



MPO Policy Committee

June 28, 2024

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

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Sydney Turner at 8:40am.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Rodney Riley, Boone County; Joseph Chiarelli, Winnebago County; Clint Morris, City of Belvidere; Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Tom McNamara, City of Rockford; Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park; Steve Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District; Robert Bates, IDOT District 2.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Jon Paul Diipla, Todd Schmidt, and Betsy Tracy, FWHA, IL Division; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Doug DeLille, Illinois Department of Transportation Office of Planning; Sydney Turner, Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Brandon Rucker, Eric Tison, Nathan Larsen, Sarah Renicker, and Lauren Kleve, Region 1 Planning Council.

3) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4) Election of Officers

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to elect a Chair of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, to elect Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, as MPO Policy Committee Chair. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to elect the Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere, seconded by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, to elect Chairman Riley, Boone County, as Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5) Presentation by Todd Schmidt of FHWA, IL Division: USDOT Planning Certification Review

Mr. Schmidt explained that the review process is conducted once every four years to assess for progress from former reviews, conditions affecting TMA, the maturity of planning processes, and responses to new requirements. He then indicated that the 2024 review Planning Process was certified with zero corrective actions, eleven commendations, and eight recommendations. Mr. Schmidt concluded with providing contact information for any follow-up questions. The report presentation will be sent out to all committee members.

6) Discussion Item: Functional Classification Change Request-Main St (City of Rockford)

Ms. Turner indicated that a concurrence was needed from the committee to move forward with the Functional Classification Change Request for Church Street. As a part of the proposed jurisdictional transfer from IDOT to City of Rockford under the Activate Church + Main project, the functional classification would be adjusted to reflect the reduction of AADT and traffic pattern. Concurrence was given verbally by members of the committee.

7) Action Item

a) Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2024

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the May 31, 2024 MPO Policy Committee. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere. Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

b) Adoption of the FY 2025 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2024-09)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Resolution 2024-09. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Chairman Riley, Boone County. Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

c) Approval of the Rockford MPO Adjusted Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area (Resolution 2024-11)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Resolution 2024-11. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District. Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

d) Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-12)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Resolution 2024-12. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

8) Directors Report

Ms. Turner indicated that the adoption of the 2025 Transportation Improvement Plan will be delayed due to the release of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Multi Year Program (MYP); there would be second comment period before presenting for approval. The Alpine Traffic Signal Study would be commencing soon with inventory of cabinets and equipment taking place over the summer, and a traffic counts starting in the Fall when school is back in session to get a more accurate representation of normal traffic patterns. The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) video analytics of 30 intersections within region will begin shortly. The Bus Rapid Transit Study is moving into Phase 4, which encompasses the prioritization of identifying corridors of service area. The Surface Transportation Block Grant Working Group is moving forward with discussion of selection criteria for projects including a point and weighting system.

Mr. Dunn gave an update on the national trends from the National Association of Regional Council (NARC) conference in Atlanta. He also complimented Ms. Turner and Mr. Verbeke for their work on the Adjusted Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area updates.

9) Other Business

Mr. Chiarelli updated the committee that Winnebago County Board has decided to move forward with providing rural transit services.

10) Adjournment

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere. Unanimous voice vote to **adjourn** at 9:02am.

Prepared by Sarah Renicker and Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: 08/23/2024