



MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sydney Turner at 10:00am

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department; Josh Sage, Boone County Conservation District; Jeff Polsean, Chicago/International Airport; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works Department; Chris Baer, Four Rivers Sanitary District; Rob Bates, IDOT District 2; Paula Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Izzy Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park, Community Development; Josef Kurlinkus, Village of Roscoe; Karl Palmquist, Winnebago County, Community & Economic Development; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department.

Members Absent: Boone County, Planning Department; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; City of Belvidere Public Works; City of Loves Park, Community Development; City of Loves Park Public Works; City of Rockford, Community Developments; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Village of Machesney Park, Public Works; Village of Winnebago

Other Present: Jon Paul Diipla, FHWA, Illinois Division; Doug DeLille, IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming; Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway; Brandon Rucker, Eric Tison, Estelle Adiaba, Lauren Kleve, Nathan Larsen, Sarah Renicker, Sydney Turner, Tim Verbeke, Clara Romeo, Hailey Blanchard of Region 1 Planning Council.

3) Public Comment

No public comments were brought forward at this time.

4) Discussion Items:

a) Parking Reimagined Update Lauren Kleve presented an update on the status of the Parking Reimagined Project. Ms. Kleve gave an overview of the proposed goals and strategies organized by category: Environment, Mobility, Parking Policy, Parking Retrofits and Placemaking. Ms. Kleve encouraged the committee to review the goals and gave an opportunity for feedback. Mr. Carter from the City of Rockford offered a suggestion under Goal 5: Placemaking to include internet/app-based information sharing about regional parking status and opportunities. Ms. Kleve acknowledged the suggestion and concluded by explaining that the second round of public engagement was wrapping up and that the project draft would soon be available for public comment.

b) Call for Projects-MPO-Attributable Funding (STBG/TAP/CRP) Ms. Turner announced that the Call for Projects for MPO Attributable Funding is now open and a press release was distributed on 10/15. The application period will

be open from 10/15/2024 to 11/29/2024 (meeting 45-day minimum requirement). Ms. Turner also explained that there is also an additional \$3.2 million surplus of the TAP funds available which will need to be used in the next two years for shovel-ready, or close to shovel-ready projects. The surplus is due to a doubling of the amount of dollars allocated, with only one qualifying project application submitted. Ms. Turner also reviewed the timeline document, emphasizing that R1 will host an Application Workshop for anyone interested in assistance with the application.

5) Action Items:

a.) Approval of the September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Turner entertained a motion to approve the September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve made by Mr. Krohn, Boone County; seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department. Spelling and time corrections were acknowledged for correction. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Nathan Larsen of R1 explained that this resolution would be for the approval of a project to resurface a portion of US 20 between Pecatonica Rd and Falconer Rd, and for intersection improvements for safety at Winnebago Rd. and Telegraph Rd. Ms. Turner entertained a recommend the approval of Resolution 2024-16. Motion was made by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; seconded by Ms. Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District. With no discussion, motion passed by unanimous vote.

6) Staff Reports

Calendar Schedule for 2025 meetings will be sent out soon

7) Agency Reports

- a.) **Boone County Highway Department:** Replacing culverts along Garden Prairie Rd. project underway
- b.) **Boone County Conservation District:** No Report
- c.) **Chicago/Rockford International Airport:** No Report
- d.) **City of Belvidere, Public Works:** n/a
- e.) **Loves Park, Community Development:** n/a
- f.) **Loves Park, Public Works Department:** n/a
- g.) **City of Rockford Community Development:** n/a
- h.) **City of Rockford, Public Works Department:** Complete Streets on track, Parkview sidewalk project has been completed; W. State St. project anticipate starting in the spring; E. State St. project in phase 1: Engineering; 9ths St. two-way conversion is on schedule to begin construction June 2026.
- i.) **IDOT, District 2:** US-20/I-39, first bridge should be done soon. Harrison is going to be another year (Legal Delay).
- j.) **Rockford Mass Transit District:** No Report
- k.) **Machesney Park, Public Works Department:** No Report
- l.) **Village of Roscoe:** n/a
- m.) **Winnebago County Community & Economic Development:** No Report
- n.) **Winnebago County Highway Department:** Finalized bid for materials for Riverside Projects (Drainage, Traffic Signals, street lights) Total bid over allocated funds, so project will start with drainage and traffic signals, and add street lights later. Linden Rd resurfacing and widening is underway.
- o.) **Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation:** n/a
- p.) **FHWA, IL Division:** No Report

q.) **IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming:** Safety targets will be released and adopted by end of February, Revised bridge performance targets with goal of 180-day adoption. ITEP applications received =240. Announcements will come out in Spring '25.

r.) **IL Tollway:** No Report

8) Other Business

No other business was discussed.

9) Adjournment

Ms. Turner entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Krohn, Boone County Highway Department motioned; seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department. A unanimous vote to adjourn at 10:33am

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker & Sydney Turner

Minutes approved by action of the Board: