



MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 20, 2026 – 10:00 am
Region 1 Planning Council
127 N. Wyman Street, Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Green Streets Guide
 - b. Livable Communities Initiative Updates
5. Action Items
 - a. Approval of the July 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Resolution 2026-11 FY 2027 TIP Amendment
6. Agency Reports
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

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

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2026 10:00 am

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1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Tim Verbeke at 10:01 am.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department; Josh Sage, Boone County Conservation District; Jordan Keck, City of Belvidere Public Works Department; Patricia Diduch, City of Byron; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford, Community Development; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Department; Mike Holan, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Chris Baer, Four Rivers Sanitation District; Faith Duncan, IDOT District 2; Dan Egelkes, RMTD; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Izzy Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park, Community Development; Troy Taylor, Village of Roscoe; Karl Palmquist, Winnebago County, Community Development; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; Doug Delille, IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programing; Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway;

Members Absent: Boone County Planning Department; Chicago/Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; City of Loves Park, Community Development; City of Loves Park, Public Works Department; Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department; Village of Winnebago; Boone County Transit; IDOT Division of Public Transportation; Ogle County Highway Department; SLATS; Stateline Mass Transit District.

Other Present: Eric Tison, Jackson Sitter, Keagan Carlson, Sarah Renicker, Tim Verbeke, Anushka Chipade, John Mack, Marilla Smith, Hallela Wagner, Hannah Schwenk, Lyzzette Gomez, Sam Soria, Nammratha Palli, Maxwell Garwick all of Region 1 Planning.

3) Public Comment

No public comments were brought forward at this time.

4) Discussion Items:

- a) **Traffic Signal Coordination Study:** Eric Tison presented on the TSM study. Iteris completed the final report of the project, which was consistent with previous studies on Riverside Blvd and Alpine Rd. The plan is helpful in developing signal timing, provides cabinet and signal controllers recommendations for updating equipment. The plan also identified fiber gaps at certain intersections. The plan gives ranges for improvements, cost estimates which, which for all improvements comes to roughly \$2 million. All jurisdiction should receive a copy of the report, and it will also be available on the Region 1 website.
- b) **E-TIP Demonstration:** John Mack gave a demonstration of the online platform that has launched to manage the TIP. The web-based platform will be soft launched this year and then next TIP cycle will be completely done

through the E-TIP. Mr. Mack indicated that each individual interacting with the TIP will need their own individual log-in credentials, as opposed to organizational accounts. Mr. Mack then demonstrated how to add projects, edit projects and highlighted useful features. MPO staff will be available for technical assistance once launched and operational.

5) Action Items:

a) **Approval of the June 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Verbeke called for the approval of the 6/18/2026 meeting minutes. Ms. Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park, Community Development motioned, seconded by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford, Community Development. With no further discussion, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6) Staff Reports- (Made by Tim Verbeke)

- Reminder for agencies to turn in their signed STBG-TAP-CRP agreements, if they haven't already done so.
- ITEP applications will be open August 1 and be open until October. Technical Assistance from R1 will be available.
- The Housing Coordination Plan is being reworked, based on feedback. The updated plan will be presented at the October MPO Technical Committee Meeting
- LCI Round 3-Applications open July 4 and will be open through Labor Day. More neighborhoods applying this round, reach out to any qualifying neighborhoods to let them know this is available. Keith Creek (Round 1) is reaching its final stages. Midtown District (Round 2) is currently picking projects to move forward with.
- Green Streets-a full presentation will be done at the next MPO Technical Committee Meeting along with any E-TIP technical assistance.

6) Agency Reports

- a.) **Boone County Highway Department:** North Boone @ School Bridge will be open at the end of the month. Shatuck Bridge closure will begin August 10. Other surface projects underway with Shaw-River Rd completed the 2nd week of August.
- b.) **Boone County Planning Department:** n/a
- c.) **Boone County Conservation District:** n/a
- d.) **Boone County Transit:** n/a
- e.) **City of Byron:** Ground breaking for the Waste Water Treatment Plant will be scheduled for mid-August.
- f.) **Chicago/Rockford International Airport:** n/a
- g.) **City of Belvidere, Public Works:**
- h.) **Loves Park, Community Development:** n/a
- i.) **Loves Park, Public Works Department:** n/a
- j.) **City of Rockford Community Development:** Monday there will be a presentation about residential infill with 50 sites ready. The presentation will be available online.
- k.) **City of Rockford, Public Works Department:** 11st and Madison projects still underway with the same timeline as previous phases of their respective projects.
- l.) **Forest Preserves of Winnebago County-** On the 23rd of July, the 45 Forest preserve will be dedicated, the Swanson Sugar River Preserve.

- m.) **Four Rivers Sanitary District:** n/a
- n.) **IDOT, District 2:** n/a
- o.) **Rockford Mass Transit District:** n/a
- p.) **Rockford Park District:** July 18 is an open house at Alpine Park to dedicate the 1st ADA designed playground in Rockford.
- q.) **Machesney Park, Community Development:** n/a
- r.) **Machesney Park, Public Works Department:** n/a
- s.) **Village of Roscoe:** n/a
- t.) **Winnebago County Community & Economic Development:** "Solar Farms are coming."
- u.) **Winnebago County Highway Department:** Roscoe Rd Bridge now closed until the end of November. 319 EPA project going out for bid. Kent Creek North Branch. Charles St bike path resurfacing going out for bid. Chip/Seal. Riverside projects still progressing.
- v.) **FHWA, IL Division:** n/a
- w.) **IDOT:**
- x.) **Illinois Tollway:** Public meetings this month at Rock Valley College and the Belvidere History Museum. Most feedback is regarding ongoing construction projects.
- y.) **Stateline Mass Transit District:** n/a

Other Business:

Adjournment

Mr. Verbeke entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Diduch, City of Byron motioned; seconded by Mr. Krohn, Boone County Highway Department. A unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 10:50 am

Meeting minutes prepare by: Sarah Renicker

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____



**REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL
MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
MPO RESOLUTION 2026-11**

- RE:** **Amendment to the Fiscal Years 2026-2029 and 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Programs**
- 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 20, 2025 version of the Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and;
- WHEREAS** the MPO Policy Committee has adopted the June 26, 2026 version of the Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and;
- WHEREAS** the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have approved the FY 2026-2029 MPO TIP; and
- WHEREAS** the Illinois Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to two (2) existing projects and the addition of two (2) new projects;
- WHEREAS** the projects being amended in the adopted and approved version of the FY 2026-2029 TIP will not affect or impact the other projects listed in the FY 2026-2029 MPO TIP; and
- WHEREAS** the projects being amended in the approved version of the FY 2027-2030 TIP will not affect or impact the other projects listed in the FY 2027-2030 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 2026-2029 and FY 27-30 MPO Transportation Improvement Programs 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 21st Day of August 2026.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Chairman Karl Johnson
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

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Attachment A

Fiscal Year 2027

Highway Projects

Project #	Project Location	Termini	Project Type	Phase of Work	Federal Share		State Share		Other Share		Total	Amendment Action
					Source	Amount	Source	Amount	Source	Amount		
01 - Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)												
01-23-05	Downtown Complete Streets Revitalization	Chestnut/Walnut from West State St to East State St	Bike/Ped	PE	RAISE	\$1,145,000	State	\$204,200	Local	\$230,104	\$27,273,485	Change of project type and changes to funding
				DES	RAISE	\$1,155,200	State	\$205,077	Local	\$233,109		
				DES			State	\$60,113	Local	\$67,787		
				CON	RAISE	\$11,014,310	State	\$3,689,229	Local	\$4,101,254		
				CON	S.130	\$500,000						
				CE	RAISE	\$1,158,000	State	\$335,087	Local	\$376,013		
				OPS	RAISE	\$1,912,395			Local	\$886,607		
01-27-04	IDOT Section 5310 Capital Program - Rockford, IL UZA		Transit	OPS	S. 5310	\$291,061.00			*\$58,212 to be requested in TDCs		\$291,061	New Project
01-27-05	Rockford MTD-IDOT Statewide Low-No Emissions Deployment		Transit	OPS	S. 5339c	\$447,491.00	State	\$111,873.00			\$559,364	New Project
01-17-07	I-39, US 20 & Harrison Avenue	I-39, 0.8 miles North of Blackhawk Road, US 20 to I-39; Harrison Ave; Bell School Road	Capacity	CON			State	\$2,600,000			\$2,600,000	New Project phase/funding