



Region 1 Planning Council MPO Policy Committee

MPO Resolution 2023-13

- RE:** **Adoption of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region**
- 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 “Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region” (dated July 31, 2023) is an update to its predecessor, the “2018 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Metropolitan Area”; and
- WHEREAS** the purpose of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is to promote a safe and efficient transportation network for people that provides a balanced multi-modal system minimizing costs and impacts to the taxpayer, society and the environment. The Plan will address the development of a region-wide system of on-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities to connect with existing shared use path facilities, existing and planned public transportation services and provide model development regulations and ordinances to promote and encourage bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly growth in the Rockford region; and
- WHEREAS** the public comment and review period for draft of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was from June 28, 2023 through July 28, 2023 and the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was made available for review via the MPO website (posted June 28, 2023) as well as through contacting the MPO offices.
- WHEREAS** the MPO Technical Committee has reviewed MPO Resolution 2023-13 and has recommended that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region be adopted by the MPO Policy Committee; and
- WHEREAS** MPO encourages its partner agencies to also adopt the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region and to incorporate the plan in future development plans within the region; and

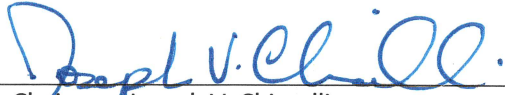
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

the MPO Policy Committee adopts the August 25, 2023 version of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region along with the changes, if any, as to be documented in the minutes of this August 25, 2023 meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

the "Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region" (dated July 31, 2023) supersedes the "2018 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Metropolitan Area."

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on this 25th day of August 2023.



Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Mayor Clint Morris
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote 7

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Abstain 0