



## MPO Policy Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 28, 2025 –8:30am

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

#### 1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chiarelli at 8:30 am.

#### 2. Roll Call

**Members Present:** Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Mayor Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County; Chairman Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County; Katie Smith, IDOT District 2; President Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park; Mayor Clint Morris, City of Belvidere.

**Members Absent:** Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District

**Other Present:** Dough Delille, IDOT OOP; Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Clara Romeo, Eric Tison, Brandon Rucker, Nathan Larsen and Sarah Renicker, Region 1 Planning Council.

#### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

#### 4. Discussion

No discussion items were scheduled for this meeting.

#### 5. Action Items

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2025

Chairman Chiarelli entertained for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the January 31, 2025 for MPO Policy Committee. Motion by Mayor McNamara, seconded by Boone County. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

b. Adoption of the TIP Policy and Procedures (Resolution 2025-03)

Mr. Verbeke explained that this is to formalize the TIP Policy which better defines the activity types included and moves to a quarterly amendment adoption as opposed to monthly.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford; seconded by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

c. Alternative Transportation Selection Committee (Resolution 2025-05)

Mr. Verbeke explained this committee's purpose is to review the 5310 funding applications and memberships are being renewed next April. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Greg Jury, City of Loves Park. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

#### 6. Director's Report

- a. LCI Update-Keith Creek Project has initiated public engagement meeting for residents of the project area to inform residents about project and solicit feedback. Round two applications will be available starting in May and are scheduled to be awarded in August.
- b. Housing Corridor Study-RFP underway, this project is coordinated between NILBA, EDD and IDOT
- c. Reconnecting Communities-RFP complete
- d. Water Study-RFP underway, this project will be coordinated with county projects.
- e. State of the Trails Project-has been kicked-off and will map, record and assess the quality of the bicycle and pedestrian paths in the region.

## **7. Other business**

Mr. Verbeke also announced the following up-coming public meetings:

- 04/09/2025- Human Services Transportation Plan
- 04/08/2025-CAP
- 05/2025-TIP Open Houses- Mr. Verbeke will send out dates/times.

These meetings will be marketed to the public through social media press releases, and Mayor McNamara suggested posting on Nextdoor App.

Mr. Dunn provided an update from IDOT on Passenger Rail Project, explaining that a ridership study was coming and that service is scheduled to start in December 2027. Mayor Morris asked about Elliot Jason update, Mr. Dunn stated that we are waiting form direction from IDOT and variance from UWP and that there is no update on the grade separation. Mayor Morris indicated a follow-up with Lisa.

## **8. Adjournment**

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, second by Village President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker

Minutes approved by action of the Committee at May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 MPO Policy Committee Meeting 8-0