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RTPO Technical Advisory Committee Monday, June 1, 2020

Members present: Louis Agresta, Brad Bodenmiller, Tyler Bumbalough, Michelle Caserta-Bixler, Gary Ledford, Steve McCall, Heather Martin, Regina Rollins, Melanie Runkle, Scott Schmid, Ben Wiltheiss.

Absent member: Tam Blakely, Scott Coleman, and Tim Notestine.

Guests present: Robin Reames, Russells Point; Doug Crabill, City of Urbana.

The Technical Advisory Committee was held via Zoom and called to order at 9:33 am by Tyler Bumbalough.

New Business:

- 1. Welcome and Introductions were completed.
- 2. March 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - Steve McCall moved a motion to accept the minutes as written and Ben Wiltheiss seconded. All in favor.
- 3. 2020 Local Roadway Safety Program
 - o Scott Schmid reported on this item. No changes to the methodology from the 2018 plan. Scott reviewed the document for the committee.
 - Steve McCall I appreciate all the work you and Melanie have done on this. I plan to incorporate the work you've done into our safety study.
 - Steve McCall moved a motion to recommend adoption of the 2020 Local Roadway Safety Program and Ben Wiltheiss seconded. All in favor.
- 4. RTPO Public Participation Plan
 - Scott Schmid reported on this item. He reviewed the document for the committee.
 - Brad has comments and suggestions that are just minor details that he will give them to Scott.
 - Steve I don't have a problem with the schedule you've laid out, that will
 give us a chance to look at it.
 - o Brad For the RTIP, did anyone have any concerns about having separate meetings? We've done joint meetings in the past, but I don't want to give an appearance to the public that we can make changes at ODOT.
 - Steve we did talk about having them at each county depending on the project; I don't have a problem having a joint meeting at LUC.



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- Brad I don't have a problem having the Long-Range plans in separate meetings.
- Scott We can change the TIP to one joint but leave long range plans at one each.
- Melanie –I'm fine with how you want to handle it.
- Scott I think video conferencing, having the documents on the website to look at and having the comment form on the website is a good method. I would rather look at something online and put some thought in it before going to an open house.
- Steve Does the document allow for virtual meetings than also if we wanted to do that?
 - Scott Yes, it does. Scott read the language listed but said they will fine tune it to make it not so restrictive.
 - Steve it could be an option to open up to more participation.
- o Doug Is it possible to update the media contact list for the second draft?
 - Scott Yes. If you have ideas.
 - Doug provided information regarding newspapers and radio stations to both counties.
 - Robin included information on the radio station in Russells Point and the classified paper for Indian Lake.
 - Scott We can adapt it to whatever we need to do. Having the contacts in the document helps TCC staff.
- o Scott asked for feedback within the next two weeks.
- 5. FY2021 Planning Work Program and FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program
 - o Scott reported on this item and reviewed the status of the documents.
- 6. Project Updates
 - Urbana
 - South High Street Corridor Project
 - Tyler Bumbalough reported. ODOT funding awarded. An RFP will be going out soon for a consultant for the design and right of way plans. Hoping to get that out by end of the month or early July.
 - Bellefontaine
 - No representatives of Bellefontaine attended.
 - Logan County
 - Scott Schmid reported for Logan County.
 - Indian Lake Intersections Study



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- Revisions to exhibits are being worked on.
- Logan 287 was discussed at the last meeting. We're holding the traffic count activity for now.
- o Logan/Champaign 68 ODOT Study
 - We'll look at the individual projects and how to sort them and advance them.
- LOG 33/274 Intersection
- Champaign County
 - Steve McCall reported he had no update at this time. He has a federal aid grant right now. He has a safety study going on and ODOT is taking care of it. He has a project on Zimmerman Road that's a safety study; one of the highest rated segments. Right now isn't the time to do any counts. With schools out and everything, the counts will be down. I'm holding off on doing field work and doing more of the educational side. I'll be promoting safety in our fair booth, if we have a fair. I'll have some of these documents included to show we're continuing to add to the documents.
 - Scott If there's any information you need for your fair booths, please reach out and let us know and we can create some exhibits.
- Ben We believe our funds will be reduced which will reduce our projects.
 The governor wants to stay on top of the safety projects but will hold off on new projects. The plan was to be 100% funded but we believe that will not be the same for the next application.
- 7. Mobility Management and Transit Updates
 - o Logan
 - No representatives were available to update.
 - o Champaign
 - Gary Ledford reported for Champaign. We're still running. Numbers are not up to where they were. We've implemented security measures. Drivers have the option of being masked if they want.
- 8. Other
 - o Tyler asked about the RTPO funding.



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- Scott reported that the funding for this program should be safe. We have a new head of Central Office. I don't see anything changing regarding philosophy and part of that is the SRO funding that goes with it. There's been a lot of money to get the RTPO's up to speed and it's in a good place right now.
- o Brad thanked TCC for all their work and help on this program.

Adjourn: Steve McCall moved a motion to adjourn the RTPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 10:41 and Bill Wiltheiss seconded. All in favor.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be September 14, 2020, 9:30 am.