



STP PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Thursday, August 11, 2022

9:30 AM

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1.0 Call To Order

Chair Dobbs called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and reminded the members that as permitted by the Governor's Disaster Declaration of July 22, 2022, the determination has been made that an in person meeting is not practical or prudent for this committee. To ensure that the meeting is as transparent as possible, staff posted the meeting materials one week in advance, we will provide a recording of this meeting linked on our website, and will take all votes by roll call. Mr. Ferguson called the roll.

Present: Kama Dobbs, Dan Burke, Alice Gallagher, Kevin O'Malley, Leon Rockingham, Jeffery Schielke, Jeffrey Sriver, and Grant Davis

Non-Voting: John Donovan, Tony Greep, Jennifer (Sis) Killen, Heather Mullins, and Chad Riddle

Staff Present: Sarah Buchhorn, Wylie Crowther, Doug Ferguson, Jon Haadsma, Russell Pietrowiak, Todd Schmidt, Sarah Stolpe

Others Present: Len Cannata, Kaci Crowley, Jon Paul Diipla, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Scott Hennings, Kendra Johnson, Mike Klemens, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brian Stepp, Joe Surrdam, Freddy Vasquez, Jazmin Vega

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Dobbs stated that item 5.3 would be moved ahead of item 5.1.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes - June 23, 2022

[22-350](#)

Attachments: [DRAFT minutes STP PSC 06232022](#)

A motion was made by Jeffery Schielke, seconded by Leon Rockingham, to approve the minutes of June 23, 2022, as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Kama Dobbs, Dan Burke, Alice Gallagher, Kevin O'Malley, Leon Rockingham, Jeffery Schielke, and Grant Davis

Non-Voting: John Donovan, Tony Greep, Jennifer (Sis) Killen, Heather Mullins, and Chad Riddle

Not Present: Jeffrey Sriver

4.0 Active Program Management Reports

4.1 Shared Fund Status Updates

[22-351](#)

Attachments: [STP & CRRSAA Shared Fund Status Report - July 2022 \(Active\)](#)
[STP Shared Fund Status Report - July 2022 \(Contingency\)](#)

Chair Dobbs reported that the attached status reports reflect information provided during the June quarterly update cycle, and noted one change since then that is not reflected on the report: that local execution of the phase 1 engineering agreements for University Park's project is expected next week.

4.2 Regional Accounting Updates

[22-352](#)

Attachments: [Regional STP Accounting Summary - July 2022](#)
[Regional CRRSAA Accounting Summary - July 2022](#)

Chair Dobbs noted that there were no significant changes to the regional accounting to call out today and invited questions from the committee. No questions were posed.

5.0 STP Shared Fund Methodology

5.3 Corridor or Small Area Safety Projects

[22-355](#)

Attachments: [Proposed Safety Need Score Revisions 08112022](#)

Todd Schmidt presented an overview of staff's proposal to modify the methodology for the need portion of the Transportation Impact scoring for corridor or small area safety improvement projects, as detailed in the attached memo.

Mr. O'Malley stated that an emphasis on speed is appropriate but explained he is concerned about how crashes are categorized in crash reports and wants to be sure that the data used captures the true cause of crashes. Mr. Schmidt noted that CMAP is aware of these types of data issues and that CMAP will utilize the same methodology that IDOT uses for defining speed-related and pedestrian involved crashes. Mr. O'Malley also suggested verifying that there isn't any skewing of reporting across jurisdictions. Mr. Schmidt noted that staff should be able to review the individual crash reports, as needed.

Ms. Killen complimented staff for focusing on the high risk crash types. Chair Dobbs noted that as the Safety Resource Group continues their work, it is likely further refinement will occur in future cycles.

Mike Klemens, Lake County DOT suggested taking the crash evaluation a step further, reducing the SRI component, and considering fatal and serious injury crashes involving speed or vulnerable users. Mr. O'Malley concurred with this suggestion. Chair Dobbs stated that staff would refine the proposal to reduce the points for SRI, and add another component for high risk crash types that resulted in fatal and serious crashes for consideration at a future meeting.

5.1 Eligible Project Types

[22-353](#)

Attachments: [Proposed Transit Project Type Revisions 08112022](#)

Jon Haadsma presented an overview of staff research regarding inclusion of commuter rail yard and terminal projects in the shared fund methodology and reviewed the proposed methodology described in detail in the attached memo.

Ms. Killen stated that this is a worthwhile endeavor that preserves the intent of the program. She added that as we look at other funding programs that are available and find that certain project types might not be as competitive, we need to do our part to ensure that there are funding programs to support these projects. It is better to be inclusive versus exclusive in our programming at this time. Ms. Mullins echoed these comments and applauded staff's creativity in incorporating these projects into an existing category. She noted this is a good opportunity within what is a relatively new program. President Gallagher added her agreement and noted that improving our yards in conjunction with other fund sources benefits the region.

Chair Dobbs noted that with the committee's comments today, staff would continue to develop the incorporation of these project types into the overall methodology, including identifying the planning factors that should apply and how to determine the jobs plus households associated with them.

5.2 Transportation Impact: Jobs + Households

[22-354](#)

Attachments: [STPPSC MethodologyMemo Jobs+HH 08112022](#)

Chair Dobbs provided an overview of staff's proposal to modify the jobs plus households scoring methodology that was described in detail in the attached memo.

Mayor Schielke noted the large reach of some projects, such as the example project area that reaches out to Kankakee and Ottawa. He also noted that other regions like our processes and want to be a part of them.

Mr. O'Malley noted support for looking at data in between programming cycles and requested additional information about the problem that this proposal would address. Chair Dobbs responded that the request to examine the data was centered around projects that may be significant within their subregion, but not obviously significant to the region.

President Gallagher stated that the proposal, which is a minor tweak, makes sense.

Mr. Davis expressed concern about the proportions being mathematically too high in very low density areas.

Ms. Dobbs stated that staff could run some additional analyses to determine the scale of changes to scoring if this proposal were to move forward.

5.4 Subregional Priority

[22-357](#)

Attachments: [Subregional Priority Scoring Revisions 08112022](#)

Chair Dobbs provided an overview of staff's proposal to clarify the Subregional Priority scoring methodology by limiting priorities to those projects whose travel sheds are within the subregion, establishing a process for assigning priority to projects external to a subregion, prohibiting subregions from swapping points, and clarifying the schedule for assigning priorities.

In response to questions from President Gallagher and Ms. Mullins, Ms. Dobbs explained that in past councils have been known to agree to give support to a project outside their area in exchange for another council supporting a project within their area. Ms. Mullins, Mr. O'Malley, and Mayor Rockingham noted that adding language to clarify the intent of the subregional priority points is appropriate.

6.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

7.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8.0 Next Meeting

Chair Dobbs reminded the committee that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. and stated that the meeting is expected to be virtual.

9.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Jeffery Schielke, seconded by Leon Rockingham, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote at 10:26 a.m.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Kama Dobbs