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CUUATS Policy Committee Meeting

- Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021
- Time:** 10:30 a.m.
- Place:** Via ZOOM
- Members Present:** Jim McGuire, Brad Diel, Chris Sokolowski (proxy), Diane Marlin, Roland White (proxy), Scott Neihart, Stacey DeLorenzo (proxy)
- Members Absent:** Deborah Frank Feinen, John Brown, Ehab Kamarah
- Staff Present:** Dalitso Sulamoyo, Rita Morocoima-Black, Ashlee McLaughlin, Debbie Peterik, Mahamudul Hasan, Xiyue Li, J.D. McClanahan, Shuake Wuzhati
- Others Present:** Karl Gnadt, Tom Caldwell, Betsy Tracy, Maurey Williamson

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:

Jim McGuire	present
Brad Diel	present
Chris Sokolowski (P)	present
Scott Neihart	present
Stacey DeLorenzo (P)	present
Roland White (P)	present
Diane Marlin	present

Mayor Marlin informed the committee that past Village President of St. Joseph, B.J. Hackler, passed away last evening. He was also a former president of the Illinois Municipal League. He was a long-standing Village President and very active in the state organization.

III. Audience Participation

None



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IV. Approval of Agenda

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

Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

- Jim McGuire yes
- Brad Diel yes
- Chris Sokolowski (P) yes
- Scott Neihart yes
- Stacey DeLorenzo (P) yes
- Roland White (P) yes
- Diane Marlin yes

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 16, 2021. Mr. Sokolowski seconded.

Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

- Jim McGuire yes
- Brad Diel yes
- Chris Sokolowski (P) yes
- Scott Neihart yes
- Stacey DeLorenzo (P) yes
- Roland White (P) yes
- Diane Marlin yes

Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.

VI. New Business

A. Approval of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2020-2025 Amendments – Ashlee McLaughlin

BACKGROUND

The Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District, Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Savoy, and Champaign County Regional Planning Commission submitted 14 amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2020-2025. The following describes the amendments:



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MTD Project MTD-22-03

This is a new MTD project for the purchase of leased land at 1207 E. University Avenue for continued use as a CDL training lot. The total cost is \$1,000,000 with 80 percent in state funding and 20 percent from MTD. This project is in FY 22.

MTD Project MTD-22-04

This is a new MTD project for the installation of in-ground vehicle lifts in the maintenance facility at 803 E. University Avenue. The total cost is \$1,100,000 with 100 percent Federal Transit Authority (FTA) funds. This project is in FY 22.

MTD Project MTD-23-03

This is a new MTD project for the expansion of the solar array on the roof of the maintenance facility at 803 E. University Avenue. The total cost is \$3,000,000 with 100 percent state funds. This project is in FY 23.

MTD Project MTD-23-04

This is a new MTD project for property acquisition and construction of a new transit center at a location that has not yet been determined. The total cost is \$15,000,000 with 80 percent FTA funds and 20 percent from MTD. This project is in FY 23.

MTD Project MTD-23-05

This is a new MTD project for remodeling the first and second floors of the Illinois Terminal in downtown Champaign. The total cost is \$3,000,000 with 80 percent FTA funds and 20 percent from MTD. This project is in FY 23.

MTD Project MTD-23-06

This is a new MTD project for the construction of a vehicle storage and maintenance facility at a location that has not yet been determined. The total cost is \$6,000,000 with 100 percent FTA funds. This project is in FY 23.

Village of Savoy Project SA-22-05

This is a new Savoy project for construction engineering and construction of a new multi-use path along the west side of First Street from Windsor Road to Curtis Road. The total cost is \$1,343,663 with 77 percent Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funds, 19 percent state matching funds, and approximately 2 percent local matching funds. The local matching funds includes a commitment from Champaign Township to reimburse Savoy up to \$50,000. This project is in FY 22.

State of Illinois Project L007

This is an existing state project for land acquisition on US 45/ US 150/ Springfield Avenue from Prospect Avenue to Wright Street in Champaign. The total cost decreased 46 percent from



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\$1,050,000 to \$569,000 with 80 percent federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP-State) funds and a 20 percent state match. This project is in FY 22.

State of Illinois Project HSIP 2021-1

This is a new state project for pavement striping on I-57 from the Coles County line to the Ford County line. The total cost is \$501,800 with 90 percent federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP Safety-State) funds and a 10 percent state match. This project is part of a multiple county contract with a total cost of \$2,100,000. This project is in FY 22.

State of Illinois Project N019

This is a new state project for new shoulders and milled rumble strip on US 45 from Saline Branch Ditch to 0.3 miles north of Olympian Road. The total cost is \$1,300,000 with 90 percent federal HSIP Safety-State funds and a 10 percent state match. This project is in FY 22.

State of Illinois Project CM22-5009

This is a new state project for patching on FAS 533 (Market Street) from Ford Harris Road to Hensley Road north of Champaign. The total cost is \$150,000 with 100 percent State Only funds. This project is in FY 22.

State of Illinois Project HMLT2022-1

This is a new state project for lighting on I-74 from the Prospect Avenue interchange to the Lincoln Avenue interchange. The total cost is \$325,000 with 90 percent federal NHPP-State funds and a 10 percent state match. This project is in FY 22. RPC-21-06

This is a new RPC project to create a web-based format for the Regional Environmental Framework including an interactive web map application. The total cost is \$184,370 with 80 percent federal State Planning and Research (SPR) funds and a 20 percent state match. This project is in FY 22.

RPC Project RPC-21-07

This is a new RPC project to develop a web-based safety assessment tool for Champaign County. The total cost is \$380,094 with 75 percent federal SPR funds, an 18 percent state match, and a 7 percent local match from Champaign County. This project is in FY 22.

Mr. Diel made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2020-2025 Amendments. Mr. White seconded.

Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

Jim McGuire **yes**
Brad Diel **yes**
Chris Sokolowski (P) **yes**



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Scott Neihart **yes**

Stacey DeLorenzo (P) **yes**

Roland White (P) **yes**

Diane Marlin **yes**

Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.

**B. Presentation of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2020-2025 Modifications –
Ashlee McLaughlin**

BACKGROUND

The Illinois Department of Transportation and Champaign County Regional Planning Commission submitted 13 administrative modifications to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2020-2025. The following describes the modifications:

Forest Preserve District project FPD-20-01

This is an existing Forest Preserve District project for Kickapoo Rail Trail amenities and parking lot. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, this project has changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current” status due to the apportionment or state contract ceiling being sufficient to meet project specifications and/or the project being financially active. This project is in FY 21.

State of Illinois Project C001

This is an existing state project for microsurfacing joint repair on US 45 from Curtis Road in Savoy to north of Tolono. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, this project has changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current” status due to the apportionment or state contract ceiling being sufficient to meet project specifications and/or the project being financially active. This project is in FY 21.

State of Illinois Project H353/H352 (2 modifications)

This is an existing state project for bridge work on I-74 at ICRR and TR 158 and Market Street in Champaign.

1. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, four phases of this project with federal funding have changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current” status due to the apportionment or state contract ceiling being sufficient to meet project specifications and/or the project being financially active.
2. The phase for preliminary engineering moved from FY 21 to FY 22.



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State of Illinois Project A167C

This is an existing state project for I-57/I-74 interchange reconstruction. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, this project has changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current” status due to the apportionment or state contract ceiling being sufficient to meet project specifications and/or the project being financially active. This project is in FY 21.

State of Illinois Project J010

This is an existing state project for preliminary engineering for resurfacing and widening on US 150/Prospect Avenue from the I-74 interchange to IL 10/Springfield Avenue in Champaign. This project has moved from FY 21 to FY 22.

State of Illinois Project H332

This is an existing state project for I-57 bridge work under CH 17 1.8 miles east of Sadorus. This project has moved from FY 21 to FY 22.

State of Illinois Project K020

This is an existing state project for jurisdictional transfer on Wilbur Avenue (OR 3) from Market Street to 0.4 miles east of Market Street in Champaign. The project has been split into two separate segments, but the total cost and other project details remain the same. This project is in FY 22.

State of Illinois Project A167 (2 modifications)

This is an existing state project for I-57/I-74/US 150 bridge work at the interchange and under Mattis Avenue.

1. The phase for preliminary engineering moved from FY 21 to FY 22.
2. The phase for construction engineering moved from FY 21 to FY 22.

RPC Project RPC-20-11

This is an existing RPC project to create a Collaborative Engagement Technology for public engagement efforts. This project has moved from FY 21 to FY 22.

RPC Project RPC-21-03

This is an existing RPC project to carry out a corridor study on Florida Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Vine Street in Urbana. This project has moved from FY 21 to FY 22.

RPC Project RPC-21-05

This is an existing RPC project to create an urbanized area land use inventory for modeling efforts. This project has moved from FY 21 to FY 22.



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C. Approval of Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY 2021 – JD McClanahan

Mr. McClanahan provided the following information:

The Annual Listing of Federally Obligated projects is a Federal requirement of all Metropolitan Planning Organizations. The requirement is to list out all transportation projects in the last year with the obligation for Federal funds, not necessarily obligated or completed at this point, but all projects that have obligations in the Federal government to cover the costs or pay the costs back. The following link was provided to reach the List of Federally Obligated Projects for this year: [Annual Federally Obligated Projects FY 2021](#). Mr. McClanahan presented some details of the website. Mr. McClanahan also pointed out that a couple corrections were made to the transit table for the [Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects for FY 2020](#).

Mr. Diel made a motion to approve the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY 2021.

Mr. Sokolowski seconded.

Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

- Jim McGuire yes**
- Brad Diel yes**
- Chris Sokolowski (P) yes**
- Scott Neihart yes**
- Stacey DeLorenzo (P) yes**
- Roland White (P) yes**
- Diane Marlin yes**

Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.

D. Approval of Allocation of MPO COVID Relief Funding – Ashlee McLaughlin

Ms. McLaughlin referred the members to the proposal in the memo:

The CUUATS staff received the Circular Letter 2021-13 that is included in the packet announcing that the MPO is allocated this additional funding. This funding is under many of the same restrictions as our STP-U funds. Therefore, it makes the most sense to apply the funds to our STP-U program. The staff received feedback from the member agencies, and the member agencies were open to the proposal. In talking with the agencies that currently have projects in the STP-U program, the Village of Savoy and the City of Urbana were comfortable with the requirement that the funds be obligated by September 30, 2024. The City of Champaign felt



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that it would be pushing it for their projects to guarantee it could be obligated by 2024. The City of Champaign was supportive of applying the funds to the other projects in the program because they are regional funds, and the funds will benefit the region overall.

Ms. McLaughlin referred the members to the table showing what it would look like for these projects by applying the funds according to the guidelines in Circular 2021-13 that outlines the requirements. If the members approve the proposed allocation today, these changes will be brought to the committee in December as amendments to the TIP and staff will adjust the STP-U program accordingly.

Mr. Diel made a motion to approve the Allocation of MPO COVID Relief Funding. Mr. White seconded.

Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

- Jim McGuire yes**
- Brad Diel yes**
- Chris Sokolowski (P) yes**
- Scott Neihart yes**
- Stacey DeLorenzo (P) yes**
- Roland White (P) yes**
- Diane Marlin yes**

Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.

E. Approval of Five-Year Functional Classification Review – Ashlee McLaughlin

Ms. McLaughlin provided the following information:

IDOT conducted their 5-year functional classification review for Champaign County. IDOT proposed initially 11 changes as reflected in the presented table on the memo in the packet. Number Three was ultimately removed from the initial list. Five of the 11 proposed changes fall within the MPO’s Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary. Staff discussed the changes with the municipalities involved. All the information that IDOT submitted was included in the packet, including their proposals for the changes that would be made and why they were moving forward with all those changes.

Mr. McGuire made a motion to approve the Five-Year Functional Classification Review. Ms. DeLorenzo seconded.





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Voice Roll Call taken for votes:

- Jim McGuire** **yes**
- Brad Diel** **yes**
- Chris Sokolowski (P)** **yes**
- Scott Neihart** **yes**
- Stacey DeLorenzo (P)** **yes**
- Roland White (P)** **yes**
- Diane Marlin** **yes**

Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.

VII. Old Business

A. Projects and Working Groups

1. Champaign County Rural Transit Advisory Group (RTAG) – Ashlee McLaughlin
The last meeting for the RTAG Committee was August 11, 2021. CUUATS staff has a new HSTP Coordinator and PCOM. Her name is Mimi Hutchinson. RTAG recently submitted a REBUILD Grant for approximately \$134,000 to pay for two replacement C-CARTS vehicles.
2. Safety Committee – Ashlee McLaughlin
Ms. McLaughlin commented that there was recently a Safety Committee meeting in July. In the meeting, updates were covered regarding the Urban and Rural Safety Report Cards, the Champaign County Safety Plan implementation (also known as the Safety Study of Top 20 high priority intersections and segments), the Champaign County Forecasting Tool, and improving roadway safety through Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).

B. Agency Reports

1. City of Champaign – Chris Sokolowski
 - The Windsor Road project from Neil Street to First Street is complete. Traffic control was pulled off the road on Friday. There is some seeding and cleanup work to finish, but none of that will require the level of traffic control that has been on Windsor Road in the past. Intermittent lane closure will occur during the day.
 - Most of the streets downtown have been resurfaced with the exception of a stretch of Main Street to Chestnut Street and a section of Walnut Street. That work will be done after the intersection of Walnut Street and Main Street is complete. All should be completed by October 1.



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- The project at Sixth Street and Daniel Street related to the development on the north east corner is in process. Bump outs were constructed as well as the contraflow bike lane on Daniel Street from Wright Street to Sixth Street, which is in the University Bike Plan and the City’s Bike Plan. The roadway will be marked sometime in the next few weeks. At the same time, Sixth Street and Daniel Street will be converted to an all-way stop.

Ms. DeLorenzo inquired if there was a plan to improve Daniel Street before the bike lane is installed. Mr. Sokolowski confirmed that it would have to be as it is. The City does not have any flexibility to add that to any contracts that are open. It was not included in the Development Agreement.

2. City of Urbana – Diane Marlin

Mayor Marlin commented that the current work for Urbana is the project on Lincoln Avenue between Grant Street and University Avenue, and Springfield Avenue between Gregory Street and Coler Avenue. Contractors are working on resurfacing plus all of the pedestrian and safety enhancements. That work, combined with all of the work on University Avenue, will transform the gateway to the City of Urbana and campus. Mayor Marlin gave a shout out to IDOT for the work on University Avenue.

3. Village of Savoy – Roland White

- Pavement markings were completed in about two-thirds of the village.
- The village opened bids on the concrete patching project. Bids were lower than expected, so it was competitive.
- The village will be taking a fresh look with our board on the Curtis Road project. The village was not successful in being awarded the INFRA Grant, so we are looking at possibly dropping off a portion on the far east end to try and reduce the funding gap.

4. MTD – Karl Gnad

- The final approval was received for the NEPA Analysis for the Yards Project. This has been a little over an 18-month process to get completed. Grant agreements will be executed with the FTA, and we are finalizing the developmental agreement with the private developers. MTD will shortly be able to go out for bid to the architects and engineers to start final design.



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- All of the construction with the core project is done on the Hydrogen Fuel Cell project. The station is complete. The equipment is in place and in the programming phase. We should be 100 percent up and running next month. The buses are running. Temporary fueling is set up. About two-thirds of the operators are trained to drive those vehicles.
 - Ms. DeLorenzo inquired about the current workforce situation. Mr. Gnadl confirmed that the situation has not gotten better. The Governor’s Executive Order mandating vaccines for school districts, the University and subcontractors to those entities has stretched the workforce even more.
5. Champaign County – Jim McGuire
- The County Road 17 West of Sadorus bridge is under reconstruction until November.
 - The County Road 13 bridge north of Broadlands is complete and open.
 - The Tolono Township bridge is complete and open.
 - The Sidney slab from Illinois 130 to Sidney is under construction until November. This is the HSIP project which includes widened shoulders, rumble strips and new asphalt.
 - The County Road 11 bridge near Flatville is under construction until the end of October.
 - The Compromise Township bridge on 2800 North is under construction until the end of October.
 - We are currently putting together plans for the County Road 20 Royal Road from US 45 through Royal which will be a Hot in-place recycling with an asphalt overlay next year.
 - We are doing surveying and preliminary design for County Road 18 between Philo and US 45 to be built in 2024.
6. University of Illinois – Stacey DeLorenzo
- The St. Marys Road project is fairly complete. The road and sidewalks are open. We are working on finishing the railing for the sidewalk, Ameren is working on putting in a new transformer for the street and a pedestrian light is to be completed in a couple of weeks. Everything will be up and running, including the pedestrian crosswalk across Neil Street.
 - A reminder that there is a Friday night football game if you are on campus.
7. Village of Mahomet – Ellen Hedrick
Not present
8. CC Regional Planning Commission – Ashlee McLaughlin



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- The Safe Route to School Grants are currently open through the end of this month. If anyone is interested, feel free to contact Rita or Gabe.
 - Two additional ITEP Grants were awarded in the past few weeks. One for a portion of the KRT that the Forest Preserve submitted. One for a portion of a multi-use path in Crystal Lake Park on behalf of the Urbana Park District.
9. IDOT District 5 – Scott Neihart
- University Avenue night work has begun, and the mainline milling and paving should be underway.
 - I-74 structures over the CN Railroad and Market Street. Market Street bridge has been poured and the railroad bridge is nearly decked, and shear studs are being placed.
 - I-74/I-57 interchange project began on August 23. Earthwork begins today, with temporary pavement and shoulder resurfacing to accommodate construction traffic at night.
 - Mattis Avenue bridges bridge work is complete and a couple of small items are being completed.
 - US 150 bridge over I-57 project should be completed next week.
 - Mayor Marlin inquired if there was an end for the University Avenue construction. Mr. Neihart commented that it was November 1, 2021 plus ten working days for cleaning up items.
10. IDOT Central Office – Tom Caldwell
No report.
11. FHWA – Betsy Tracy
No report.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Audience Participation

None

X. Adjournment

Mayor Marlin adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.



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