



**Region 1 Planning Council
MPO Policy Committee**

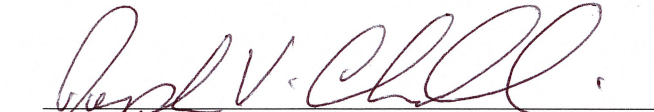
MPO RESOLUTION 2026-10

- RE:** **Adoption of the Food and Transportation Access Study**
- 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** 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 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 "Food and Transportation Access Study" (dated June 10, 2026) is a plan sponsored by Region 1 Planning Council in collaboration with its member agencies, partnership organizations, and local stakeholders, to examines food access, transportation capacity, and housing affordability as interconnected factors that influence quality of life and community outcomes throughout the Rockford region; and
- WHEREAS** the purpose of the Food and Transportation Access Study is to assist key stakeholders in the Metropolitan Planning Area in coordinating planning and policy action across public health, transportation, land use, and housing at the regional level; and
- WHEREAS** the public comment and review period for draft of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan was from June 5, 2026 to June 12, 2026 and the draft Food and Transportation Access Study was made available for review via the MPO website (posted June 5, 2026) as well as through contacting the MPO offices.
- WHEREAS** the MPO Technical Committee has reviewed MPO Resolution 2026-10 and has recommended that the Food and Transportation Access Study be adopted by the MPO Policy Committee; and
- WHEREAS** MPO encourages its partner agencies to also adopt the Food and Transportation Access Study and to incorporate the plan in future transportation plans within the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The MPO Policy Committee adopts the June 10, 2026 version of the Food and Transportation Access Study along with the changes, if any, as to be documented in the minutes of the MPO Technical Committee June 18, 2026 meeting.

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on this 26th day of June 2026.


Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair


Chairman Karl Johnson
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote 8

Ayes 8

Nays -

Abstain -