



MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, August 22, 2025 – 8:00 am

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion
 - a. MTP Project Update
5. Action Items
 - a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2025
 - b. Amendment to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2025-17)
6. Directors' Reports
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Opportunities for public comment will be afforded on all agenda items.

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MTP PROJECT UPDATE

8/22/2025



PLANS

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
- Climate Action Plan (CAP)
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
- Winnebago County Rural Public Transportation
- Rock Valley College Truck Driver Training
- Regional Growth Framework
- Traffic Safety Action Plan
- Greenways Plan
- RMTD Climate Action Plan
- Regional Electric Vehicle Deployment Project
- Resiliency Improvement Plan
- Human Services Transportation Plan
- Public Participation Plan
- Transportation System Management & Operation Plan
- Regional Safety Action Plan
- Green Streets Plan

STUDY

- Mobility Hub Feasibility Study
- RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis
- Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study
- Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis
- Keith Creek Corridor Study
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory & Air Quality Assessment
- 2018 Comprehensive Mobility Analysis
- Regional Transportation Equity Audit
- Freight Study
- Bus Stop Accessibility & Safety Assessment
- Connected & Autonomous Vehicle Infrastructure Improvement Study
- State of the Trail
- Road Safety Audit
- Food Access & Transportation Study

PROJECTS

- Appleton Road Grade Separation
- Activate Church + Main
- 6th & 9th Street Conversion
- Whitman Street Interchange Reconfiguration
- Riverside Boulevard Shared Use Path
- Parkview Sidewalk
- Raising Roscoe Road
- I-39/US 20 Reconstruction (DDI)
- Rochelle Intermodal Transload Center
- Emerson Estates Development
- Riverside Commons
- Rail-Served Industrial Park



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 20, 2025 –8:31 am

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

a. **Call to Order**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson at 8:36 am.

b. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Mayor Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone 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: Chairman Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County

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

c. **Public Comment**

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

d. **Discussion**

a. National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Reauthorization Letter to Congress

Mr. Dunn explained the letter that NARC sent to congress on behalf of the Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) regarding the upcoming MPO Reauthorization in 2026.

e. **Action Items**

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2025

Chairman Johnson entertained for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the May 2, 2025 for MPO Policy Committee. Motion by Mayor Jury, seconded by Mayor Johnson. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

b. Adoption of the Amendment to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (Resolution 2025-12)

Mr. Verbeke explained the goal of the amendment to the UWP is to incorporate the remaining funds from the FY25 UWP into the FY26 UWP. Boone County Chairman Johnson entertained for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15. Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park; seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

c. Approval of the Adoption of the 2050+ Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region (Resolution 2025-13)

Mr. Verbeke explained that the MTP is a five-year long range transportation plan that guides the region's transportation for the next 25 years. Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-13. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

d. Adoption of the 2025 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region (Resolution 2025-14)

Mr. Verbeke explained that the Human Services Transportation Plan is a federally required document that is typically updated every 5 years. Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

e. Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Adoption of the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2025-15)

Mr. Verbeke explained that the Transportation Improvement Plan is a federally required document that documents infrastructure and non-infrastructure transportation projects programmed within the Rockford metropolitan planning area (MPA) for the next four years. Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15. Motion made by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

f. Adoption of the Title VI Considerations for the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Organization (Resolution 2025-16) (Resolution 2025-16)

Mr. Verbeke explained that the Title VI Plan reflects the MPO's commitment to implanting planning processes that are designed to protect against discrimination and ensure fairness. Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16. Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, motioned, seconded by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

f. **Director Reports**

Mr. Verbeke gave an update on the following programs and projects:

- State of the Trails – 30% complete with data collection and trail counter information
- SS4A Traffic Safety Action Plans – Rockford to be approved. Boone County has been approved. Winnebago County has been approved. Regional will be approved in future months
- LCI – stakeholder meeting will be held after the COG meeting. Application is open for Round 2 and will close on August 4
- Consultant lead project updates
 - Main Street Housing Corridor Study. Consultant has been selected ESI and work will begin next week
 - Regional Water Quality Study – well underway by Olson Environmental.
 - SW Park Traffic Study – RFQ closes today and the work will be concluded by the end of the year
- SW Railyards Feasibility Study – Agreement signed with AECOM to conduct the study at the railyards downtown Rockford.

g. **Adjournment**

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, second by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Tim Verbeke

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____



REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

MPO RESOLUTION 2025-17

- RE:** Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program
- WHEREAS** the Federal Highway Act of 1962, as amended, and the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, provide for an urban transportation planning process; and
- WHEREAS** the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) currently authorizes funding to improve our nation's transportation system for highways, highway safety, public transit, alternative non-motorized forms of transportation, and freight; and
- WHEREAS** the IIJA Act and its predecessors, require a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as well as a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and
- WHEREAS** the Region 1 Planning Council is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Urban and Metropolitan Area, and the MPO Policy Committee has the specific responsibility to direct and administer the continuing urban transportation planning process; and
- WHEREAS** the MPO Policy Committee has adopted the June 20, 2025 version of the Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and;
- WHEREAS** the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have approved the FY 2026-2029 MPO TIP; and
- WHEREAS** the Illinois Department of Transportation District #2 has requested the addition of one (1) new project phase, the Illinois Department of Transportation Office of Programming and Policy has requested the addition of one (1) new project, the Boone County Highway Department has requested the addition of one (1) new project, and the City of Rockford has requested a change in fiscal year for one (1) project funded by MPO attributable funds; and
- WHEREAS** the projects being amended in the adopted and approved version of the FY 2026-2029 TIP will not affect or impact the other projects listed in the FY 2026-2029 MPO TIP; and
- WHEREAS** the MPO Technical Committee has recommended the adoption of the TIP amendment by the MPO Policy Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MPO Policy Committee hereby amends the FY 2026-2029 MPO Transportation Improvement Program to include the projects listed in "Attachment A".

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on this 22nd day of August 2025.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Chairman Karl Johnson
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____

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Attachment A

Fiscal Year 2026

Highway Projects

Project #	Project Location	Termini	Project Type	Phase of Work	Federal Share (000s)		State Share (000s)		Other Share (000s)		Total	Amendment Action
					Source	Amount	Source	Amount	Source	Amount		
01 - Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)												New Project Phase
1-17-7*	I-39, US 20 & Harrison Avenue	Harrison Ave over Kishwaukee River	Capacity	CON	NHPP	\$2,400	State	\$600	-	-	\$3,000	
31 - IDOT Office of Planning and Programming (IDOT OP&P)												New Project
31-26-01*	I-90 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	4150 N Bell School Road, Loves Park (Home2 Suites)	Capacity	CON	Other	\$580	-	-	Other	\$471	\$1,051	
13 - Boone County												New Project
13-26-01	Poole Road	2600 ft west of CN railroad to 2600 ft east of CN railroad	Safety	DES	-	-	GCPF	\$162	-	-	\$162	
13-26-01	Poole Road	2600 ft west of CN railroad to 2600 ft east of CN railroad	Safety	CON	-	-	GCPF	\$624	-	-	\$624	New Project
03 - City of Rockford												Change in Fiscal Year (MPO Attributable Funds)
3-18-9*	West State Street/Pierpont Avenue	Concord Commons to Pierpont Avenue to School Street	Bicycle & Pedestrian	CON	TAP	\$265	-	-	Local	\$59	\$324	