MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 22, 2025

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 8:30 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; Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Brandon Rucker, Chloe Barnes, Jackson Sitter, Sarah Renicker, Marilla Smith, Hallela Wagner, and Keagan Carlson Region 1 Planning Council.

c. **Public Comment**

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

d. **Discussion**

a. Call for Projects and Project Priority List

Mr. Verbeke announced that applications for various projects opened on October 30, 2025 and will be open until December 1, 2025. Projects span MPO-COG-CEDs including STBG, TAP & CR funding. R1 will also be hosting an application workshop for those seeking technical assistance on November 20, 2025 from 2:30-4:30 pm. The packet has more information on scoring and timeline. Anticipated presentation of recommendations will be presented to the MPO Policy Committee at the March meeting.

e. Action Items

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2025

Chairman Chiarelli entertained for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the August 22, 2025 for MPO Policy Committee. Motion by Mayor McNamara, seconded by Chairman Johnson with no discussion. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

c. Amendment FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2025-18)

Mr. Verbeke explained that the Transportation Improvement Plan amendment concerns the addition of the 15th Ave bridge project. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17. Motion made by Chairman Johnson, Boone County, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

d. Approval of the Additional MPO Technical Committee Voting Member (Resolution 2025-19)

Mr. Verbeke explained the recommendation to add the City of Byron to the voting members of the MPO Technical Committee. With no objections, Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park motioned, second by Chairman Johnson, Boone County. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

f. **Director Reports**

- **FY 25 Project wrap-up**: Mr. Verbeke gave an update on the FY 25 projects that would be wrapping up by the end of the year, including: the Water Quality Study, the Main Street Housing Corridor Study, Southwest Rockford Traffic Study at Levings Park/Clarence Hicks Sports Complex.
- **South West Railyard**: There will be a stakeholder meeting to discuss station design for the Rockford and Belvidere stations, to discuss options surrounding rail platforms and what those structures will look like.
- **November R1 Governing Board Meeting**: Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 8:00 am at R1. A representative from IDOT will be in attendance to give an update on the passenger rail project schedule to be complete December 2027.
- **Complete Streets**: Complete Streets submitted has been recognized as the 7th best plan in the country, with ours being the only MPO in the top 10.

g. **Adjournment**

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, second by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____