



## MPO Policy Committee Meeting

**Friday, August 23, 2024 – 8:30 am**  
Region 1 Planning Council  
127 N. Wyman St., Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101

### Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Action Items
  - a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2024 Meeting
  - b. Approval of the FY 2025 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-13)
5. Directors' Reports
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

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### Meeting Minutes

#### 1) Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Sydney Turner at 8:40am.

#### 2) Roll Call

Members Present: Rodney Riley, Boone County; Joseph Chiarelli, Winnebago County; Clint Morris, City of Belvidere; Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Tom McNamara, City of Rockford; Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park; Steve Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District; Robert Bates, IDOT District 2.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: John Paul Diipli, Todd Schmidt, Betsy Tracey, FHWA, IL Division; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Sydney Turner, Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Brandon Rucker, Eric Tison, Nathan Larsen, Sarah Renicker, Lauren Kleve, Region 1 Planning Council.

#### 3) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

#### 4) Election of Officers

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to elect a Chair of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, to elect Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, as MPO Policy Committee Chair. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to elect the Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere, seconded by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, to elect Chairman Riley, Boone County, as Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### 5) Presentation by Todd Schmidt of FHWA, IL Division: USDOT Planning Certification Review

Mr. Schmidt explained that the review process is conducted once every four years to assess for progress from former reviews, conditions affecting TMA, the maturity of planning processes, and responses to new requirements. He then indicated that the 2024 review Planning Process was certified with zero corrective actions, eleven commendations, and eight recommendations. Mr. Schmidt concluded with providing contact information for any follow-up questions. The report presentation will be sent out to all committee members.

#### 6) Discussion Item: Functional Classification Change Request-Main St (City of Rockford)

Ms. Turner indicated that a concurrence was needed from the committee to move forward with the Functional Classification Change Request for Church Street. As a part of the proposed jurisdictional transfer from IDOT to City of Rockford under the Activate Church + Main project, the functional classification would be adjusted to reflect the reduction of AADT and traffic pattern. Concurrence was given verbally by members of the committee.

**7) Action Item**

a) Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2024

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the May 31, 2024 MPO Policy Committee. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere. Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

b) Adoption of the FY 2025 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2024-09)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Resolution 2024-09. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Chairman Riley, Boone County. Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

c) Approval of the Rockford MPO Adjusted Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area (Resolution 2024-11)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Resolution 2024-11. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District. Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

d) Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-12)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Resolution 2024-12. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

**8) Directors Report**

Ms. Turner indicated that the adoption of the 2025 Transportation Improvement Plan will be delayed due to the release of the Illinois Department of Transportation’s Multi Year Program (MYP); there would be second comment period before presenting for approval. The Alpine Traffic Signal Study would be commencing soon with inventory of cabinets and equipment taking place over the summer, and a traffic counts starting in the Fall when school is back in session to get a more accurate representation of normal traffic patterns. The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) video analytics of 30 intersections within region will begin shortly. The Bus Rapid Transit Study is moving into Phase 4, which encompasses the prioritization of identifying corridors of service area. The Surface Transportation Block Grant Working Group is moving forward with discussion of selection criteria for projects including a point and weighting system.

Mr. Dunn gave an update on the national trends from the National Association of Regional Council (NARC) conference in Atlanta. He also complimented Ms. Turner and Mr. Verbeke for their work on the Adjusted Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area updates.

**9) Other Business**

Mr. Chiarelli updated the committee that Winnebago County Board has decided to move forward with providing rural transit services.

**10) Adjournment**

**Motion** by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere. Unanimous voice vote to **adjourn** at 9:02am.

Prepared by Sarah Renicker and Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: \_\_\_\_\_



**REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL  
MPO POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MPO Resolution 2024-13**

- RE:** **Adoption of the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program**
- WHEREAS** the Federal Highway Act of 1962, as amended, and the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, provide for an urban transportation planning process; and
- WHEREAS** Region 1 Planning Council is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Urban and Metropolitan Area, and the MPO Policy Committee has the specific responsibility to direct and administer the continuing urban transportation planning process; and
- WHEREAS** the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Rockford Metropolitan Area has been developed in accordance with the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA); and
- WHEREAS** the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process carried out by the MPO under the direction of the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee of the MPO of the Rockford Metropolitan Area in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT); and
- WHEREAS** the planning process is being carried on in conformance with all applicable Federal and State requirement, as listed in the Annual Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification; and
- WHEREAS** citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agencies, private providers of transportation, and other interested parties have been given opportunities to comment on this TIP during its development cycle; and
- WHEREAS** the public comment and review period for draft FY 2025-2028 TIP was from May 28, 2024 through June 27, 2024 and the draft FY 2025–2028 TIP was made available for review via the MPO website (posted May 28, 2024) as well as through contacting the MPO offices; and
- WHEREAS** the public comment and review period for the second draft FY 2025-2028 TIP was from July 29, 2024 through August 19, 2024 and the second draft FY 2025–2028 TIP was made available for review via the MPO website (posted July 29, 2024) as well as through contacting the MPO offices; and
- WHEREAS** comments have been received and technical corrections have changed the May 27, 2024 version that was made available for public comment, and these corrections have been noted in the appendices of June 28, 2024 version of the document; and
- WHEREAS** the MPO Technical Committee has recommended approval of the FY 2025-2028 TIP;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

the MPO Policy Committee adopts the August 23, 2024 version of the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program, along with the changes, if any, as to be documented in the minutes of this August 23, 2024 meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

that the MPO staff is instructed to distribute the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program in accordance with the MPO Public Participation Process.

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2024.

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Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli  
MPO Chair

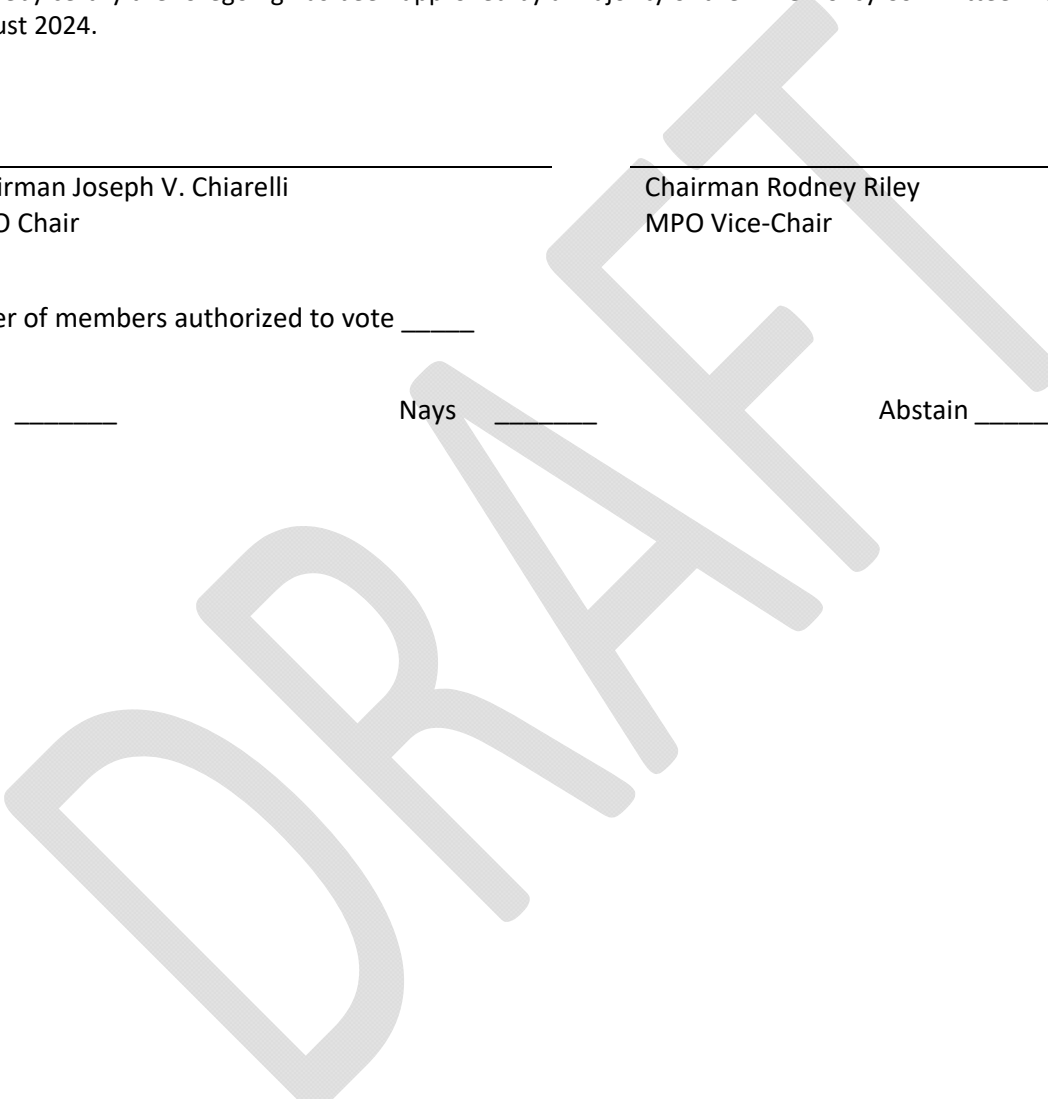
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Chairman Rodney Riley  
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_



## Appendix D:

# Revisions to the Program

The first draft version of the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was distributed to the MPO Policy Committee and MPO Technical Committee and made available on the RPC website on May 28, 2024. A press release was distributed noting the draft available for public comment. A 30-day public comment period for the first draft of the FY 2025-2028 TIP was from May 28, 2024 until June 27, 2024.

Listed below are changes made to the May 28, 2024 draft FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program:

- Addition of several projects for Rockford Mass Transit district based on an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP.
- Addition of several projects for the Illinois Department of Transportation based on the release of the statewide Multi-Year Program (MYP).
- Cost and phase updates to several IDOT projects based on the release of the MYP.

Due to the amount of changes to the May 28, 2024 version of the FY 2025-2028 TIP, the MPO released a second version of the document for a 21-day public comment period, from July 29, 2024 through August 19, 2024.

Listed below are changes made to the July 29, 2024 draft FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program:

- Addition of project #30-25-01 for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for improvements to the Lone Rock stairway in Rock Cut State Park.
- Changes to project names at the request of City of Rockford:
  - #3-20-23, 11th Street Corridor Revitalization (Phase 1), US-Bypass 20 to Charles Street in FY 2025
  - #3-20-23, 11th Street Corridor Revitalization (Phase 2), US-Bypass-20 to Charles Street in FY 2025
  - #3-20-23, 11th Street Corridor Revitalization (Phase 3), US-20-Bypass to Charles Street in FY 2027
- Addition of the following projects at the request of City of Rockford:
  - #3-25-8, New Milford School Road & IR RR,

New Milford School Road 0.05 mile E of Falcon Road

- #3-25-9, Blackhawk Road & IR RR, Blackhawk Road 0.1 mile E of Falcon Road
- #3-25-10, Samuelson Road, Samuelson Road 0.05 mile E of Falcon Road
- #3-25-11, Brooke Road & IR RR, Brooke Road 0.1 mile E of Saner Avenue
- #3-25-12, Peoples Avenue & IR RR, Peoples Avenue 0.1 mile W of Starr Street
- #3-25-13, Seminary Street & IR RR, Seminary Street 0.1 mile N of Sayre Street
- #3-25-14, North Horsmans Street & CP RR, North Horsmans Street 0.05 mile N of Auburn Street
- #3-25-15, Auburn Street & CP RR, Auburn Street 0.05 mile W of N Horsman Street
- #3-25-16, School Street & CP RR, School Street 0.05 mile W of Tanner Street
- #3-25-17, Winnebago Street Over Kent Creek, CN RR and CP RR Bridge Rehabilitation, Over Kent Creek, CN RR, and CP RR
- #3-25-18, 11th Street & UP RR, 11th Street 0.02 mile S of Woodruff Avenue
- #3-25-19, 11th Street & CN RR, 11th Street 0.1 mile S of Woodruff Avenue
- #3-25-20, 11th Street & CN RR, 11th Street 0.05 mile S of 23rd Avenue
- Deletion of the following projects at the request of City of Rockford:
  - #3-22-6, Newburg Road, Alpine Road to Mulford Road
  - #3-20-1, 15th Avenue Bridge, Over Rock River
  - #3-21-15, 9th Street 2-Way Conversion (Whitman Street Interchange), Whitman Street to Charles Street
- Changes were made to the cost breakouts to the following projects at the request of City of Rockford:
  - #3-20-9, 8th Avenue Bridge, Over Keith Creek

- #3-20-21, 9th Street Corridor Revitalization (Whitman Street Interchange), Whitman Street to East State Street
- The following projects were moved between fiscal years at the request of City of Rockford:
  - #3-24-11, Traffic Safety Program – 2027, City-wide (Moved to FY 2027 from FY 2025)
  - #3-17-6, Activate Church and Main, Cedar Street to John Street (Moved to FY 2025 from PA)
  - #3-23-15, Highcrest Multi-use path, Jacobi Place to Spring Creek Road, Design Phase (Moved to FY 2025 from PA)
  - #3-23-15: Highcrest Multi-use path, Jacobi Place to Spring Creek Road, ROW phase (Moved to FY 2025 from PA)
  - #3-23-16: Rockford Riverfront Path, Rails to Trails Bridge to Whitman Street (Moved to FY 2026 from PA)
  - #3-24-7: ADA Transition Plan Improvements-2027, City-wide (Change: Moved to FY 2027 from FY 2026)
  - #3-24-8: Bicycle Program-2027, City-wide (Change: Moved to FY 2027 from FY 2026)
  - #3-24-9: Sidewalk Program-2027, City-wide (Change: Moved to FY 2027 from FY 2026)
- The following changes were made to project #3-22-1: Madison Street Corridor Improvements (Phase 1), East State Street to Prairie Street
  - Project name changed to “Madison Street Corridor Improvements (Phase 1)”
  - Moved from FY 2025 to FY 2026
  - Termini was updated
  - Cost breakout was updated
- The following changes were made to project #3-22-1: Madison Street Corridor Improvements (Phase 2), East State Street to Prairie Street
  - Project Name changed to “Madison Street Corridor Improvements (Phase 2)”
  - Moved from FY 2026 to PA
  - Termini was updated
  - Cost breakout was updated
- The following changes were made to project #2-25-2: Elmwood Road Widening & Resurfacing
  - Project name changed to “Elmwood Road Widening & Resurfacing”
- Project extents changed to “Owen Center Road to IL-2”
- Cost breakout updated to include TARP funding.
- The following projects were removed from the list due to administrative errors.
  - #2-25-10: Meridian Road Bridge over the Pecatonica River (Outside of MPA)
  - #1-20-17: US 20, 0.2 mi W. Pecatonica Rd to 0.2 mi W. Falconer Rd (Duplicative instances)
  - #1-21-22: ILL 251, Kishwaukee Street to east of 9th Street in Rockford (Duplicative of #1-21-12)

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