



MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2026 10:00 am

Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N. Wyman St. Suite 100, Rockford, Illinois 61101

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Tim Verbeke at 10:01 am.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department; Jordon Keck, City of Belvidere Public Works Department; Patricia Diduch, City of Byron; Nathan Bruck, city of Loves park, Community Development; Shannon Messinger, City of Loves Park, Public Works Department; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford, Community Development; Tim Hinkens, City of Rockford Public Works Department; Faith Duncan, IDOT District 2; Paula Hughes, RMTD; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Izzy Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park, Community Development; Mitch Hilden, Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department; Troy Taylor, Village of Roscoe; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; Jon Paul Diipla, FHWA, IL Division (zoom); Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway; Doug Delille, IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programing; Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway;

Members Absent: Josh Sage, Boone County Conservation District; Boone County Planning Department; Chicago/Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Four Rivers Sanitation District; Village of Winnebago; Winnebago County Community Development; Boone County Transit; IDOT Division of Public Transportation; Ogle County Highway Department; SLATS; Stateline Mass Transit District.

Other Present: Eric Tison, Estelle Adiaba, Tim Verbeke, Jackson Sitter, Marilla Smith, Chloe Barnes, Keegan Carlson, Lizette Gomez, Hallela Wagner, Nammratha Palli, Anushka Chipade, John Mack, Maxwell Garwick, and Sarah Renicker of Region 1 Planning Council.

3) Public Comment

No public comments were brought forward at this time.

4) Discussion Items: No Discussion Items included

5) Action Items:

a) Approval of the May 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Verbeke called for the approval of the 5/21/2026 meeting minutes. Mr. Krohn, Boone County Highway Department motioned, seconded by Ms. Diduch, City of Byron. With no further discussion, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

b) Adoption of the FY20272-2030 Transportation Improvement program (Resolution 2026-07)- John Mack presented a review of the 2026-2030 TIP, which keeps track of funded transportation projects, lists previously approved projects of which there are 240 total, 114 approved over the next 4 years, 110 have been completed, 13 new projects approved, 30

illustrative, with 16 sponsoring agencies. He then explained that half of the funding comes from federal funding, with the majority for highway projects. State/Local agencies comprise 15-20% of funding, with local averaging 17%. Most Projects are maintenance/rehab projects. The City of Rockford is the largest sponsor, along with IDOT, Winnebago County and RMTD. Project Measure 1: Safety focus with 2 system preservation projects, 3 system roadway management, and TAM PTSAP projects spread relatively evenly. There are less projects from previous TIPS due to availability of approved funding. The process will continue the same as in previous years. Amendments can be made through submitting a form on the R1 website, and then will transition to the E-TIP system by next May. Mr. Guerriero interjected that user accounts may already exist, to which Mr. Mack added accounts are individually based as opposed to organizational. Mr. Verbeke then added that projects are published on the website and that everyone should bring laptops to the next meeting for technical assistance with setting up accounts. Mr. Verbeke then called for a motion, Mr. Hinkens, City of Rockford Public Works motioned, seconded by Mr. Messinger, City of Loves Park Public Works. Vote passed by unanimous voice vote.

c) **Adoption of the Resilience Improvement Plan (Resolution 2026-08)**- Keagan Carlson addressed the growing risks to infrastructure due to climate change, natural disasters, and extreme temperatures. The RIP assesses conditions and identifies strategies to mitigate impact. The covers current conditions, trends, and local issues. Assessment was measured in terms of emergency response access and strategies. Mr. Carlson then explained that a working group met to establish strategies, goals and objectives for improvement opportunities. The plan covers key routes along major arteries, evacuation routes, emergency vehicle access, and high flood risk locations. There was also some cross-over with the Green Streets project concerning flooding. The plan includes a toolbox specific for each hazard tier, along with potential funding source opportunities. The plan and R1 can provide technical assistance to support grant applications, identify alternate funding, and even though the PROTECT Act is currently inactive, will work with local agencies to keep the work moving forward. Education/ outreach is vital for buy-in funding. Mr. Molina asked what projects have been identified. Mr. Carlson indicated that 65 projects are listed in the appendix. Mr. Krohn asked if there has been any updates regarding the PROTECT Act. Mr. Verbeke said IDOT indicated that it will likely be incorporated into a new bill, with recommendation for a 90/10 match for RIP projects. Mr. Krohn asked how that process would work? Mr. Verbeke said there would be a call for projects with reference to RIP projects.

Mr. Verbeke then called for a motion to adopt. Ms. Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park, motioned, seconded by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

d) **Adoption of the EV Readiness Plan (Resolution 2026-09)** – Marilla Smith described that the purpose of this work was to update the 2021 plan. Staff looked at what has changed in the last 5 years, including policies, number of vehicles, access to charging stations, and cost of installation. There has been a significant increase in registered electric vehicles from 2020 to now in Boone, Winnebago and Ogle Counties, along with number of charging stations. The plan predicts how these numbers will continue to increase, and prioritizes where charging stations should be located. Mr. Krohn asked about previous charger installation. Mr. Verbeke indicated that most were installed by independent organization. Mr. Krohn then asked about funding opportunities included in the plan, to which Mr. Verbeke said they weren't included at this time. Ms. Diduch then indicated that chargers bring in negligible revenue to the city, but bring in about \$5K to the City of Byron.

Mr. Verbeke then called for a motion to adopt. Ms. Diduch, City of Byron motioned, seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

e) Adoption of the Food and Transportation Access Study (Resolution 2026-10)- Hallela Wagner presented a draft of the study, recently released for public comment. The study looks at the intersection of transportation, housing, and nutritious food sources. It included GIS analysis, field survey, and public outreach. Recommendations were made based on those findings. Staff started by using a food desert framework, limited to supermarkets and super centers. Staff then developed their own methodology using a grocery store index, which included specialty and international food stores. The study indicates that 21% of residents live within .5 miles of a grocery store, and identified a meaningful gap in access to nutritious food sources. Transportation examines how region network connect residents to food source, identifies walkable proximity to food sources. The plan also discusses how housing conditions shape household capacity to access nutrition.

Mr. Verbeke called for a motion for adoption. Ms. Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park motioned, seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

f) **Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification**- Mr. Verbeke explained that this accompanies the TIP and is an acknowledgement of the process and compliance with regulations. Mr. Verbeke then called for a motion for approval/acknowledgement. Ms. Diduch, City of Byron motioned, seconded by Mr. Krohn, Boone County Highway Department. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

6) Staff Reports-

- End of the fiscal year, and that the next meeting will discuss UWP priorities, E-TIP registration, TSM Perryville report (which ends at the end of June.)
- Reminder that there is an IDOT meeting ITEP meeting in Dixon-resources available.

6) Agency Reports

- a.) **Boone County Highway Department:** Nothing new to report, but want to recognize the efforts of R1 in creating technical reports. Also wanted to formally request a Storm Water Planning Study.
- b.) **Boone County Planning Department:** n/a
- c.) **Boone County Conservation District:** n/a
- d.) **Boone County Transit:** n/a
- e.) **City of Byron:** n/a
- f.) **Chicago/Rockford International Airport:** n/a
- g.) **City of Belvidere, Public Works:** Introduction: Jordon Keck, Assistant Director
- h.) **Loves Park, Community Development:** n/a
- i.) **Loves Park, Public Works Department:** North 2nd project moving forward, work on North Bound lanes will begin after July 4.
- j.) **City of Rockford Community Development:** n/a
- k.) **City of Rockford, Public Works Department:** E. State St.-sidewalk in design/land acquisition looking at August letting.
W. State St.-sidewalk project-waiting on land acquisition, looking at December letting.
Highcrest project- waiting on land acquisition, looking at spring letting.
Rockford Riverwalk-Phase 1 engineering, with phase 2 happening in 2027
Reconnecting Rockford-looking at June start
Harrison project- Kishwaukee to Main reconstruction and multi-use path, looking at 2028 letting.
Rockford Complete Streets-streetscape Chestnut with bike lane, letting in September.

15th Ave. Bridge project-September letting
11th St. -Broadway to Charles 2027 letting
Madison St.-project continues from Prairie St to Y Blvd, beginning after July 4.
Auburn St.-project continues-road diet and water main work.

- l.) **Forest Preserves of Winnebago County-** n/a
- m.) **Four Rivers Sanitary District:** n/a
- n.) **IDOT, District 2:** Springfield project beginning in September, I-90/Rt. 20 project beginning in November, Shaw Rd to Belvidere project beginning in November. IL Rt 2 from Byron to Rockford going out for bid with 5 construction contracts.
- o.) **Rockford Mass Transit District:** n/a
- p.) **Rockford Park District:** n/a
- q.) **Machesney Park, Community Development:** n/a
- r.) **Machesney Park, Public Works Department:** n/a
- s.) **Village of Roscoe:** n/a
- t.) **Winnebago County Community & Economic Development:** n/a
- u.) **Winnebago County Highway Department:** Roscoe Rd Bridge Closure beginning 7/6 until November. A public meeting will be held Tuesday 6/23. Riverside project waiting on 2 properties, invoking imminent domain. Safety project Owen Center Rd submitted to IDOT looking at fall letting. Riverside-Carbon Reduction Program design ongoing.
- v.) **FHWA, IL Division:** n/a
- w.) **IDOT:**
- x.) **Illinois Tollway:** Tollway board approved capital program, long-term maintenance, toll increase expected up to 60%.
- y.) **Stateline Mass Transit District:** n/a
- z.) **City of Byron:** Finalized Waste Water Treatment project. analyzing rain event capacity-critical extend life of sewer system. Streets project out for bid.

Other Business:

Adjournment

Mr. Verbeke entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department motioned; seconded by Mr. Krohn, Boone County Highway Department. A unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 10:59 am

Meeting minutes prepare by: Sarah Renicker

Minutes approved by action of the MPO Technical Committee on 7/16/2026