MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 20, 2025 –8:31 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 Johnson at 8:36 am.

b. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Mayor Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County; Faith Duncan, IDOT District 2; President Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park; Mayor Clint Morris, City of Belvidere; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District.

Members Absent: Chairman Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County

Other Present: Dough Delille, IDOT OOP; Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Lauren Kleve, Clara Romeo, Brandon Rucker, Nathan Larsen, Chloe Barnes, Jackson Sitter, Region 1 Planning Council.

c. **Public Comment**

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

d. **Discussion**

a. National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Reauthorization Letter to Congress

Mr. Dunn explained the letter that NARC sent to congress on behalf of the Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) regarding the upcoming MPO Reauthorization in 2026.

e. **Action Items**

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2025

Chairman Johnson entertained for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the May 2, 2025 for MPO Policy Committee. Motion by Mayor Jury, seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

b. Adoption of the Amendment to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (Resolution 2025-12)

Mr. Verbeke explained the goal of the amendment to the UWP is to incorporate the remaining funds from the FY25 UWP into the FY26 UWP. Boone County Chairman Johnson entertained for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15. Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park; seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

c. Approval of the Adoption of the 2050+ Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region (Resolution 2025-13)

Mr. Verbeke explained that the MTP is a five-year long range transportation plan that guides the region's transportation for the next 25 years. Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-13. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

d. Adoption of the 2025 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region (Resolution 2025-14)

Mr. Verbeke explained that the Human Services Transportation Plan is a federally required document that is typically updated every 5 years. Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

e. Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Adoption of the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2025-15)

Mr. Verbeke explained that the Transportation Improvement Plan is a federally required document that documents infrastructure and non-infrastructure transportation projects programmed within the Rockford metropolitan planning area (MPA) for the next four years. Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15. Motion made by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

f. Adoption of the Title VI Considerations for the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Organization (Resolution 2025-16) (Resolution 2025-16)

Mr. Verbeke explained that the Title VI Plan reflects the MPO's commitment to implanting planning processes that are designed to protect against discrimination and ensure fairness. Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16. Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, motioned, seconded by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

f. **Director Reports**

Mr. Verbeke gave an update on the following programs and projects:

- State of the Trails – 30% complete with data collection and trail counter information
- SS4A Traffic Safety Action Plans – Rockford to be approved. Boone County has been approved. Winnebago County has been approved. Regional will be approved in future months
- LCI – stakeholder meeting will be held after the COG meeting. Application is open for Round 2 and will close on August 4
- Consultant lead project updates
    - Main Street Housing Corridor Study. Consultant has been selected ESI and work will begin next week
    - Regional Water Quality Study – well underway by Olson Environmental.
    - SW Park Traffic Study – RFQ closes today and the work will be concluded by the end of the year
- SW Railyards Feasibility Study – Agreement signed with AECOM to conduct the study at the railyards downtown Rockford.

g. **Adjournment**

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, second by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Tim Verbeke

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____