



RTPO Technical Advisory Committee  
Monday, June 3, 2019

**Members present:** Louis Agresta; Brad Bodenmiller, Tyler Bumbalough, Heather Martin, Mark Mowery, Regina Rollins, Melanie Runkel, Scott Schmid, Aaron Smith, and Ben Wiltheiss.

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

**Guests present:** Doug Crabill, City of Urbana; Pam Miller, Indian Lake Chamber; Dan Hoying, LJB Inc; Robin Reames, Village of Russells Point.

The Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:34 am by Tyler Bumbalough.

**New Business:**

1. Welcome and Introductions were completed.
2. March 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes
  - Ben Wiltheiss moved the first motion to accept the minutes as written and Mark Mowrey seconded. All in favor.
3. Planning Work Program Update
  - Scott Schmid – There was no action items on the draft, we left it as it was. We need to prioritize planning studies for the upcoming year. \$62,000 has been allocated for consultant services for planning studies, that may change a little. When it does, we'll go back to have a PWP amendment, to carry forward (July meeting), will need to do a letter to ODOT to show that money going into next year.
4. Future Planning Studies Prioritization
  - Urbana
    - S. Edgewood speed study SR55 to US36
    - Muzzy speed study S. Edgewood to US36
    - E. Powell speed study US68 to SR54
    - Miami Street corridor bike improvements Depot to Downtown
    - US68 and PreK-8 signal analysis and improvements
    - US68 corridor capacity and safety improvements S Corp to SR55
    - SR55 corridor capacity and safety improvements S. Edgewood to US68
    - Urbana city traffic signal system inventory and analysis



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- Comments
  - Doug Crabill – I think we don't do anything with the bike one until we finished up the one, we have ODOT funding for. Beyond that, there are certainly some overlap between the school and that area, that could potentially be one effort.
    - Scott Schmid – Speed data is difficult; we have to farm it out; we aren't equipped especially on state routes to speed strips down; we spent \$7,000 on a speed study before.
      - Tyler Bumbalough – We've done speed studies in house. Champaign County Engineer's Office has speed equipment.
      - Mark Mowery – What we have in house is dwindling, so we don't have a lot and haven't used them for a while. We have enough to be efficient.
      - Doug Crabill – We have an old speed radar sign that you can post.
        - Scott Schmid – The ones we're using, we don't feel real confident in. We could attempt it and do a 24 hour and see what the numbers look like. Would it be ok to use data from a sign?
          - Ben Wiltheiss – How would you calibrate it?
          - Louis Agresta – Could you request to do tubes?
          - Tyler Bumbalough – Does ODOT collect that data on their own?
          - Scott Schmid – They do, but they're farming it right now.
    - Brad Bodenmiller – You may have to prioritize the projects.
      - Scott Schmid – It's data collection and staff time.
    - Louis Agresta – What if we borrow the county's equipment and have someone flag to make sure we don't get hit?
    - Ben Wiltheiss – What about having Champaign County install them?
      - Mark Mowery – I can talk to Steve and see if that's something we can do.
      - Tyler Bumbalough – They're pretty easy, it's something the city staff could do.
    - The plan is to look at other options other than farming it out.
    - Tyler Bumbalough – Could we rent out equipment?
      - Scott Schmid – We can check and see if there's something we can keep in house.
    - Tyler Bumbalough – Not the first week of August, that's fair week; doesn't matter about if school is in session.

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- Doug Crabill – On Powell there's two areas that need done.
    - Tyler – would need to be a joint project with the county and city, to cover Powell.
  - Doug Crabill – Regarding signal inventories, we're getting a small cities project, that may be one that could be pushed off for planning year; when we would apply for funding to replace.
  - Scott Schmid – You need an inventory analysis before you apply. I can show you what we did for the City of Springfield, may be able to push that to local safety assistance.
  - Doug Crabill – When we put it on the list, it was more about the system being 20 years old, and repairs needed.
  - Doug Crabill will send more details to Scott Schmid so it can be scoped, and they can understand what each party is interested in.
- Bellefontaine
    - SR47 and W. Columbus Ave signal warrant
      - Tim will be using city funds to complete this project
  - Logan County
    - Ben Logan school campus traffic study
      - Brad Bodenmiller – when you send your letter could you put an explanation regarding funding regarding traffic/crash, etc?
    - Indian Lake Sub Area Traffic Study Projects
      - US33/Sunnyside/Fairview/SR366 capacity and safety improvements
      - SR366 and US33 access west capacity and safety improvements
      - SR235 and SR366 south intersection safety improvements
      - US33/Lincoln/SR366 access safety improvements
    - Comments:
      - Scott Schmid – We discussed having a public open house to get local feedback; did the study have public involvement? Do you still want an open house?
        - Robin Reames – I think it would be more productive if we offer some options, even with everyday conversation we find people have their perception of issues, but they're not looking at it with the trained eyes that you would. People have great ideas; however, they're not thought through. These roads have had crashes, but they've been sporadic; but the

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frustration of travelers is not sporadic. We're starting to see congestion near McDonalds. The village is doing everything we can to combat the situation, the public needs to make the change to reduce the problem. They're continuing the drive thru line onto the public road. We're going to paint all the crosswalks in the village with the ladder style crosswalks. Maybe signage near the donut shop encouraging people to utilize the crosswalks.

- Scott Schmid – I'm looking at it from a timing standpoint, involvement in the summer is more important. We can get a little bit done before the summer ends. I'm with you about taking ideas to the meeting.
- Robin Reames – Could we just go to the public with some diagrams with how to negotiate intersections. I'm concerned that it's opening a libelous situation.
- Scott Schmid – I don't think it's a libelous thing; I don't think you'll have two police officers agree on the same thing; maybe having a couple of different options and this is the reason why may be the best thing to present to the public. Show ways to navigate, it's something we can knock out quickly. It looks like a lot of the data was during the peak times. I don't think we need to get any more data.
- Robin Reames – The arrows are painted on the pavement but if there are two cars, you can't see them. If we could have the overhead signs, that would make it clearer.
- Brad Bodenmiller – I think they're open to smaller modifications.
- Scott Schmid – Start with the low cost, quick modifications, then come up with medium and some long-term modifications.

## 5. RTPO Project Prioritization List

- Scott Schmid – We need to put together a list that's reasonable for projects that wouldn't be covered under other grants but are items that need done that the jurisdiction doesn't have funding to complete them.
  - Doug Crabill – The trail between Urbana and Bellefontaine should be on there. There will only be four miles that won't have the chip seal but once that happens the project would be complete and would be able to have hot mix done.
    - Scott Schmid – If the RTPO had a million dollars, would that be part of it?

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- Doug Crabill – For the trail, there's no money to repave it in the public.
  - Scott Schmid – I'm trying to find something that is too much money locally but can't be funded through existing grants. Ones you know you're not building with Urbana money for it. It's a need but you can't get it done.
  - Discussion happened regarding Village roads and if that would be covered for this.
    - Robin Reames – Villages can't apply for small cities programs.
  - Scott Schmid – Simon Kenton is a future TAP project; now we're doing this somewhere between list.
  - Doug Crabill – You want feedback from the local communities?
    - Scott Schmid – I'd look out five years, if we had a TAP application every year, this is what we'd apply for. Its big enough to warrant and compete on a safety level; these are the ones feasible to make a priority to get accomplished.
  - Robin Reames – How will the new gasoline tax money help? How will it affect the ability to do something?
    - Doug Crabill – The City is getting \$250,000 a year more.
      - Robin Reames – Will that provide more match money?
    - Scott Schmid – Russells Point went from \$56,000 to \$90,000.
      - Robin Reames – That money is earmarked for a certain purpose?
      - Scott Schmid – It does help your match if you chose to do that. It's not enough to make a dent in these lists.
  - Scott Schmid will make a draft of the list and send it out.
6. LOG US33 Smart Corridor
- Brad Bodenmiller reported on the study being completed; they're trying to extend it further west; once the plan is updated, they'd like it included in a future plan.
    - Doug Crabill – The fiber is already there isn't it?
      - Scott Schmid – It currently goes to East Liberty.
      - Brad Bodenmiller – Right now they're just exploring a feasibility study. Next step will be to invite someone from Shelby County. They're scoping a study now and they'd like to have that included in the next plan.
  - Scott Schmid – It looks like next year would be the update; if it's needed for a grant or to keep it moving, we can definitely process an amendment.
  - Doug Crabill – I know that MORPC, Logan County joining them, MORPC has a planning document about a trail expansion.

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- Brad Bodenmiller – I know they have a list of projects, we helped them come up with that.
7. 2020 Regional Safety Plan
- Scott Schmid - The plan was completed in 2018, we typically update biannually. Champaign County's is wrapping up, they had the second public meeting already. They're doing a much more comprehensive county plan as a pilot project through ODOT looking at the behaviors and attributes for crashes. We've kicked around two ideas, we could update the list and just do a safety scan, or we could try to replicate the process since we have the template for Champaign County. Basically, since they'll have a county specific plan, we could work to help Logan create a plan next fiscal year.
  - Doug Crabill – I would wait to see the final document and what it says.
  - Scott Schmid – I lean to do a regional analysis, then if Logan County is interested, it could be replicated.
8. Mobility Management and Transit Updates
- Logan
  - Champaign
    - Doug Crabill – We're doing Transit month in June; we're also still working on trying to have a transfer point between Champaign and Clark County. Some discussion about doing the same thing with Logan and Champaign; just coordinate when there's a passenger that may want to transfer from one to another.

**Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting will be September 9, 2019 at Consolidated Care, 9:30 am.

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