTD Project MTD-18-04

This is an existing MTD project for a Transit System Analysis. The fiscal year changed from FY 20 to FY 21.

MTD Project MTD-19-02

This is an existing MTD joint development project to expand the Illinois Terminal. The fiscal year changed from FY 20 to FY 21.

MCORE Projects 4A, 4B, and 5

The fiscal year changed from FY 20 to FY 21 for the three ongoing MCORE projects.

City of Champaign Project CH-19-05/SA-19-01

This is an existing project in the City of Champaign and Village of Savoy for complete street engineering on Prospect Avenue from Curtis Road to Windsor Road. The fiscal year changed from FY 20 to FY 21.

City of Champaign Project CH-21-05

This is an existing project for complete street improvements on St. Mary's Road from Neil Street to Fourth Street. The eastern project limit has changed from Fourth Street to Oak Street. This project is in FY 21.

City of Champaign Annual Street Improvements

The City of Champaign modified nine (9) existing annual asphalt and concrete street improvement listings using local funds. Two of the listings changed fiscal years from 2020 to 2021. Seven of the listings in fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 increased the total cost with MFT Renewal Funds.

The City of Champaign also added eight (8) new asphalt and concrete street improvement listings for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

Village of Mahomet Project MA-18-03

This is an existing Village of Mahomet project for the Sangamon River Greenway canoe and kayak launch. The fiscal year changed from FY 20 to FY 24.

Village of Mahomet Project MA-21-01

This is a new Village of Mahomet project for traffic signals at US 150 and Lake of the Woods Road that was previously listed as a TIP illustrative project. The total project cost is \$300,000 in local funds. This project is in FY 21.



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Urbana Park District Project UPD-17-01

This is an existing Urbana Park District project for a shared-use path on Park Street from Broadway Avenue to Church Street/McCullough Street. The fiscal year changed from FY 20 to FY 21.

RPC Project RPC-20-01

This is an existing Regional Planning Commission project for the Region 8 Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). This project is funded with a two-year federal grant. The fiscal year for this project has changed from FY 20 to FY 21 to reflect the length of the grant.

RPC Project RPC-20-08

This is an existing Regional Planning Commission project to develop a transportation plan for Champaign County funded by State Rural Planning funds. The fiscal year for this project changed from FY 20 to FY 21.

RPC Project RPC-20-10

This is an existing Regional Planning Commission project to develop a Safety Forecasting Tool. The fiscal year for this project changed from FY 20 to FY 21.

- C. Approval of Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY 2020 – Ashlee McLaughlin
Ms. McLaughlin commented that every year the staff is required to publish the list of projects in the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) that were obligated federal funding. [The Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects for FY 2020](#) is published as a website. Ms. McLaughlin presented the website that includes a table showing the list that the CUUATS staff receives from FHWA and other related information.

Mr. Diel made a motion to approve the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY 2020. Mr. Rosales seconded.

Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

Giraldo Rosales	yes	Brad Diel	yes
Chris Sokolowski (P)	yes	Diane Marlin	yes
Stacey DeLorenzo (P)	yes	Joan Dykstra	yes
Scott Neihart	yes		

Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.



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D. Update of Federal Performance Measures 2018/2019 Performance – Shuake Wuzhati

BACKGROUND:

MAP-21 and the FAST Act established a national performance measurement system for the highway and transit programs. USDOT instituted this performance management requirement by establishing performance measures for four categories through rulemakings.

Ms. Wuzhati commented that for the past few years DOTs and MPOs have been required to track and report a list of federal performance measures:

1. PM1 – Safety Performance Measures
2. PM2 – Pavement and Bridge Condition Performance Measures
3. PM3 - System Performance/Freight Performance Measures
4. TAM – Transit Asset Conditions
5. Transit Safety Measures

Ms. Wuzhati presented a table with detailed information on the performance measures showing when the federal performance requirements were enacted, what the target setting schedule is, when the state is required to establish new targets and when the MPO is required to renew the targets. The MPO has until February of next year to decide if they want to accept IDOT’s targets or propose their own targets. The staff will report back to the committee at the December CUUATS meetings on their recommendations for the committee’s approval. This detailed information can be found on the website: [Federal Performance Measure Report Card](#).

E. Presentation of 2019 C-U Pedestrian and Bicycle Survey (PABS) Report – Ashlee McLaughlin

Ms. McLaughlin commented that the C-U Pedestrian and Bicycle Survey was completed in 2019, with financial support from IDOT as part of a larger grant which also helped with public outreach for the Long Range Transportation Plan and data collection for active transportation in the community. Ms. McLaughlin presented the website ([2019 Champaign-Urbana Pedestrian and Bicycle Survey Report](#)) which includes the Pedestrian and Bicycle Survey Report in detail.

Mayor Marlin commented that the active transportation data was higher than the national rate. Ms. McLaughlin commented that with C-U being a college town and a dense smart growth community, there are significantly higher patterns of walking, biking and public transit.



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VII. Old Business

A. Projects and Working Groups

1. Multimodal Corridor Enhancement (MCORE) Project – Chris Sokolowski

- Project Four is ahead of schedule. Concrete work will be completed by the first week of October. There will be still be some odds and ends to finish such as street lighting.
- Mayor Marlin commented that Project Five is underway in Urbana. There was an issue with the post office refusing to deliver mail to some residents that lived along the construction route, but otherwise Project Five is on schedule.

Mr. Neihart left the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

2. Champaign County Rural Transit Advisory Group (RTAG) – Rita Morocoima-Black

- C-CARTS ridership remains stable after a large decrease in the months of March, April and May. There was a one percent increase in ridership in fiscal year 2020 compared with fiscal year 2019.
- C-CARTS received three replacement 14-passenger buses.
- The Cares Act agreement was approved by the County Board in August. C-CARTS will be able to charge to the grant for the significant changes that were made with C-CARTS in terms of more drivers and more buses.

3. Safety Committee – Rita Morocoima-Black

- A meeting was held about three weeks ago and the CUUATS staff provided an update on the most recent data received from IDOT.
- An analysis was done for 2014-2018, and the staff presented the five years of crash data to the committee. The staff presented the trends to the committee as compared to the previous period data.
- The staff provided information on safety targets for the crash emphasis areas that were defined in the urban plan and rural plan.
- The staff identified the high priority segments and intersections and will complete a detailed safety study of the top 20 priority locations in Champaign County and Champaign-Urbana including intersections and segments as part of an IDOT grant awarded to CUUATS. At this time, staff will be refining those locations.





B. Agency Reports

1. City of Champaign – Chris Sokolowski

- The concrete street maintenance project on Springer Drive between Mattis Avenue and Country Fair Drive is ongoing.
- All the paving is complete for the annual asphalt overlay projects in the city.
- City Council discussed the revenue projections. Due to COVID, there will be impacts on the transportation projects within the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Diel commented on the Springer Drive project and wondered how that project became a priority project. Mr. Sokolowski commented that it was a decision based on the pavement condition, and from an operational standpoint, the amount of time the staff was spending by continuing to go out there. using a lot of limited resources.

2. City of Urbana – Diane Marlin

- MCORE Project Five is ongoing.
- The Washington Street and Vine Street reconstruction project is complete and close to being open.
- The street lighting project on campus is in the works.
- There will be a presentation on the extension of the Kickapoo Rail Trail at the City Council meeting in October.
- The city is getting closer to having the funding to complete the Florida Avenue study.
- The financial forecast will be ready at the end of the month, but the Mayor commented that the city is looking at a \$3 million shortfall this year in revenue.
- Ms. DeLorenzo asked who she should contact for projects going on in Urbana. The original contact was Craig Shonkwiler. Mayor Marlin suggested starting with Carol Mitten, the interim Public Works Director, Justin Swinford for stormwater or Shannon Beranek for transportation.

3. Village of Savoy – Joan Dykstra

- The Prospect Avenue project is essentially complete.
- The INFRA grant was not awarded to the Village of Savoy. Congressman Davis said that there were no INFRA grants awarded in the State of Illinois for this year.
- The village is still waiting to hear if they were awarded the BUILD grant which would assist the village with the Curtis Road project.





- The Board of Trustees will be voting on the new Village Administrator at tonight's meeting. If voted in, the new administrator would begin October 1. The village will then begin the process to hire a Public Works Director.
4. MTD – Karl Gnadt
 - Ridership is still significantly down 70 percent.
 - The hydrogen fuel cell project is ongoing. The design of the hydrogen production station is almost complete. Many components have already been ordered. Facility modifications at the maintenance department are under way and should be completed in October. Buses have completed pre-production and scheduled to go online in late December for a delivery date to MTD in early February.
 - The Yards project in downtown Champaign continues. MTD will be launching public input for the NEPA (The National Environmental Protection Act) review which is the Environment Impact Analysis launching tomorrow. Public input will be online.
 5. Champaign County

Ms. Morocoima-Black commented that IDOT selected Champaign County for \$2.5 million in local highway safety funding for a five-mile project on CR 18 between the intersection of IL 130 and Rt. 45. The project is expected to begin in the summer of 2022 or 2023.
 6. University of Illinois – Stacey DeLorenzo
 - The university is working on bike path repairs and replacements.
 - The St. Mary's Road project has been submitted to IDOT for final approval.
 7. Village of Mahomet – Ellen Hedrick

No report.
 8. CC Regional Planning Commission – Rita Morocoima-Black
 - CUUATS staff has had weekly meetings with the staff of Replica who developed a Replica Model for data collected in the fall of 2018 and winter of 2018-2019 on Thursdays and Saturdays. There were discrepancies found on main arterials in Champaign-Urbana, and pedestrian and bicycle volume in the University District. The Replica staff is evaluating the discrepancies. Replica staff is also working with the MTD staff on ridership data and addressing concerns on the transit portion of the model.
 - A student from the University of Illinois is going to be working on a Capstone project to analyze the COVID-19 impact on transportation and economic development in Champaign-Urbana and possibly Champaign County. Travel changes, data behavior,





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increase and decrease on e-commerce and transportation network, changes in employment, and impact of local revenue and operations will be evaluated.

9. IDOT District 5 – Scott Neihart

No report.

10. IDOT Central Office – Tom Caldwell

The Florida Avenue study agreement is to be signed.

11. FHWA – Betsy Tracy

There is no indication that there will be a new bill at the end of the month. It is very possible that there will be a continuing resolution.

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Audience Participation

None

X. Adjournment

Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.



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