



## MPO Policy Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 2, 2025 –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 Chairman Chiarelli at 8:36 am.

#### 2. Roll Call

**Members Present:** Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Mayor Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County; Chairman Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County; Faith Duncan, IDOT District 2; President Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park; Mayor Clint Morris, City of Belvidere; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District.

**Members Absent:** n/a

**Other Present:** Dough Delille, IDOT OOP; Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Lauren Kleve, Clara Romeo, Brandon Rucker, Nathan Larsen, Chloe Barnes, Jackson Sitter, and Sarah Renicker, Region 1 Planning Council.

#### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

#### 4. Discussion

No discussion items were scheduled for this meeting.

#### 5. Action Items

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2025

Chairman Chiarelli entertained for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the March 28, 2025 for MPO Policy Committee. Motion by Mayor Jury, seconded by Mayor Morris. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

b. Adoption of the 2024 IDOT Functional Classification (Resolution 2025-06)

Mr. Verbeke explained all changes in IDOT Functional Classification were in Winnebago County Chairman Chiarelli entertained for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford; seconded by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

c. Approval of the FY 2025 MPO-Attributable Funds (Resolution 2025-07)

Mr. Verbeke explained this resolution describes three recommended projects, all in Winnebago County, STBG: Roadway Configuration, TAP: Riverside Project, CR: Riverside Traffic Signal Improvements.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Greg Jury, City of Loves Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

d. Adoption of Parking Reimagined for the Rockford Region Plan (Resolution 2025-08)

Ms. Kleve described the completion of the Parking Reimagined as a strategy to improve parking in the Rockford region over the next 10 years. The study's goal is to understand the supply and demand of parking, which showed that there are about 3 parking spots per registered vehicle in the region.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08. Motion by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, and seconded by Chairman Johnson, Boone County. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

e. Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2025-09)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-09. Mayor McNamara motioned, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

f. Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2025-10)

Mr. Verbeke explained that this amendment concerns a change in the funding split of previously approved projects in Winnebago County, where projects will now be fully funded by the State. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10. Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, motioned, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

g. Adoption of the FY 2026 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2025-11)

Mr. Verbeke presented the FY 2026 Unified Work Program indicating that the document would be reducing the number of Work Elements from 10 to 5, to more align with other similar MPOs throughout Illinois. Slight increase in budget with 83% funding for labor/fringe. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11. Chairman Johnson, Boone County, motioned, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

## 6. Other business

Mr. Verbeke also announced the following up-coming open houses:

- 05/08/2025-Region 1 Offices: MTP Open House/TIP/HSTP
- 05/13/2025-Byron: MTP Open House/TIP/HSTP
- 05/19/2025-Boone County Admin building: MTP Open House/TIP/HSTP

Mr. Dunn complimented staff to build “critical mass” for these open houses, to promote turnout and public participation. The goal for attendance is 20 participants.

Nathan Larsen presented the data bike, which will be used to assess the State of the Trails throughout the service area. The bike will be equipped with technology that will assess pavement conditions, record for google street view, update available amenities and mile markers. Kick-off is May 7, starting with the Rock River Recreation Trail. Data will be collected throughout the summer.

## 7. Adjournment

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, second by Mr. Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker

Minutes approved by action of the Committee at June 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 MPO Policy Committee Meeting 7-0