



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 30, 2026 – 8:30 am

127 N. Wyman St. Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101

a. **Call to Order**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chiarelli at 8:43 am.

b. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County; Mayor Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County; Faith Duncan, IDOT District 2; President Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District.

Members Absent: Clint Morris, City of Belvidere; Greg Jury, City of Loves Park

Other Present: Doug Delille, IDOT OOP; Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department; James Richter, Village of Machesney Park; Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Brandon Rucker, Chloe Barnes, Jackson Sitter, Sarah Renicker, Marilla Smith, Hallela Wagner, and Keagan Carlson, all of Region 1 Planning Council.

c. **Public Comment**

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

d. **Discussion:** Mr. Verbeke very briefly described the status of the following projects:

a. Preliminary Scoring of Attributable Funds (STBG, TAP, & CRP): Preliminary scoring has been completed and is included as part of the meeting packet. Projects will be open for public comment in February of 2026. Mr. Verbeke explained the scoring for Latham/Ralston Road had a lower score, but was weighted at a higher percentage based on project availability and in order to spread out funding. All projects needed to be ready to go in each funding year. A member asked if there could be policy change to adjust for unpredictable timing/funding availability changes. Mr. Dunn indicated that more notice would need to be given to the Technical Committee in order to receive feedback.

b. Traffic Signal Coordination and Timing Study for Perryville Road: Iteris was selected as the consultant for the Perryville Road Traffic Study, which has begun and will run through the end of summer.

c. Regional Water Quality Study A water study was completed using remaining FY 25 UWP funds, and has been made available on the Engage R1 page.

d. Southwest Rockford Recreation Traffic Impact Study at Levings Park and Clarence Hicks Sports Complex This project was completed at the request of the Rockford Park District, to study the traffic patterns at both parks during high volume events. The main event chosen to study ended up being cancelled, however other events were studied. One area of focus to be considered in the future, is how emergency vehicles navigate the area during highly attended events.

e. Rockford North Main Street Corridor Housing Study This was conducted by ESI Consultants, taking place between Park Ave. and Bauman Parkway using additional remaining FY25 UWP funds.

e. **Action Items**

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 31, 2025

Chairman Chiarelli entertained for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the October 31, 2025 for MPO Policy Committee. Motioned by Mayor McNamara, seconded by Mr. Stubbe with no discussion. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

b. Adoption of the Federally-Required Performance Management Targets (Resolution 2026-01).

These are looked at annually, focuses on safety targets to set benchmarks for road systems. Mr. Chiarelli entertained a motion to adopt. Motioned by Mayor McNamara, seconded by Chairman Johnson. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

f. **Director Reports**

- **Bike/Pedestrian Safety Grant:** The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration has awarded Region 1 with a \$500K grant to study traffic patterns around area school zones and provide educational safety materials/programing to area elementary school programs.
- **Recognition:** Tim Verbeke has been recognized and elected to the National MPO Technical Committee. He will also be speaking on behalf of R1 at the national Safe Streets for All Conference next month.
- **FY26 UWP Budget:** Budget is currently being reviewed and, similar to FY25, there may be additional funds available for some smaller studies to take place prior to the end of the calendar year.

g. **Adjournment**

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Chairman Johnson, Boone County, second by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker

Minutes approved by action of the Committee at March 20th 2026 MPO Policy Committee Meeting 7-0