



RTPO Technical Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Voting Members present: Jim Bischoff, Tyler Bumbalough, Todd Baumgardner for Scott Coleman, Mark Mowrey for Steve McCall, and Scott Schmid. **Absent Voting Members:** Tam Blakely and Gary Ledford.

Ex-Officio/Non-Voting Members present: Louis Agresta, Brad Bodenmiller, Heather Martin, and Melanie Runkel.

Guests present: Doug Crabill, City of Urbana.

The Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Tyler Bumbalough.

New Business:

1. Welcome and Introductions were completed.
2. December 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes
 - Jim Bischoff moved a motion to accept the minutes as written and Mark Mowrey seconded. All in favor.
3. RTPO Capital Program Updates
 - Louis Agresta provided information. Melanie provided information on projects and recommendations for funding.
 - Todd Bumgardner reported that the project for widening of 179 was short \$30,000. Louis provided his thoughts. Todd stated they would forgo some funding on the guardrail project to offset the cost.
 - Brad Bodenmiller asked about the Richland project, and the recommendation not to provide funding. This was the second time they've submitted for this project and have been turned down twice. They must be provided feedback and assistance, so they know why they weren't funded and provided with help to fix whatever the issue is.
 - Scott Schmid reported that the comment from the district is that the request is too low. The application is too low for a federal cost. Sidewalks come with a temporary right of way. Do they need it? Is the Engineer qualified? It's a new project for the LPA program. Could it be an ODOT project? If we could give feedback to help the Township and to guide them.



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- Brad Bodenmiller stated the Engineer used to work with the Logan County Engineer's Office, so we should not assume they are working with an engineer unfamiliar with ODOT or federal funding.
- Todd Bumgardner stated he agreed with Scott Schmid. For the project in Jefferson Township, the right of way was an issue.
- Scott Schmid stated that the RTPO is in an unfair position. They've been given a small amount of money that needs to be expended quickly. It does show you're multimodal. Put together feedback and help them see what they can apply for. The right of way and the environmental is expensive.
- Jim Bischoff asked if this is the second time they've applied for this specific project.
 - Brad and Melanie provided feedback. Melanie stated she spoke with the township about the application before they submitted it.
- Scott Schmid recommended reaching out to them.
- Doug Crabill suggested they apply for a CDBG allocation and Brad provided feedback on how Logan County's allocation works, and the many different entities interested in funding.
- Scott Schmid suggested it could be a potential ODOT, TAP, or OPWC project. The problem is what do you do to help small townships and villages? The scoring is a conversation starter, not the be-all/end-all.
- Doug Crabill stated he thinks CDBG is the way to go.
- Louis Agresta asked if the TAC is in support of supporting the Logan County Engineer's Office.
- Brad Bodenmiller asked whether Urbana would reduce the amount of funding it requested so that other projects could also receive funding rather than reducing amounts. It is great Urbana utilizes the RTPO monies but maybe this is an instance it could be spread-around. LUC pays \$13,500 a year to fund the RTPO, and this funding comes from all jurisdictions.
- Tyler Bumbalough asked for clarification on the underfunded project and Todd responded.
- Todd Bumgardner stated they wanted to remove \$30,000 from the guardrail project for the Township Road 179 project.
- Tyler Bumbalough asked about the requested amount for Bellefontaine's project and Jim provided feedback.
- Scott Schmid provided feedback on the application. It's a good project and it's not easy. He had a question about utility conflicts and Jim provided feedback. Scott asked if they're going to do the project, do you want to deal with the Federal level? Jim thought this could be done.
- Doug Crabill shared his opinion on the federal process.
- Further discussion happened regarding cost, activity, and expenses for federal money.

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- Tyler Bumbalough asked about the design plan and Jim stated it would be mostly in-house. A consultant would be utilized if needed.
 - Louis Agresta asked if anyone was opposed to reducing the guardrail funding to increase the Township Rd 179 funding.
 - Tyler Bumbalough stated that he agreed with Brad, it helps for the variety of the central office.
 - Scott Schmid stated for the Mechanicsburg project, there's an environmental request in the project and it's past that time now. They won't be able to do the PE so that money can be put towards the Bellefontaine project. Scott stated he would not grant the PE money and would put that money towards Bellefontaine and Tyler agreed.
 - Tyler Bumbalough asked Todd for the specific amount and Todd reported it's \$29,522. This amount would decrease from the guardrail and would increase for the various pavement projects. The Mechanicsburg project would decrease by \$9,120 and the City of Bellefontaine project would increase by \$9,120.
 - Jim Bischoff moved a motion to recommend the modified chart and Todd Baumgardner seconded. All in favor.
4. Project Updates
- a. City of Urbana Signal Study
 - Louis Agresta reported that due to the High Street project, the city believes it may change traffic patterns. The scope for this project was cut, as was reported previously. Doug provided information. Louis believes soon they'll assess. Doug believes a couple of weeks ago people were out. The estimated cost is \$60,000.
 - b. SKT Assessment Study
 - Louis Agresta reported this activity happened quickly. We just had an estimate. We used our to do a real estimate and the scope is done.
 - Brad Bodenmiller stated he has received resolutions and just spoke to a Representative to meet on Friday.
 - Jim Bischoff mentioned an issue with an area flooding. Louis told him to have the city or county send an official letter to Westco about the flooding, send a picture, and then it's an easy fix for Westco.
5. Urban Area Boundary Approval
- Louis Agresta provided information and Melanie provided information on what she submitted.
6. FY25 Planning Work Program Discussion
- Louis Agresta provided information. This is for FY25, July 1 – June 30. The final has to be completed by May. It will be on LUC's agenda in April.

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Melanie will work on the RTIP. Louis went over potential projects. He stated he sent out a draft.

- Brad Bodenmiller asked about including a bike path study and sign studies which are not specifically listed. He stated he wants to make sure it's known which projects will be completed.
- Jim Bischoff asked if he needed to do a scope and Louis stated he should get one to him by April 1.
- A discussion happened regarding planning consultants.
- Brad Bodenmiller asked about adding his time to recoup expenses from working on the RTPO and Scott doesn't believe it can be done.
- Brad Bodenmiller asked about the timeframe for updating plans and Louis said there isn't one, but Scott said it's every five years. Brad would like to have a schedule of plan updates.
- Discussion happened regarding the participation plan. Melanie stated everyone has added the virtual component.

7. STDA Discussion

- Louis Agresta provided information on this item and the discussion happened. Revisions were discussed. Scott provided an overview and information on the purpose. Melanie will submit this.

8. Mobility Management and Transit Updates

- No mobility management people were in attendance.
- Doug Crabill shared there was a local meeting last week and a meeting with Clark County is being scheduled.
- Brad Bodenmiller stated he has asked for TCC to convene the mobility managers and transit operators in the past. Doug stated he is trying. Brad is requesting that Glen convene the group because LUC can pay for his time to do that and it would include three counties instead of two; trips occur between the counties. Doug is not against including Logan County. Louis stated he supports them meeting but they are adults, and he's not going to tell them to meet. Doug thinks relationships need to be rebuilt. Brad restated he would like Glen to take the initiative to start the meetings at LUC's direction as the RTPO. Brad is glad to pay for TCC's time doing this.

9. 2024 TAC Meetings –June 3, September 9, December 2.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

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