



MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, May 31, 2024 – 8:30 am
Region 1 Planning Council
127 N. Wyman St., Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion Item: Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan – Vision, Mission, & Objectives
5. Action Items
 - a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2024
 - b. Amendment to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-07)
 - c. Adoption of the Complete Streets Standard (Resolution 2024-08)
6. Directors' Reports
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Opportunities for public comment will be afforded on all agenda items.

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Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan

Goals & Emphasis Areas



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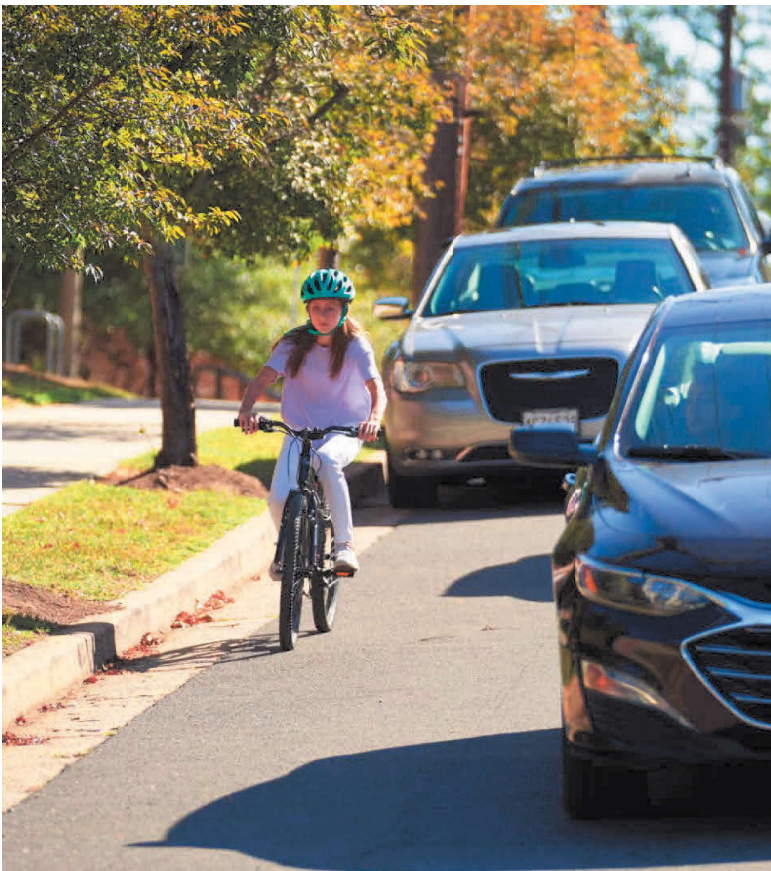


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Vision

Eliminate serious injuries and traffic-related fatalities in the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area, while increasing safe and equitable mobility for all.



Mission

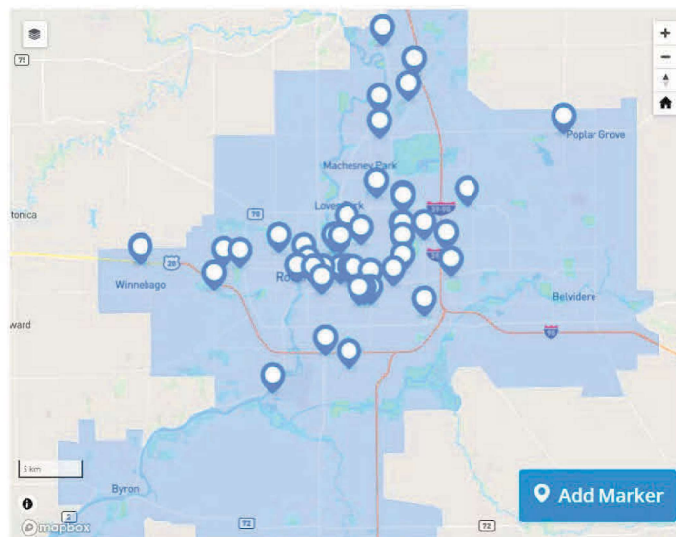
Work collaborative as a region to emphasize a positive traffic safety culture and use a data-driven, proactive approach to prioritizing proven safety strategies equitably.





Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan Objectives

- Achieve a 2-percent reduction of traffic fatalities and serious injuries annually.
- Pursue funding opportunities for identified safety solutions.
- Prioritize roadway safety improvements.
- Increase awareness of road safety and risks through education and enforcement.
- Promote the use of high value countermeasures.
- Communicate traffic safety as a shared language.



Transportation Safety Map - Markers

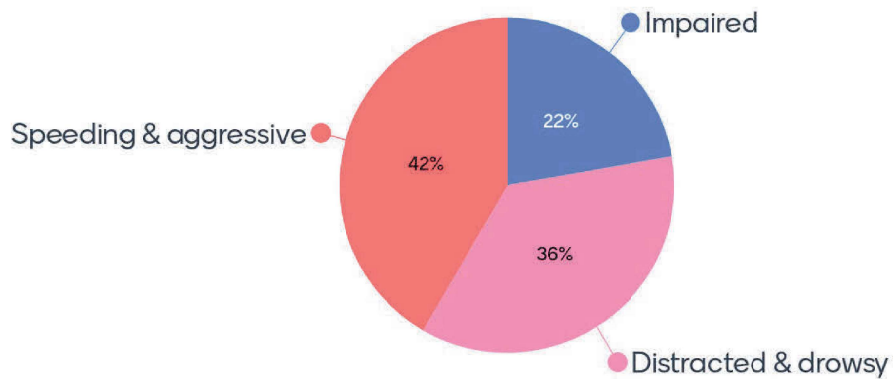


Emphasis Areas

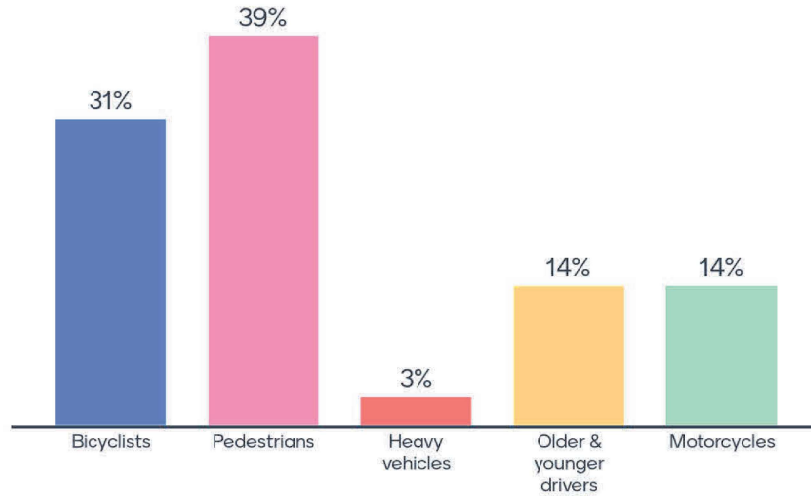
Emphasis areas help direct resources and focus implementation efforts.



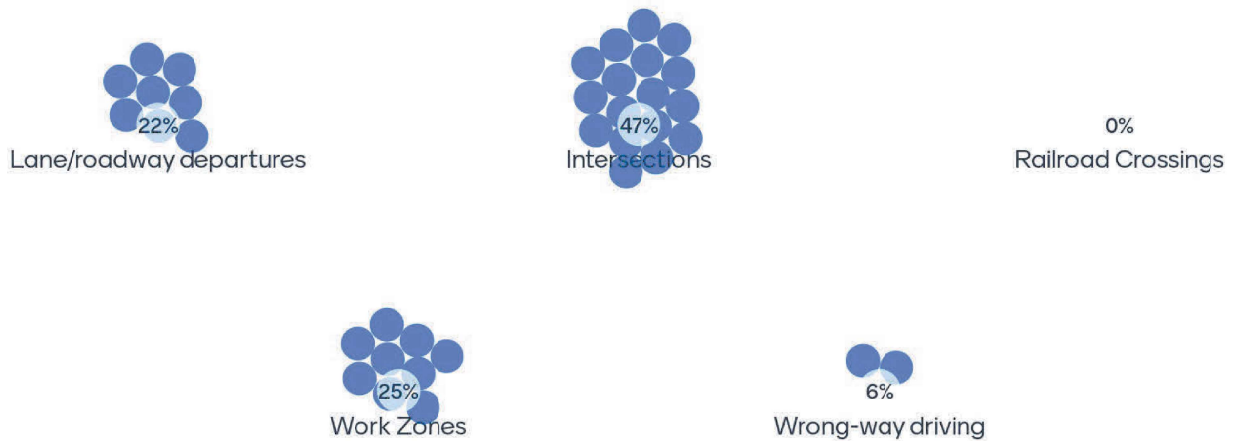
Safer Behavior



Safer Road Users & Vehicles



Safer Roads



In one word, what is your biggest traffic safety concern in the Rockford Region?

28 responses



What current efforts are underway to address traffic safety in your jurisdiction, e.g., programs, policies, campaigns, etc.?

One-way streets being converted back to two-way.





MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, March 22, 2024

Region 1 Planning Council

127 N. Wyman St., Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, at 8:35 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present.

Rodney Riley, Boone County

Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County

Clint Morris, City of Belvidere

Greg Jury, City of Loves Park

Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford

Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park

Steve Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District

Robert Bates, Illinois Department of

Transportation-District 2

Members Absent.

None

Other Present. Doug DeLille, IDOT Office of Planning & Programming; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; James Richter, Village of Machesney Park; Dan Jacobson, Rockford Park District; Clara Romeo, Lauren Kleve, Sydney Turner, Michael Dunn, Jon Paul Diipla, Melisa Ribikawskis, Brandon Rucker, Eric Tison, and Nathan Larsen, Region 1 Planning Council.

3. Public Comment

These were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Discussion Items

a. 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update – Financial Assumptions

Ms. Turner presented a memorandum detailing the financial assumptions development as a part of the federally-required, fiscally-constrained project list of the MTP. The financial assumptions process is comprised of a four-phase approach - Historic Funding Levels, Revenue Forecast, Expenditure Forecast, and Results. Six programs were examined for the Historic Funding Levels including Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Urban *and* Rural, Transportation Alternatives Program, Highway Bridge Program, and Carbon Reduction Program. Using historic allotments for these programs, future projections were calculated using a compound annual growth rate. It was noted that there is a negative growth rate for MFT, and an increase in the growth rate of federal programs. Since the increase is attributed to the bipartisan infrastructure bill, only FY 2023-

25 were used in calculations. Projections will be used to identify the amount that can be spent on regionally-significant projects over the next 25 years.

b. FY 2025 Unified Work Program

Ms. Turner provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Work Program, which will be open for public comment on April 1st, 2024 for 30 days. There was a slight increase in overall funding based on provisional planning funds that utilize previous years' funding throughout the state that have to be spend down. Region 1 Planning Council is receiving a 20% state match to federal funding as well as local contributions. The work elements for the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Work Program will be carried over from the previous fiscal year. A breakout of the new annual budget was provided to members, including new projects. A copy of the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Work Program will be provided to IDOT Office of Planning and Programming.

c. Complete Streets Standards

Ms. Ribikawskis explained general information about the federally required complete streets design standards. Elements within the design standards were described, including the pedestrian realm, roadways, and curbside uses. Intersection design is a separate section with its own elements, due to the nature of being conflict points. Shared-use paths and access-ways are also a separate section with its own elements.

The implementation to existing plans was also explained to the group, including responsibilities of different agencies. The Complete Street's Design Standards is currently open for public comment and will close on April 17th, 2024. The document will be brought to the next technical committee meeting after the public comment period. Sources for the document include MUTCD, NACTO, and AASHTO.

5. Action Items

a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2024

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the January 26, 2024 MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, and seconded by Village President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, by to approve the January 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. Amendment to the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-05)

Ms. Turner informed that Policy Committee that the MPO has received one TIP amendment from the City of Rockford for the 9th Street Two-Way Conversion Whitman Street Interchange from Whitman Street to East State Street (Project #3-20-21). The amendment included an updated cost breakout to the total funding amount. Ms. Turner noted that the MPO Technical Committee did not recommend the project for adoption because of the recent award of Reconnecting Communities funding to the project within the last week, which would change the cost breakout.

Motion by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, and seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to table Resolution 2024-05. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

c. Award of the FY 2024 Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds (Resolution 2024-06)

Ms. Ribikawskis presented on the call for projects that R1 opened from September 2023 to November 2023. Staff received six applications. The Technical Committee recommended award the full FY 2025 allocation to Winnebago County's South Perryville Road Rehabilitation.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, and seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, to approve Resolution 2024-06. Motion approved by a roll call vote.

6. Directors' Reports

Mr. Dunn reported that the agency received initial feedback from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration team that they do not anticipate the MPO receiving any findings and commended staff on their work. // Mr. Dunn announced that the City of Rockford received notification that they have been awarded a Reconnecting Communities Grant Program award for the Whitman Street Interchange Reconfiguration. // Mr. Dunn reported that we are one of the only MPOs completing the Safe Streets for All planning activities in-house without a consultant. // Mr. Dunn congratulated Mr. Diipla on his new position with Federal Highway Administration and recognized Clara Romeo as the new Sustainability Principal.

Ms. Turner reported that the Illinois State Planning and Research Grant Program's Call for Projects is now open. The MPO is submitting a project to examine the condition of the shared use paths and trails in the region. This project is in partnership with the Rockford Park District, Winnebago County Highway Department, Belvidere Park District, Boone County Conservation District, and Boone County Highway.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed by the Committee.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Chairman Riley, Boone County to adjourn at 9:02 AM.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____



**REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL
MPO POLICY COMMITTEE**

MPO RESOLUTION 2024-07

RE: Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 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 the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) currently authorizes funding to improve our nation’s transportation system for highways, highway safety, public transit, alternative non-motorized forms of transportation, and freight; and

WHEREAS the IIJA Act and its predecessors, require a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as well as a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS the 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 MPO Policy Committee has adopted the June 30, 2023 version of the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and;

WHEREAS the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have approved the FY 2024-2027 MPO TIP; and

WHEREAS Illinois Department of Transportation requested the addition one (1) updated cost breakout, Winnebago County Highway Department requested the addition of one (1) new project and one (1) updated cost breakout, Boone County Transit requested the addition of one (1) new project, and Rockford Mass Transit District requested the addition of five (5) new projects and one (1) updated cost breakout; and

WHEREAS the projects being amended in the adopted and approved version of the FY 2024-2027 TIP will not affect or impact the other projects listed in the FY 2024-2027 MPO TIP; and

WHEREAS the MPO Technical Committee has recommended the adoption of the TIP amendment by the MPO Policy Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MPO Policy Committee hereby amends the FY 2024-2027 MPO Transportation Improvement Program to include the projects listed in “Attachment A”.

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on this 31st day of May 2024.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Mayor Clint Morris
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____

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Attachment A:

Fiscal Year 2024

Highway Projects

Project #	Project Location	Termini	Project Type	Phase of Work	Federal Share (000s)		State Share (000s)		Other Share (000s)		Total
					Source	Amount	Source	Amount	Source	Amount	
01 - Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)											
1-21-11	ILL 173	0.4 mile east of Lyford Road to 0.1 mile west of Winnebago County Line	3R	CON	NHPP	\$1,360	State	\$340	-	-	\$1,700
02 - Winnebago County Roadway Projects Department (WCHD)											
2-21-1	Riverside Boulevard	Material Avenue to Renn Hart Hills Road/Sage Road	3R	CON	STBG-U	\$8,778.5	-	-	Local	\$3,775	\$12,553.500
2-24-5	Riverside Boulevard	Material Avenue to Renn Hart Hills Road/Sage Road	3R	CON	Other	\$668.3	-	-	-	-	\$668.30

Transit Projects

Project #	Description	Justification	Unit Cost (000s)		Federal Share (000s)		Other Share (000s)		Total (000s)
			Units	Cost/Unit	Source	Amount	Source	Amount	
07 - Rockford Mass Transit District									
7-23-4	Low/No Application	Replacement Buses (Hybrid Buses)	7	\$904.14	5339 (c)	\$6,328.980	TRC/TDC ^[1]		\$6,328.98
7-24-1	Low/No Application	Replacement Buses (Hybrid Buses)	4	\$1,023.663	5339 (c)	\$4,094.652	TRC/TDC ^[1]		\$4,095
7-24-2	520 Mulberry Renovation Construction	Renovation of older building to make space more efficient.	1	\$2,500	5339 (b)	\$2,500	TRC/TDC ^[1]		\$2,500
7-24-3	520 Mulberry Renovation Furniture/Equipment	Furniture/Equipment	1	\$250	5339 (b)	\$250	TRC/TDC ^[1]		\$250
7-24-4	520 Mulberry Renovation	A&E	1	\$260	5339 (b)	\$260	TRC/TDC ^[1]		\$260
7-24-7	Demand Response Vehicle	Maintain safe, reliable, efficient public transit bus service	3	\$120	5310	\$288	TRC/TDC	\$72	\$360
26 - Boone County Transit									
26-24-1	Demand Response Vehicle	Maintain safe, reliable, efficient public transit bus service	4	\$120	5310	\$384	TRC/TDC	\$96	\$480

Note: [1] A portion of IDOT's Transportation Development Credits will be used to leverage Federal Funds at 100%.



**REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL
MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
MPO RESOLUTION 2024-08**

RE: Adoption of the Complete Street Design Guidelines

WHEREAS Region 1 Planning Council (R1) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Metropolitan Area, and the MPO Policy Committee has the specific responsibility to direct and administer the continuing urban transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) authorizes the development and adoption of Complete Street Policies in order to improve our nation’s transportation system for highways, highway safety, public transit, alternative non-motorized forms of transportation; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the design guidelines is to provide a framework to guide local municipalities, counties, partner agencies, and private organizations in designing, constructing, and maintaining Complete Streets. The Design guidelines describe and illustrate the parameters related to planning, design, construction, and maintenance and guidance for future investments along the region’s roadways; and

WHEREAS the public comment and review period for draft Complete Streets Design Guidelines was from March 18, 2024 until April 17, 2024; the draft of the Complete Streets Design Guidelines was made available for review via the MPO website (posted March 18, 2024) as well as through contacting the MPO offices; and

WHEREAS the MPO Technical Committee has reviewed MPO Resolution 2024-08 along with the Complete Street Design Guidelines and has recommended that the Complete Street Design Guidelines be adopted by the MPO Policy Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

the MPO Policy Committee adopts the May 31, 2024 version of the Complete Streets Design Guidelines, along with the changes, if any, as to be documented in the minutes of this May 31, 2024 meeting; and

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on this 31st day of May, 2024.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Mayor Clint Morris
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____