



MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 10:00 am

Region 1 Planning Council
127 N. Wyman St., Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101

Minutes

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Ms. Turner at 10:00 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boone County Highway Department; Boone County Conservation District; City of Belvidere, Public Works Department; City of Loves Park, Community Development Department; City of Loves Park, Public Works Department; City of Rockford, Community Development Department; City of Rockford, Public Works Department; Four Rivers Sanitary District; Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2; Rockford Park District; Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department; Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department; Village of Roscoe; Winnebago County Community & Economic Development; Winnebago County Highway Department.

Rockford Mass Transit District arrived at 10:04 am.

Members Absent: Boone County Planning Department; Chicago Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Village of Winnebago; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Others Present: John Donovan, FHWA IL Division; Doug Delille, Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Urban Program Planning; Henry Guerriero, Illinois Tollway; Bernardo Blanco, Citizen; Sydney Turner, Evan Weightman, Eric Tison, Gabrielle Gamily, Brandon Rucker, Laura Phillips, Melisa Ribikawskis, and Makenzee Wilcox, Region 1 Planning Council.

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Discussion Items

a. Mobility Hubs Feasibility Study

Mrs. Wilcox presented on the Mobility Hubs Study for the Rockford Region. The presentation included background on the context for the study development, project scope, and location analysis results. The next steps were discussed by Ms. Turner which include coordinating with interested municipalities and applying for funding at the State and Federal level.

b. TIP Amendment Policy & Process

Ms. Ribikawskis presented on the TIP Amendment Policy and Process. The presentation included discussion on the policies surrounding TIP amendments and administrative modifications. The new project update process was also explained.

c. USDOT PROTECT Grant Opportunity

Mrs. Wilcox presented on the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT). The presentation included general grant program information, timeline, and a discussion on participation in the application process.

5. Action Items

a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2023

Motion Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department and seconded by Mr. Bates, IDOT District 2 to approve the April 20th, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. Adoption of the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2023-09)

Ms. Ribikawskis discussed the public comment period for TIP.

Ms. Turner requested a motion for the recommendation for the adoption of the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program Resolution 2023-09.

Motion by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department and seconded by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford - Public Works Department to recommend Resolution 2023-07. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

c. Adoption of the FY 2024 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2023-10)

Ms. Turner released for a public comment period April – May 2023 with minor technical corrections with no other comments from the public. Ms. Turner requested a motion for a recommendation for adoption of the FY 2024 Unified Work Program Resolution 2023-10.

Motion by Ms. Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park - Community Development Department and seconded by Mr. Belle, City of Rockford - Community Development to recommend Resolution 2023-07. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Staff Reports

a. GHG Emissions and Air Quality Report

Mr. Rucker updated the committee on the GHG Emissions and Air Quality Report. There has been progress on data collection for the GHG emissions calculations and air quality inventory. Mr. Rucker let the committee know that he may be reaching out to partners for additional data. The application to be a part of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) is underway.

b. Complete Streets Advisory Committee

Ms. Ribikawskis informed the committee on the development of a Complete Streets Advisory Committee. This committee will help determine which policies to be used.

c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Public Comment Period

Ms. Ribikawskis updated the committee on the upcoming release of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for a 30-day public comment period.

7. Agency Reports

a. Boone County, Highway Department

Mr. Krohn reported that resurfacing has begun on several roads throughout the county, which should be completed in the next two weeks. Popular Grove Road Bridge over Beaver Creek has gone out to bid; this is federally-funded project and bids are scheduled to be open. There is a letting next week for a few TARP funded projects.

b. Boone County Conservation District

No report.

c. City of Belvidere, Public Works Department

No report.

d. Loves Park, Community Development

No report.

e. Loves Park, Public Works

Mr. Messinger reported that the Maple Avenue project is underway with the underground work is complete and the restoration work set to begin. The reconstruction projects on Orth Road and Olsen Road are underway and estimated to be completed in 60 days.

- f. City of Rockford, Community Development Department**
No report.
 - g. City of Rockford, Public Works Department**
Mr. Carter reported that the Charles Street project is on schedule. There will be road diet project will begin on Broadway after the Charles Street project is complete.
 - h. Four Rivers Sanitary District**
No report.
 - i. Illinois of Transportation, District 2**
Mr. Bates reported that I-39 reconstruction's first contract has been awarded. This Fall, Linden Road will be closed to traffic associated with the reconstruction project.
 - j. Rockford Mass Transit District**
No report.
 - k. Rockford Park District**
No report.
 - l. Village of Machesney Park, Community Development**
No report.
 - m. Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department**
No report.
 - n. Village of Roscoe**
Mr. Sanders reported that the Annual Residential Streets Program was awarded for \$1.75M. This round of funding used a hybrid design standard with curb and gutter at intersections in subdivisions.
 - o. Winnebago County Community & Economic Development**
No report.
 - p. Winnebago County Highway Department**
Mr. Molina reported bids open for the Perryville path extension from Anjali Way to Willowbrook Lane for August construction. Belvidere Road, from IL 173 to Main Street, bids were open in April, but has not awarded yet. The Rockford Township project on Guilford Road is underway; Guilford Road, between Mulford Road and Alpine Road, will be closed for a project. Latham Road widening project, from Owen Center Road to IL Route 2, will begin next year.
 - q. FHWA IL Division**
No report.
 - r. IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning and Programming**
No report.
 - s. Illinois Tollway**
Mr. Guerriero reported that Rocco Zucherro has retired from the Tollway; any correspondence should go through the Chief Engineer or Executive Director.
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Adjournment**
Motion by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Works and seconded by Mr. Krohn, Boone County Highway Department to adjourn at 10:42 am.
- Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Makenzee Wilcox and Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: 8/17/2023.