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**McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, September 6th, 2017, 4:00 P.M.
GOVERNMENT CENTER, ROOM 404
115 EAST WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Members Present:

Mary Jefferson, Chair; Michael Buragas, Vice Chair; Michael Gorman, Executive Committee Representative; Joseph Cleary; Glen Ludwig; Linda Olson; Carl Teichman; Mary Kramp; Tyler Wrezinski; Mark Wylie

Members Absent:

Carl Olson

Others Present:

McLean County Regional Planning Commission - Vasudha Pinnamaraju, Executive Director; Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner; Jamal Smith, Assistant Planner; Daniel Handel, Assistant Planner; Emily Lutz, Assistant Planner; Jordan Brown, Office Manager; Town of Normal – Taylor Long, Associate Planner; Public – Gretchen Monti, Observer for the League of Women Voters

Call To Order:

Ms. Jefferson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.

Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Goman moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Mr. Buragas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Information Forum Subcommittee Recommendations

Mr. Teichman, the Chairman of the Subcommittee, recommended technology as the main topic of the 2018 Information Forum. Ms. Jefferson inquired if this would focus on Smart Cities. Mr. Teichman stated that the Subcommittee will bring more information at the next Commission Meeting.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to accept technology as the topic of the 2018 Information Forum. Mr. Teichman moved to approve. Ms. Kramp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Teichman then recommended that MCRPC partner with the McLean County Chamber of Commerce for the 2018 Information Forum. Ms. Pinnamaraju and Mr. Teichman both clarified that MCRPC would have control over the speaker and the topic, the Chamber would be in charge of the event logistics, and each entity would seek sponsorships and marketing. Ms. Jefferson inquired if there would still be a 50/50 split between MCRPC and the Chamber. Mr. Teichman responded in affirmation. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to approve the partnership with the Chamber for the 2018 Information Forum. Mr. Ludwig moved to approve. Mr. Teichman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion:

LRTP Presentation

Ms. Sicks made a brief presentation on the current LRTP. Ms. Sicks quoted the newly defined vision, which reads “Our transportation system increases options for mobility and provides equitable access in support of a safe, healthy, livable, sustainable and vibrant region.” The reference to sustainability applies to ideas beyond environmental concerns, including fiscal and economic sustainability, by concentrating on infill- compact, contiguous and connected development, limiting infrastructure expansion, including transportation, and improving access and mobility for **everyone**.

The goals supporting the vision call for: 1) Prioritizing the concept of **Transportation System Preservation**, in accord with the survey responses and the comprehensive plans; 2) Improving **Mobility Access and Choice** to enable anyone in Bloomington-Normal to go where they will, when they will, for any purpose; 3) Remaining mindful of the **Health and Safety** aspects of the transportation system, including the ways in which person-powered transportation modes can improve public health outcomes; 4) Using sustainable materials, methods and financing to create a truly **Sustainable Transportation** system, and; 5) With the guidance of the freight study underway, incorporating **Freight Optimization** into ongoing planning and implementation.

While the core priorities and areas of emphasis in the transportation plan are drawn from the public survey responses and stakeholders, they very much reflect the sustainability focus of the Bloomington and Normal comprehensive plans. If the comprehensive plans are implemented to the fullest extent possible, and the transportation system need only be maintained at a good level of service within the existing urban development area, increased transportation sustainability and service is achievable. This will be measured over time through analysis of system performance data collected and kept current by MCRPC.

Ms. Sicks and Ms. Pinnamaraju provided clarification throughout the process as questions were raised.

That which may arise

Ms. Pinnamaraju discussed a trip to Conway, Arkansas in relation to BN Advantage Quality of Life/Quality of Place. She provided a handout with more information and requested commissioners RSVP as soon as possible if they are interested in going.

Adjournment:

Mr. Teichman moved to enter the executive session. Mr. Cleary seconded the motion, and the meeting entered the executive session at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Brown
Office Manager