



## MPO Technical Committee Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2024

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

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sydney Turner at 10:05am.

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Members Present:

Justin Krohn, Boone County, Highway Department

Ellen Weber, Boone County, Planning Department

Josh Sage, Boone County Conservation District

Jeff Polsean, Chicago/Rockford International Airport

Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works Department

Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford, Community Development Department

Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works Department

Chris Baer, Four Rivers Sanitary District

Rob Bates, IDOT, District 2

Ron Priddy, Rockford Mass Transit District

Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District

Izzy Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department (arrived at 10:10am)

Troy Taylor, Village of Roscoe (arrived at 10:10am)

Karl Palmquist, Winnebago County, Community & Economic Development Department (arrived at 10:33am)

Carlos Molina, Winnebago County, Highway Department

Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water conservation District

##### Members Absent:

City of Belvidere, Planning Department

City of Loves Park, Community Development

City of Loves Park, Public Works Department

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County

Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department

Village of Winnebago

##### Other Present:

John Paul Diipla, FHWA, IL Division

Doug Delille, IDOT, Urban Planning and Programming

Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway

Brandon Rucker, Clara Romeo, Eric Tison, Estelle Adiaba, Juliana Charlebois-Berg, Lauren Kleve, Nathan Larsen, Sarah

Renicker, Sydney Turner, and Tim Verbeke, Region 1 Planning Council

### 3. Public Comments

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

### 4. Discussion Items:

#### a.) Housing Coordination Plan

Ms. Turner introduced the Housing Coordination plan as a regional initiative to develop a housing playbook for the purpose of aiding growth in the Northern Illinois Region, which is a requirement of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This 5-phase study was developed using research from various Housing Coordination Plans from throughout the country. This study will focus on workforce housing to address the supply/demand of available housing in the region. Key deliverables will include an Executive Summary, the final Housing Coordination Plan, and three types of Housing Tool Kits: 1. Programming and Policies; 2. Funding-how government entities can work with the private sector; 3. Middle Housing Design Tool Kit. Discussion was held on the housing inventory.

#### b.) Metropolitan Transportation Plan

As an update, Ms. Turner reported that nine agencies submitted projects for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, resulting in 81 projects. Ms. Turner highlighted that 23 of the projects submitted were bridge projects. Another significant change from the 2020 plan was the increase in Bicycle/Pedestrian, Bridge, and Safety projects. This is a marked change from the capacity widening projects from the 2020 plan. Next steps will be for R1 to apply the inflation rate to the cost of projects and compare anticipated revenue to anticipated expenditure, which will be reported on at the next MPO Technical Meeting. Discussion was held on the various cost share figures.

### 5. Action Items:

#### a.) Approval of the July 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Turner invited a motion to approve the July 18, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion to approve the July 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes by the Ms. Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park-Community Development Department, and seconded by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department. Motion approved with unanimous vote.

#### b.) Approval of the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-13)

Ms. Turner provided a brief update as to the state of the FY 2025-2028, explaining that after the initial public comment period, the State of Illinois Department of Transportation released its' multi-year program, necessitating a review and adjustment to the 2025-2028 TIP, a second public comment period took place from July 29, 2024-August 19, 2024, prompting a revision to remove duplicate projects and administrative corrections.

Ms. Turner entertained a motion to recommend the adoption of the **FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program**. Motion by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department, seconded by the Ms. Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park-Community Development. Motion approved with unanimous vote.

### 6. Staff Reports

Ms. Turner reported that Region 1 had been awarded a State Planning and Research (SPR) grant to assess the state of the region's trails and multi-use pathways within the MPO's planning area. This project would include analysis of the condition and access to these pathways, using a "data bike" software and information collected. Ms. Turner recognized the work that Nathan Larsen did to obtain the funding for this project. A member of the committee then asked if there was a local match requirement. Ms. Turner reported that this project would be 100% funded through this state grant.

### 7. Agency Reports

#### a.) Boone County Highway Department

Mr. Krohn reported that resurfacing work has been completed and they now are just wrapping up in house administrative work. Striping will be done next, to wrap up the rest of the project. Boone County will also be coordinating with IDOT on the Townhall Road project.

**b.) Boone County Planning Department**

No report.

**c.) Boon County Conservation District**

Mr. Sage reported that the District completed an assessment that showed the need for the replacement or repair of 12 bridges along the Long Prairie Path, going through Caledonia, Poplar Grove and Capron. They will be submitting an ITEP application for the replacement of 5 of those bridges.

**d.) Chicago/Rockford International Airport**

No report.

**e.) Belvidere, Public Works Department**

No report.

**f.) Rockford Community Development**

No report.

**g.) Rockford, Public Works Department**

Mr. Carter reported that the Jefferson Street project is progressing and should be completed by the end of September/early October. East State Street project (in front of the casino) is substantially complete. Since the Auburn/Main roundabout has been reduced to one lane, there have only been 4 accidents but there has been an increase in delay. They will be removing the barricades September 3, but the striping will remain, indicating a one lane roundabout.

**h.) Four Rivers Sanitary District**

No report.

**i.) IDOT, District 2**

No report.

**j.) Rockford Mass Transit District**

No report.

**k.) Rockford Park District**

Mr. Bragg reported that the Rockford Park District will be hosting a Haight Park Playground dedication, which will take place from 11am-1pm today. There is also an online survey open for a recreational needs assessment of RPD.

**l.) Machesney Park, Community Development**

No report.

**m.) Roscoe**

Mr. Taylor report that the Village's residential resurfacing project is substantially complete

**n.) Winnebago County Community Development**

No report.

**o.) Winnebago County Highway Department**

Mr. Molina reported that Bell School Road is now open, just in time for the start of the school year, traffic signals will be installed in the next few weeks. The plans for the Riverside Boulevard STBG project have been submitted for review and will go out for bid in September; this will be funding dependent. The Linden Road project has yet start. Public meetings are being conducted about putting a roundabout in at Owen Center Road and Elmwood Road. A grant application has been submitted to Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for the Riverside Path project.

**p.) Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation**

No report.

**q.) FHWA, IL Division**

No report.

**r.) IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming**

Mr. DeLille reported that the State's Annual Safety Targets (PM1) have been sent out. MPOs have 180 days to adopt the state targets or their own. The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) applications opened on August 1, 2024 and are due by September 30, 2024. He also noted that the Fall Planning Conference will be October 2-4 in Fairview Heights, just outside of St. Louis.

**s.) IL Tollway**

No report.

**8. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**9. Adjournment**

Ms. Turner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mr. Krohn, Boone County Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford-Public Works Department. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 10:38am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker and Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Board: September 19, 2024