



MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2025

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

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Tim Verbeke at 10:00am

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Wayne Vik, Boone County Highway Department; Ellen Weber, Boone County, Planning Department; Josh Sage, Boone County Conservation District; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere, Public Works Department; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works Department; Chris Baer, Four Rivers Sanitary District; Katie Smith, IDOT District 2; Dan Egelkes, Rockford Mass Transit District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Izzy Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park, Community Development; Mitch Hilden, Village of Machesney Park, Public Works; Troy Taylor, Village of Roscoe; Karl Palmquist, Winnebago County, Community & Economic Development; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Members Absent: Chicago/Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; City of Loves Park, Community Development; City of Loves Park, Public Works Department; City of Rockford, Community Development; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Village of Winnebago.

Other Present: Doug DeLille, IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming; Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway; Brandon Rucker, Clara Romeo, Eric Tison, Lauren Kleve, Nathan Larsen, Sarah Renicker, Tim Verbeke, Estelle Adiaba, Vanessa Mauries, Jackson Sitter and Chloe Barnes of Region 1 Planning Council.

3) Public Comment

No public comments were brought forward at this time.

4) Discussion Items:

No Discussion Items included this month.

5) Action Items:

a.) Approval of the March 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Verbeke called for the approval of the 3/20/2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department, motioned, seconded by Mr. Anderson, Boone County Public Works. A name correction was requested for the Village of Roscoe, noted by recorder. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Verbeke called for approval of 2024 IDOT Functional Classification. Ms. Mondujano, Village of Machesney Park, community Development motioned, seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department. Mr. Rucker, R1, explained that the only changes of note were within Winnebago County and determination was made based on a cross reference of data from IDOT and R1. Mr. Molina asked for clarification as to IDOT's approval. Mr. Rucker indicated IDOT's approval. Mr. Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works, asked how easy it would be to amend due to scheduled changes to Church & Main St? Mr. Verbeke indicated the City of Rockford could work with R1 on that amendment and that it was pretty to easy to change. With the recommendation to amend Church & Main, Mr. Verbeke called for a vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Verbeke called for a motion to approve Parking Reimagined. Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Dept, motioned, seconded by Troy Taylor, Village of Roscoe. Ms. Kleve, R1, presented the Parking Reimagined Plan to the committee, highlighting parking inventory, demand analysis, and goals (ranked by public in order of priority). Mr. Carter asked about the public engagement portion of the project, Ms. Kleve explained the use of comprehensive surveys, public events and public comment feedback. Mr. Carter also indicated that the counts for parking within the City of Rockford may be off. Ms. Kleve indicated that she would follow-up and make the necessary corrections. Mr. Verbeke called for a vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Verbeke called for a motion of to approve Resolution 2025-07. Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department motioned, seconded by Mr. Taylor, Village of Roscoe. Mr. Verbeke explained that TAP funding is being applied to the Riverside shared-use path project, and that CAR funding is for partial funding of the Riverside Traffic Signal project. Mr. Molina motioned that the additional funding for the project be included using the remainder of the TAP funds available (included in TIP Amendment). Mr. Verbeke called for a vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

e.) Amendment to the FY 2025-2-28 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2025-09). Mr. Verbeke called for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-09. Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere, Public Works Dept motioned, seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Dept. Mr. Larsen, R1, reviewed the proposed changes to the TIP. With no questions, Mr. Verbeke called for a vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6) Staff Reports-

Mr. Verbeke noted the need to change the June MPO Technical Committee meeting date to Wednesday, June 18, 2025 due to the Juneteenth holiday.

7) Agency Reports

- a.) **Boone County Highway Department:** No Report
- 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:** No Report
- g.) **City of Rockford Community Development:** No Report

- h.) **City of Rockford, Public Works Department:** Whitman St. project is underway, schedule through end of 2025. In general construction season is underway. Auburn project will remain in phase 2 engineering, due to being used as a detour for Whitman St. and Springfield Rd. projects.
- i.) **Four Rivers Sanitary District** Sidewalk repairs on the way from winter repairs. I-39/Perryville widening project will require mainline relocation. Harrison/Sandy Hollow project scheduled to begin late summer.
- j.) **IDOT, District 2:** No Report
- k.) **Rockford Mass Transit District:** Expansion project in full-swing. Court St should be re-open by Friday (4/18/2025).
- l.) **Rockford Park District:** No Report
- m.) **Machesney Park, Community Development:** No Report
- n.) **Machesney Park, Public Works Department:** No Report
- o.) **Village of Roscoe:** Design of residential roadways project will be out for bid by the end of the month.
- p.) **Winnebago County Community & Economic Development:** No Report
- q.) **Winnebago County Highway Department:** Riverside project phase 2 has been submitted to the State, with construction to start next year. Owen Center Rd. project phase 1 has been approved. Roscoe Rd project is in phase 1. Township project at Linden Rd. scheduled to start next month.
- r.) **Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation:** n/a
- s.) **FHWA, IL Division:** No Report
- t.) **IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming:** There will be a transition to using Eco Interactive, and electronic TIP database, making it easier to make changes and shorten timeframe for changes. Training will be made available in July.
- u.) **IL Tollway:** No Report

8) Other Business

No other business was discussed.

9) Adjournment

Mr. Verbeke entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works motioned; seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Dept. A unanimous vote to adjourn at 10:37 am

Meeting minutes prepare by: Sarah Renicker

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____