



## MPO Policy Committee Special Meeting Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2024 –8:30am  
127 N. Wyman St. Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101

### 1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Morris at 8:30 am.

### 2. Roll Call

**Members Present:** Clint Morris, City of Belvidere; Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park; Rob Bates, IDOT District 2; Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District.

**Members Absent:** Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County Board; Rodney Riley, Boone County.

**Other Present:** John Paul Diipala, FHWA IL Division (via Zoom); Dough Delille, IDOT OOP; Michael Dunn, Sydney Turner, Tim Verbeke, Brandon Rucker, Sarah Renicker, Jackson Sitter, Cloe Barnes, and Nathan Larson, Region 1 Planning Council. Sonya Hoppes (8:41am)

### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

### 4. Action Items

#### a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2024

Mayor Morris entertained for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the October 1, 2024 for MPO Policy Committee. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford; seconded by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

#### b. Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-16)

Ms. Turner explained that this amendment would approve two additional projects including the resurfacing of a portion of US-20 between Pecatonica Rd and Falconer Rd, and intersection improvements at Winnebago and Telegraph Rd.

Mayor Morris entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2024-16. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford; seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

### 5. Director's Report

- a. **Call for Projects** Ms. Turner announced that the Call for Projects for the '26-'29 TIP is now open and had been announce to the MPO Technical Committee with the funding breakdown. She also indicated that there was a \$3.6 million surplus of TAP funds that will need to be used within the next two years. The call for projects closes on November 28, 2024.
- b. **2026 UWP** Ms. Turner indicated that work had begun on the 2026 UWP, and invited committee members to submit ideas for any special projects that should be included. Mayor Morris asked when those would be due, to which Ms. Turner indicated that R1 was still waiting for IDOT to publish their marks, before nailing down a date. Mr. Dunn also indicated that it would be advantageous to include any modeling projects that may be necessary.

- c. **Traffic Signal Management** Ms. Turner gave an update on the Traffic Signal coordination project taking place along the Alpine Rd. corridor. She indicated that Iteris had wrapped up the traffic count portion of their assessment and would be providing the data and recommendations to the multi-jurisdictional steering committee. When asked about the Riverside assessment, Ms. Turner indicated that there was some carbon reduction funding available to replace cabinets along that corridor.
- d. **Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study**-Ms. Turner indicated that there have been ongoing meetings with the consultants from Sam Schwartz who have helped to identify corridors of opportunity within the current system. Specific attention was given to how best to connect Kishwaukee/N. Main/N. Rockton routes to Riverside Blvd. A plan to connect Downtown Belvidere to the East Side Transfer Center, as well as linkages to any current and future rail stations.
- e. **Rail Service** Ms. Turner indicated that communication was ongoing between Tim (Verbeke), Eric (Tison) and IDOT concerning the SW Rail project.

**6. Adjournment**

Mayor Morris entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, second by Village President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 am.

Meeting minutes prepare by: Sarah Renicker and Sydney Turner

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