



RTPO Technical Advisory Committee
Monday, March 4, 2019

Members present: Louis Agresta; Brad Bodenmiller, Tyler Bumbalough, Gary Ledford, Heather Martin, Steve McCall, Tim Notestine, Regina Rollins, Melanie Runkel, Scott Schmid, and Ben Wiltheiss.

Absent member: Tam Blakely and Scott Coleman

Guests present: Doug Crabill, City of Urbana and Alexandra Growel, MVRPC.

The Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:32 am by Tyler Bumbalough.

New Business:

1. Welcome and Introductions were completed.
2. Technical Advisory Committee Structure
 - Scott Schmid provided information on the committee structure and meeting schedules. Meetings will continue to be held quarterly. Discussion was held regarding the work of the TAC group as compared to the Executive Committee meeting and the roles of each.
3. SFY 2020 Planning Work Program Development
 - Scott Schmid reported this is a requirement for the program. This work program looks very much like last year's program. We don't call out each individual project, it's broader to give leeway to shape how the program is handled.
 - Scott Schmid reported the budget did not change much; they're estimating around \$50,000 budget to carryforward. We'll set a budget in May and then in July we'll come back and do an amendment to the amount. We'd like to use that carryforward money first. We intend to apply our labor to spend down that money before it expires. We'll look at a new contract in the spring as we expect to spend the money a little faster than previously.
 - Steve McCall asked for clarification regarding the fiscal year.
 - Scott Schmid reported the SRO program will continue for another two years.
4. CY 2019 Traffic Count Program
 - Scott Schmid asked if there's a list of areas that you'd like to have counts completed, let him know as soon as possible so they can plan those. If they



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had a list that would help with upcoming projects, or a routine place to check every few years. Intersection counts for safety awareness are all contained within the budget. Other surveillance activities. They're going to Quincy after the meeting.

- Brad Bodenmiller reported Pathfinders was interested in more counters. They had three specific locations they wanted to place them at.
 - Louis Agresta – I'm not sure where they'll put them. They have to use the bridges as concealment, otherwise they'll be tampered with.
 - Brad Bodenmiller – they gave me three spots, I can you e-mail those.
 - Doug Crabill – I just submitted an application to do chip seal, and I used that data to support that application.
 - Louis Agresta – I just question if it would be a good use of funds?
 - Doug Crabill – It would be good to have an additional count in Urbana/Champaign, in the area of County Line.
 - Louis Agresta – We'd have to get creative on concealing.

- 5. State Transportation Budget Update
 - Scott Schmid provided an update on the status of the budget and the proposed gas tax increase.

- 6. Planning Studies Update
 - CHIP US68 Speed Zone Urbana
 - The speed zone study was completed. Urbana is working with ODOT regarding this item.
 - CHP South High Street Corridor (Urbana)
 - This was a quality of life study; it's moving into an application study.
 - LOG SR235 Corridor (Quincy)
 - TCC will monitor traffic for speed today. Contact with the mayor will be made and options discussed.
 - Indian Lake Sub Area Traffic Study
 - Scott Schmid is not sure how much public involvement went into the study. As a low-cost option, we'd be happy to have a meeting and let the locals share a few focus areas.
 - This is more of an effort to provide some additional support to IL.
 - Brad Bodenmiller will attend the April meeting and, if needed, call TCC.
 - SR540 (Bellefontaine)
 - Tim Notestine reported the City has had discussions regarding this area and have been told there's a possibility to get funding. He has a cost estimate for the upgrades.

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- Scott Schmid reported they'd have the Safety Team look into it and they can start working on an application.
 - Melanie Runkel reported she has started the application.
- Ben Wiltheiss reported that the City would know by July if they were awarded anything for the project.

7. Upcoming ODOT Funding Applications

- Doug Crabill requested for ODOT to look at the bike trail at the Depot and North Main. He reports he's had lots of request in the city to improve the connection from Miami Street and the Downtown to make it more bicycle friendly. We'd like to encourage people to go to the downtown from the Depot. He also suggested US68/SR55 intersection as a long-term project, looking at alternatives including a roundabout. Another item would be a speed zone study on E Powell Ave, Edgewood, and Muzzy.
 - Scott Schmid – Do you have TIS for that area, US68/SR55? Did it look at the intersection?
 - Doug Crabill and Tyler Bumbalough reported a protected left turn was added to the lane which helped.
 - Doug Crabill – If that intersection reaches it's capacity, what do we do with it?
 - Scott Schmid – Has there been long-term public input about a by-pass?
 - Steve McCall - Yes. Discussions were held in 2013 about adding some lanes onto the existing on 68.
 - Doug Crabill – I'd be open to other solutions. A by-pass would take away commerce from the downtown area.
 - Scott Schmid – Let's wait and see what the freight study says that ODOT's completing.
 - Ben Wiltheiss – The freight study is going to be about intersections; it isn't going to propose anything on a grand scale. It's about improving radius or shoulder widening.
 - Discussion happened regarding by-pass; truck by-pass, etc.
 - Scott Schmid – Some long-term planning would be a good idea; but you'll have a tough time getting a consensus on what to do.
- Tim Notestine – We talked about a project on the west side of town to install a signal at Columbus St and SR47.

8. Mobility Management and Transit Updates

- Gary Ledford – We are in the process of talking with Clark County about having a slot to meet there so people can catch the transit from Champaign to Clark.

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- Louis Agresta shared various thoughts and ideas regarding this issue and other possibilities regarding transit.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be June 3, 2019 at Consolidated Care, 9:30 am.

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