



MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, October 27, 2023, 8:30 am
Region 1 Planning Council
127 N. Wyman St., Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

Agenda

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, at 8:52 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boone County; Winnebago County; City of Rockford; Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2; Rockford Mass Transit District; Village of Machesney Park

Members Absent: City of Loves Park; City of Belvidere

Others Present: Doug DeLille, Illinois Department of Transportation; Michael Dunn, Sydney Turner, Eric Tison, Jon Paul Diipla, Melisa Ribikawskis, Brandon Rucker, Nathan Larsen, Phil Pittsford, Juliana Charlebois-Berg, and Cody Knipp, Region 1 Planning Council.

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Discussion Items

a. Surface Transportation Block Grant Allocation

Mr. Dunn provided an introduction to the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) allocation discussion. Mr. Diipla provided further information regarding historical funding information that have been provided by the State of Illinois in regards to the allocation of STBG and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. Region 1 Planning Council is drafting a letter regarding this subject that will be sent to the committee and shared with other MPOs within the State.

Discussion was held.

b. Toll Development Credits

Mr. Diipla presented information on toll credits, also known as Transportation Development Credits – Highway, which are a federal transportation funding tool used by states as a means of meeting local match requirements. Over the next several months, MPO staff will draft a recommended policy and procedures for TDCH, which is a state requirement.

Discussion was held.

5. Action Items

a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2023

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the August 25, 2023 Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Mr. McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to approve the August 25, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. Amendment to the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2023-16)

Ms. Turner stated that the MPO received requests from the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2, City of Rockford, City of Belvidere and Winnebago County to amend the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including one project cost updates, the addition of three projects, and the addition of one project phase for existing projects.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16 for an amendment to the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to approve of Resolution 2023-16. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Director's Report

Ms. Turner provided several updates to the Committee including the proposed schedule for calendar year 2024 MPO Policy Committee meetings. She also informed the Committee that the MPO will be going out for two Request for Proposals over the next couple of months for a Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study and Safe Streets for All projects. The MPO currently has a Request for Proposals out for the Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Quality Study. Ms. Turner reminded the Committee that the Surface Transportation Block Grant Call for Projects will come to a close in early November and that the MPO Technical Committee has been informed of the deadline and all the information and application materials can be found online. Additionally, she provided information on the Call for Projects on the Infrastructure Priorities Report which will cover all infrastructure including vertical, utilities, as well as roadway infrastructure. This Call for Projects will come to a close at the beginning of December and information will be compiled into a report and will be shared with State Legislature. The Complete Streets Policy will be shared with the MPO Policy Committee in January for adoption as it is a requirement for MPOs per the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act. Ms. Turner also informed the Committee that project selection criteria will need to be reevaluated in order to align with the Complete Street Policy. Finally, Ms. Turner discussed a request made by the MPO Technical Committee indicating interest in applying for a State Planning and Research Grant application for a look at the condition of shared use path and trails within the region.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Chairman Riley, Boone County, to adjourn at 9:30 am.

Prepared by Melisa Ribikawskis.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: January 26, 2024.