



## MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, May 31, 2014- 8:30 am  
Region 1 Planning Council  
127 N. Wyman St., Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order

With quorum present, the meeting was called at order by Chairman Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County, at 8:30 am.

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Members Present:

Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County

Clint Morris, City of Belvidere

Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford

Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park

Robert Bates, IDOT-District 2

Steve Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District

##### Members Absent:

Rodney Riley, Boone County

Greg Jury, City of Loves Park

**Others Present:** Doug DeLille, IDOT Office of Planning and Programming; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Sydney Turner, Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Brandon Rucker, Eric Tison, Nathan Larsen, Sarah Renicker, Lauren Kleve-R1 Planning.

#### 3. Public Comment

There were none that wished to address the committee at this time.

#### 4. Discussion Items

##### a. Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan-Vision, Mission, & Objectives

Ms. Turner presented on the initial Mission, vision and objectives of the Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan, highlighting the goals of reducing the incidents of traffic fatalities and injuries annually by 2%, pursuing funding for safety solutions, prioritizing safety improvements for roadways, increase awareness of roadway safety through education and enforcement, communicate safety as a shared language. Areas of emphasis shared were: Safe behavior, Safe road users and vehicles, Safer Roads-with a focus on intersections and work zones. Information provided indicated that distracted driving and speeding were some of the highest concerns. Ms. Turner also reported that the Steering committee for Safe Streets for All had recently had its kick off meeting.

Discussion was held on law enforcement representation on the steering committees, the US Business 20/State Street safety improvements, and the number of roadway fatalities within specific jurisdictions.

#### 5. Action Items

##### a. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2024

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 22, 2024 meeting.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, and seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**b. Amendment to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-07)**

Ms. Turner informed that Policy Committee that the MPO has received the requests to amend the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program: Illinois Department of Transportation requested the addition an updated cost breakout, Winnebago County Highway Department requested the addition of a new project and an updated cost breakout, Boone County Transit requested the addition of a new project, and Rockford Mass Transit District requested the addition of five new projects and an updated cost breakout.

- 1-21-11: IL 173, from 0.4 mile east of Lyford Road to 0.1 mile west of Winnebago County Line (Updated Cost Breakout)
- 2-24-1: Riverside Boulevard, from Material Avenue to Renn Hart Hills Road/Sage Road (Updated Cost Breakout)
- 2-24-5: Riverside Boulevard, from Material Avenue to Renn Hart Hills Road/Sage Road (New Project Phase)
- 7-23-4: Low/No Application, Replacement Buses - 7 Hybrids Buses (Updated Cost Breakout)
- 7-24-1: Low/No Application, Replacement Buses - 4 Hybrids Buses (New Project)
- 7-24-2: 520 Mulberry Renovation - Construction, Renovation of older building to make space more efficient (New Project)
- 7-24-3: 520 Mulberry Renovation - Furniture and Equipment, Renovation of older building to make space more efficient (New Project)
- 7-24-4: 520 Mulberry Renovation - A&E, Renovation of older building to make space more efficient (New Project)
- 7-24-7: Demand Response Vehicle, Replacement Vehicles - 4 Medium Duty Demand Response Vehicles (New Project)
- 26-24-1: Demand Response Vehicle, Replacement Vehicles - 3 Medium Duty Demand Response Vehicles (New Project)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained motioned to approve Resolution 2024-07.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, and seconded by Mr. Morris, City of Belvidere. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**c. Adoption of the Complete Streets Standard (Resolution 2024-08)**

Ms. Turner provided a description of the Complete Streets Standards Guide and the associated Policy, that was adopted in January. The purposed of the Standard Guide is to identify and describe the design and structure of complete streets in the region. No comment was received during the document's public comment period.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08.

Motion by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, and seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**6. Director's Report**

Ms. Turner reported that through the Regional Traffic Signal Operations Program, Iteris has been contracted to conduct a traffic signal coordination study along the Alpine Road corridor from IL-173 to Sandy Hollow Road. The study will include over 30 intersections, including signals up to one-third of a mile of Alpine Road. Counters will, hopefully, be placed this summer and remain into the fall. A cabinet inventory will also be conducted along the roadway. The study will be coordinated with current and future construction projects.

Ms. Turner also reported that the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study would continue in the coming months. To date, the consultants have been gathering information on ridership and other key data points. Initial research has shown that peer cities with lower population densities have benefited from bus rapid transit services. Next, the study will look at specific fixed-routes, most likely the 6-7 busiest routes of the current 20 routes. There will be a site visit by the consultants next week.

**7. Other Business**

No other business was discussed by the committee.

**8. Adjournment**

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, and seconded by Mayor Morris of the City of Belvidere.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:57am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker and Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Board:\_\_\_\_\_.