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CUUATS Policy Committee Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Brookens Administrative Center  
 John Dimit Conference Room  
 1776 E. Washington Street, Urbana

**Members Present:** Amy Snyder (proxy), David Clark, Samantha Carter, Scott Neihart, Stacey DeLorenzo, Roland White

**Members Absent:** Brad Diel, Deborah Frank Feinen, John Brown, Morgan White

**Staff Present:** Rita Morocoima-Black, Allison Gwinup, Rafsun Mashraky, Evan Alvarez

**Others Present:** Robert Innis, Maurey Williamson

MEETING MINUTES

Approved as Distributed

- I. Call to Order  
Ms. Snyder called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
- II. Roll Call  
The roll was taken by sign in sheet and a quorum was declared present.
- III. Audience Participation  
None
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
**Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Neihart seconded. Upon vote, the motion to approve the agenda was unanimously carried.**
- V. Approval of Minutes  
**Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes from the CUUATS Policy Committee meeting of June 14, 2023. Mr. White seconded. Upon vote, the motion to approve the minutes was unanimously carried.**
- VI. New Business
  - A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2023-2028 Modifications – Allison Gwinup  
BACKGROUND  
The Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD) submitted 16 administrative modifications to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2023-2028 The following describes the modifications:



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Fiscal Year Changes to from FY 23 to FY24: All projects below will change from Fiscal Year 2023 to 2024.

1. MTD-19-02: Illinois Terminal Expansion Joint Development, \$85,275,000
2. MTD-22-08: Network Switch Replacement, \$ 210,000
3. MTD-22-09: Phone System Replacement, \$ 105,000
4. MTD-22-10: CAD/AVL Software Upgrade, \$ 90,000
5. MTD-22-11: ECO2 Software Upgrade, \$ 79,932
6. MTD-23-03: Solar Expansion, \$2,109,000
7. MTD-23-15: Replace Training Simulator, \$770,000
8. MTD-23-17: Intelligent Transportation System Server Upgrade, \$375,000
9. MTD-23-22: Air Compressor and Electrical Work, \$133,000
10. MTD-23-21: Elevator Modernization at Illinois Terminal, \$300,000

Fiscal Year Changes to FY25: All projects below will move to Fiscal year 2025.

1. MTD-23-04: Transit Center, \$ 15,000,000. Changes from FY23 to FY25.
2. MTD-23-06: Storage and Maintenance Facility, \$ 25,775,000. Changes from FY24 to FY25.
3. MTD-23-11: Hydrogen Fueling Station Expansion, \$ 10,300,000. Changes from FY23 to FY25.

Other Project Modifications:

1. MTD-23-07: The project for the underground storage tank replacement will move from FY23 to FY24. The federal/total funds for the project will increase by 14.4% to \$1,315,209.
2. MTD-23-09: The project to replace the Bus Wash MAU will move from FY23 to FY24. The federal/total funds for the project will increase by 3.3% to \$139,402.
3. MTD-23-12: The project to replace four 60-ft hybrid buses will move from FY23 to FY24. The project costs will increase only 0.4% to \$5,100,000. The FTA and local funding match portions will also increase the same percentage.

- B. Approval of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2023-2028 Amendments – Allison Gwinup



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**BACKGROUND**

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Mahomet, Village of Savoy, Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District, and the City of Champaign submitted 9 amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2023-2028. The following describes the amendments:

**IDOT Project CM24-5010**

This is a new project to complete patching along I-57 from US36 at Tuscola (outside of Champaign County) to Olympian Drive, north of Champaign. This project will use State funds, totaling \$500,000 to begin in FY24.

**City of Champaign Project CH-26-05**

This new project is for the recently awarded STPU/STBGP funding from CUUATS. Champaign will be completing its preliminary engineering work for the Neil Street Corridor from East Washington Street to Edgebrook Drive (where IDOT’s jurisdiction begins). The total project is expected to cost \$1,500,000 with an 80%/20% federal/local funding match. The project is slated to begin in FY26.

**Village of Savoy Project SA-24-05**

The project added is for the recently awarded RAISE grant to the Village of Savoy for the Curtis Road Complete Streets Project from Prospect Avenue to First Street. Total project costs for this update are \$42,037,387. The federal amount is \$24,683,587, \$2M from direct congressional spending and the rest from the RAISE award; state funding is \$15,000,000 in ICC funds; lead agency funding is \$1,953,800 from Champaign County, the Village of Savoy, and TIF funds; other agency funding totals \$400,000 from DCEO. This project will include all phases outside of preliminary engineering.

**Village of Mahomet Project MA-22-01**

The total project costs for the North Division Street project decreased by 24.4% to \$665,000. Federal costs decreased by 30% to \$470,000, and local funding decreased by 6.25%.

**MTD Project MTD-23-01**

This project will now replace six 40-ft hybrid buses as opposed to hydrogen buses. The project will also change from FTA and MTD funding to FTA ARPA funding, no longer requiring a local match. Total project costs will decrease by 49.7% to \$4.722M, to be totally covered by federal funds.

**MTD Project MTD-24-01**

This project to replace ten 40-ft hybrid buses in FY24 will change from federal and MTD funds to state and MTD funds from the state’s Rebuild legislation. Total project costs will decrease by



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2.6% to \$7.87M. Local funds will decrease 78.0% to \$720,000, and state funding will cover the rest at \$7.15M.

**MTD Project MTD-25-02**

This project to replace another ten 40-ft hybrid buses in FY24 will change federal fund type from FTA to FTA 5339. The total project costs will increase slightly by 2.3% to just over \$7.93M. The federal portion will cover around 84% of these funds, increasing the federal funding percentage by 6.6%. Local funding will cover the other 16%, decreasing by 16.4% to \$1,295,061.

**MTD Project MTD-25-03**

This project to replace ten 40-ft hybrid buses in FY25 will change from state and MTD funding to federal FTA and local MTD funding. The total cost of the project will not change, but local funds will increase 70.5% to \$1.62M to cover the 20% match requirement. Federal funds will cover the 80% match at \$6.48M. MTD-23-18: The project to replace external panels at the MTD admin building will be removed from the TIP.

**Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2023-2028 Amendments. Mr. Neihart seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.**

C. Approval of DRAFT 2023 Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Human Service Transportation Plan (HSTP) – Rita Morocoima-Black

Ms. Morocoima-Black provided highlights of what HSTP is, its purpose and the plan:

- The HSTP is a document that was put in place to focus on a centralized transportation service for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low-income.
- A special plan needs to be developed and updated every five years based on Federal requirements across the MPO.
- In order to put the plan together, HSTP created a small working group with the Age-Friendly Champaign-Urbana Transportation subcommittee, an extension of the HSTP for the urban area that specializes in transportation for this special population group.
- A survey was drafted, and the survey was distributed between May and July to several specialized transportation services in the community. The survey was analyzed in August and the information was used to develop the existing conditions and all the census data as part of the plan. We also identified the needs and gaps for this population in the community.



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- Recommendations were developed and the draft plan was completed. Ms. Morocoima-Black requested approval to release the DRAFT plan for the 30-day public comment period. The final plan will be presented at the December CUUATS meetings.
- Ms. Morocoima-Black then presented the web-based plan to the members. The web-based plan can be found here: [HSTP Web Plan](#).

**Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the DRAFT 2023 Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Human Service Transportation Plan and present it to the public for a 30-day public comment period. Ms. DeLorenzo seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.**

D. Approval of 2020 Urban Area Boundary – Rita Morocoima-Black

Ms. Morocoima-Black discussed details of the 2020 Urban Area Boundary as presented in the memo in the meeting packet and the map of the new urban area boundary defined by the US Census Bureau based on the new guidelines established back in 2020. They create maps for what they call urban areas. In the past they were for urbanized areas, and we were the Champaign-Urbana urbanized areas. They took away the name urbanized area and now it is the urban area.

In December of 2022, the Census Bureau created guidelines for defining urban areas in the United States. Based on that information, Ms. Morocoima-Black presented the new urban area map for the Champaign-Urbana area. In 2010, Tolono was included, but with the new boundary map, Tolono is not included since Tolono has not wanted to work with CUUATS in the last ten years. We still have Bondville. This is based on the new designation. IDOT took the information from the US Census Bureau and moved the boundary to make it easier for the CUUATS staff to work with that boundary. IDOT informed Ms. Morocoima-Black that there would not be any funding coming to CUUATS because there was no new population or new roadway added in the urban area.

Based on the information presented, the CUUATS staff recommends using the same boundary that was sent to them but cut the boundary by Monticello Road which will be where the census boundary was cut. Tolono will be removed, but will still be part of the Metropolitan Planning Area which is a 20-year planning boundary.



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**Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the 2020 Urban Area Boundary that was defined by CUUATS staff. Mr. Clark seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.**

- E. Approval of 2022 LRTP 2045 Report Card Updates – Rafsun Mashraky  
Every year CUUATS staff tracks the performance of the LRTP for the active years of the plan, 2020 through 2024, with 2020 as the base year. There are 27 performance measures. Mr. Mashraky presented 25 of the 27 performance measures because two performance measures are still pending data collection. The details Mr. Mashraky presented can be found on the RPC data portal: [Annual LRTP 2045 Report Card](#).

**Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the 2022 LRTP 2045 Report Card Updates. Ms. DeLorenzo seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.**

- F. Approval of Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects (FOP) – Allison Gwinup  
The Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects is required by the United States Code of Federal Regulations. MPOs must publish this annual listing for which Federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year within 90 calendar days of the end of the previous fiscal year. The staff is publishing the list which would have ended for June 30, 2023. Details can be found on the CCRPC website: [Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects for FY 2023](#).

**Mr. Neihart made a motion to approve the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects (FOP) Mr. Clark seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.**

- G. Approval of Final 2023 Public Participation Plan (PPP) – Allison Gwinup  
Ms. Gwinup presented the following information:

MPOs are required to create opportunity for public involvement, participation, and consultation throughout its development of its federal documents. The strategies must be framed for all phases of the planning process. The draft was approved in April and was put out for a 45-day public comment period that ended on June 5, 2023. The PPP was presented at the June Technical Committee meeting, but due to a couple of questions, approval was postponed until today's meeting.





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Ms. Gwinup reviewed the public comments received. Of note, there were no findings from the County States Attorney’s office on the Open Meetings Act question, and it was determined that the LRTP 2050 Steering Committee is not subject to the Open Meetings Act.

The plan can be found on the CCRPC website: [Public Participation Plan \(PPP\)](#).

**Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the Final 2023 Public Participation Plan Mr. White seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.**

- H. Approval of \$1 million increase in STBGP/STPU funding for Curtis Road Complete Streets project in Savoy – Allison Gwinup

Ms. Gwinup provided background information on the details of the increase in STBGP/STPU funding for the Curtis Road Complete Streets project in Savoy as presented in the memo in the meeting packet.

**Mr. White made a motion to approve the \$1 million increase in STBGP/STPU funding for Curtis Road Complete Streets project in Savoy. Ms. DeLorenzo seconded. Upon vote, the motion unanimously carried.**

VII. Old Business

A. Projects and Working Groups

1. Champaign County Rural Transit Advisory Group (RTAG) – Rita Morocoima-Black  
RTAG has not met.
2. LRTP 2050 – Allison Gwinup
  - The document is moving along on schedule.
  - Our existing conditions analysis is nearly done.
  - There are items to be worked out in the demographic location as it relates to census data but will be completed by the end of the year.
  - The models are up and running, just working on a couple of minor issues.
  - At the upcoming Steering Committee meeting on September 29, we will be looking to get feedback from attendees about our goals and pillars for the LRTP. Staff looks to determine the scenarios to be put into the model. This will be critical to understanding



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the feasibility of our performance measures that we make for the new LRTP report card.

- Finishing up the outreach for the LRTP survey. We did have to cancel a few events the last couple of months due to the weather, but we received 244 survey responses. We have nearly 150 online map comments. The survey will be closed in early October.

#### B. Agency Reports

##### 1. City of Champaign – David Clark

- Annual asphalt overlay project is pretty much complete.
- Annual concrete streets reconstruction program: still working on Copper Ridge and on Alton Drive in West Champaign.
- The downtown sanitary sewer project is in process on Springfield Avenue and will for the rest of the year.

##### 2. City of Urbana – Diane Marlin

Not present.

##### 3. Village of Savoy – Roland White

- We just completed about \$300,000 of cold-mix asphalt overlay on West Church Street along the golf course.
- We did about \$300,000 of concrete patching at various locations throughout the village including about \$25,000 in sidewalk work completing pavement marking for the year.
- The reconstruction project of Floral Park Court concrete replacement and drainage improvements is about 60-70 percent completed.
- The village continues to work with IDOT and our consultants on the Prairie Fields ITEP project.
- The goal is for a 2026 construction on the Curtis Road Complete Streets and Grade Separation project depending on coordination with IDOT, Illinois Commerce Commission and the Canadian National Railway.

##### 4. MTD – Amy Snyder

- MTD is seeing some headway with recruiting operators and closing our vacancies. Still operating at 82 percent of pre-pandemic service frequency but are working towards restoring service. Hopefully by the time the fiscal year ends, we can see a restoration of service.



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- Will start seeing delivery of our first of ten new 40-foot hydrogen fuel cell buses, hopefully in October through the end of the year. They will each have their own animal.
5. Champaign County – Samantha Carter  
No report.
  6. University of Illinois – Stacey DeLorenzo
    - Working on some sidewalk improvements.
    - We have several street projects that are in the design phase, construction probably to begin in the Spring.
    - We have some asphalt mill and overlay throughout campus.
    - Concrete patching on Lincoln Avenue.
    - Preliminary engineering studies on the worst sections of Pennsylvania Avenue, Dorner Drive and St. Mary’s Road.
    - Bike Friendly University status expires this year. The University reapplied and are hoping to go from Silver to Gold.
    - Tomorrow is Bike to Work Day and Light the Night events.
  7. Village of Mahomet – Ellen Hedrick  
Not present.
  8. CC Regional Planning Commission – Rita Morocoima-Black
    - At the end of August that CUUATS was awarded a \$400,000 grant on estate planning and research funding to develop a Champaign County Equity Analysis and Housing and Transportation Affordability and Accessibility Index Neighborhood Tool Kit.
    - In July CUUATS staff submitted the SS4A grant to US DOT. The total amount for the project was \$29 million. However, the Federal request for the grant was \$10 million. The participating agencies decided to apply for \$10 million Federal funding to keep the grant as a priority grant. If the grant is kept under \$10 million, the grant will have priority to be reviewed. The participating agencies are Champaign, Urbana, Champaign County, MTD and IDOT is providing a local match as one of the agencies.
    - In August staff put together a Protect grant that was submitted to US DOT for \$380,000. The grant is to evaluate impact of various weather events on the transportation system in Champaign County. We are also hoping to develop an interactive web map that will show the impact of the various weather events on the transportation system and be available to anyone in the community.



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- Working with the Village of Mahomet on preparing an infrastructure and non-infrastructure Safe Route to School grant applications that are due on October 2.
  - Working with Champaign, Urbana, and the County on putting together a PRO Housing grant to develop a Champaign County Regional Housing Plan and hopefully, an infrastructure project to compliment a planning project for the PRO Housing grant. This grant is due on October 31. We will be applying as an MPO.
  - The Planning Manager position is still open.
9. IDOT District 5 – Scott Neihart
- Earth work is continuing on the Interchange project. Structure work and drainage work also continue. We have seen some steel set up on the structures. Progress is being made.
  - We have projects on the June letting that will be starting in the Spring.
  - IL 10 over Copper Slough and bridge deck overlays on the ramps over I-74 at the east corporate limits of Urbana.
10. IDOT Central Office – Robert Innis  
Fall Planning Conference is October 2-4 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield.
11. FHWA – Betsy Tracy  
Not present.

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Audience Participation

None

X. Adjournment

**With no further business before the CUUATS Policy Committee, Ms. adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.**



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