



RTPO Technical Advisory Committee
Monday, September 9, 2019

Members present: Brad Bodenmiller, Tyler Bumbalough, Scott Coleman, Michael Kerns, Steve McCall, Heather Martin, Glen Massie, Regina Rollins, Melanie Runkel, Scott Schmid, and Ben Wiltheiss.

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

Guests present: Doug Crabill, City of Urbana; Robin Reames, Village of Russells Point; Michelle Caserta-Bixler, Catholic Social Services.

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

New Business:

1. Welcome and Introductions were completed.
2. June 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - Ben Wiltheiss moved the first motion to accept the minutes as written and Steve McCall seconded. All in favor.
3. Planning Work Program Update
 - Scott Schmid reported on how the PWP will be reviewed by this committee and then will be sent to the Executive Committee for approval. A report will need to be completed within 90 days that lists the work that's been done and how the money was spent. Scott reviewed the information available in the report.
 - Doug Crabill asked about the implementation of some of the study's that are listed?
 - Scott Schmid – For the planning side, the implementation of those items doesn't need to be documented. For something like the newsletter, that would be important to show. This is a budgetary report and where the money is going. ODOT has been putting out a RTPO newsletter every year and that's where we can brag about them.
 - Brad Bodenmiller – If we could have something to put on the website to show the public what has been accomplished.
 - Tyler Bumbalough – The balance, that carryover is through the first half of the next fiscal year?



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- Scott Schmid – In the current work program plan, majority of our work is done by surveillance and short range term. We'll use the money in short range term because we'll spend it immediately. We also have a larger study that we knew we would be using. We don't want to carry forward too much, this years about the perfect amount, something that we knew we'd be able to spend out.
4. FY2021 – 2024 Rural Consultation Meeting
- Scott Schmid – This flyer will be going out next week. This is the four-year program projects. This is a rural kickoff for developing statewide development for the program. It will be held October 2, 2019 at LUC's office. This is outside of the public involvement progress, that will happen later. We'll have a draft TIP come through in January. We'll have possibly a skeleton come through in December. The first draft in January and the second in February. This is a chance for local officials to engage ODOT for the upcoming four-year projects.
 - Brad Bodenmiller asked for an explanation of the difference between TIP and RTIP.
 - Scott Schmid provided an explanation of the difference between STIP, RTIP and TIP. STIP is state, RTIP is the RTPO.
5. Project Updates
- Urbana
 - Urbana Pre-K-8 Signal Study – Tyler - since the introduction during peak times we knew it would be an issue. Most concerned about left hand traffic queuing too far back. We contacted LUC and TCC to look at that.
 - Scott Schmid – It's out at scope and waiting for a proposal as of next Friday.
 - Discussion happened regarding the traffic count and the accuracy of 2018 numbers compared to this year.
 - Bellefontaine
 - There are no projects currently.
 - Logan County
 - Indian Lake Sub Area Traffic Study Projects
 - Scott Schmid - Burgess & Niple authorized on the study and will start on the 16th. We'll do a kick-off meeting on the 16th.

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It will be the four intersections that are a priority from the analysis.

- Robin Reames – How many people do you expect to come to that meeting?
 - Regina Rollins – We have about a dozen on the e-mail list.
 - Scott Schmid – We'll be dropping off cameras on the 16th. Please let law enforcement know that we'll be attaching cameras to the pole.
 - Robin Reames – The time you're taking them is not our busiest time, is that what you're trying to achieve?
 - Scott Schmid – We have the counts from your busiest time. We're going to get turning movements for just the signal movements. We want to see the difference between on and off season counts.
- LOG/SHE US33 Smart Corridor Extension
 - Scott Schmid – We have a meeting on the 16th at LUC to discuss the preplanning for the meeting on the 23rd for an application to extend a smart corridor along 33/274. Current conditions on 33 and 274 going to 75. The crash data and traffic data in TIMS. The schools are mapped out and major employers are mapped out. MORPC is doing the ABCV update. The idea is to have a project to work towards for next year.
 - Ben Wiltheiss asked if there was any correlation between the Smart Corridor and the study that is being completed.
 - Brad Bodenmiller and Scott Schmid said there was not, it was a different item and wouldn't be tied together.
- Scott Schmid - School study – Do you want traffic and crashes or more? Southern intersection is a three-way stop sign.
 - Scott Coleman – No, I don't think so.
 - Scott Schmid – Could look at clockwise flow.
 - Scott Coleman – The campus is not set up for that because you're not supposed to have cross traffic through the drives.
 - Scott Schmid – the biggest recommendation is staggering stop times.

6. RTPO Project Prioritization List

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- Scott Schmid provided a spreadsheet list. Scott provided an explanation on the money the MPO gets for projects. It's better to get the projects on paper and get them through the ODOT funding where you can more money for your project. We've discussed returning our money to apply to the state pot so we can apply to the TAP money. MPO's can't apply for that money unless they turn the money back in. MPO's can't apply for Small Cities. If you prioritize through this committee and work these things through, you'll get what you need.
 - Brad Bodenmiller – That will be my message to ORDA.
 - Doug Crabill – I think the RTPO has been beneficial for the planning aspects. We made sure to mention the RTPO in our application multiple times. We wouldn't have been successful without the study; we wouldn't have had a project.
7. Mobility Management and Transit Updates
- Logan – No update was available
 - Champaign – Glen reported they have started of cross county connector service; they were able to arrange some things in Champaign County so they're open to the public when coming into Clark County. Anyone can ride the CTS vehicle. Pick-up is being done at the Health department, it's more appropriate for a transit program. Has had several calls, they've had one person utilize it. started June 20. We anticipate occasional use of it. I appreciate them thinking outside of the box regarding the open seats on the bus. They had 35 new passengers in June due to opening the bus to the public. We appreciate them coming to our transit day in Clark County.
 - Michelle – Doug was instrumental and TCC working together, it's great. I can't wait for it to really take hold. We're working on a transportation guide to tie all three counties. Champaign, Clark and Logan counties together. We're trying to put together all the information and tie them together. We hope by the end of the year to have that printed and out. Logan county is really good, we work well with Tam and she's interested with connectivity. Russ is very proactive, a lot of good things happening between the county. A lot of coordination is going on.
 - Scott Coleman asked for further information regarding the transit between counties.
 - Doug Crabill – We set it up so that the Springfield transit is doing their thing, and if someone wants to go to the city, Gary will get them to the stop and the person can ride the transit through Springfield's transit.

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8. Other

- Robin Reames – At the last meeting I spoke about the issue at McDonald's and they recently brought plans of a change they will be making to increase the drive through capacity.
- Doug Crabill – I think with the bike trail being completely chip sealed, I think we have to have dialog between the two communities about paving it. In the past, it needed to be chip sealed so it's considered a complete final. Chip seal is complete as of last week.
 - Scott Schmid – Who is the project sponsor and lead?
 - Doug Crabill – The last time it was Bellefontaine and Wes Dodds did a lot of the leg work. I talked with the Service Safety Director, about meeting in the fall with the county and city engineers to have the dialog about who wanted to take the lead.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be December 2, 2019 at Consolidated Care (possibly another location), 9:30 am.

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