



## MPO Technical Committee Meeting

**Thursday, July 18, 2024**

Region 1 Planning Council

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

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Ms. Turner at 10:00 am.

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Members Present

Justin Krohn, Boone County, Highway Department  
Jeff Polsean, Chicago/Rockford International Airport  
Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere, Public Works Department  
Shannon Messinger, City of Loves Park, Public Works Department  
Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford, Community Development  
Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works Department  
Chris Baer, Four Rivers Sanitary District  
Rob Bates, IDOT, District 2  
Paula Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District  
Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District  
Mitch Hilden, Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department  
Troy Taylor, Village of Roscoe  
Carlos Molina, Winnebago County, Highway Department  
Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District

##### Members Absent

Boone County, Planning Department  
Boone County Conservation District  
City of Belvidere, Planning Department  
City of Loves Park, Community Development  
Forest Preserves of Winnebago County  
Village of Machesney Park, Community Development  
Village of Winnebago  
Winnebago County, Community & Economic Dev.

##### Others Present

Doug DeLille, IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming  
Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway  
Colin Belle, City of Rockford

##### Region 1 Planning Council Staff

#### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

#### 4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2024

Ms. Turner entertained a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the June 20, 2024 MPO Technical Committee. Motion to amend the minutes by Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere – Public Works, seconded by Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department, to approve the amendment to the June 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Discussion was held on an error in the Illinois Department of Transportation District 2 report, which should read George Tapas. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### 5. Discussion Items

##### a. Parking Reimagined – Policies & Practices

Ms. Romeo presented on the progress of the Parking Reimagined project and lead an interactive activity on MentiMeter. The goal of the activity was to engage members of the Technical Committee on the current state of parking in the region, the current practices and programs in place at each of the jurisdictions, and potential practices that could be implemented in the region. Discussion was held on sustainability efforts, parking minimums, safety, and the cost of parking. The input received will be used in the final plan.

##### b. Safe Streets for All – Current Efforts

Mr. Verbeke requested that members of the committee submit current traffic safety efforts underway in each jurisdiction. These efforts could be engineering projects implementing a Proven Safety Countermeasure, as well as enforcement and education programs. The current efforts will be highlighted in the Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan. Current efforts can be sent directly to Mr. Verbeke.

##### c. Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Project List & Next Steps

Ms. Turner spoke with the committee on the fiscally-constrained project list of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, including an overview of the requirements, types of projects, submission guidance, and the evaluation criteria. The Call for Projects opens today, July 18 and will be open through August 16, 2024. Ms. Turner open the floor for discussion and questions.

Discussion was held on year-of-expenditure versus current dollars, definition of regionally-significant, evaluation criteria, and revenue forecasting.

#### 6. Staff Reports

Ms. Turner reported that the most recent draft version of the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program will be released next week for a second public comment period. The updated draft includes all of the projects listed in the State’s Multiyear Program and several updates to Rockford Mass Transit District projects, related to Section 5307 funding. This round of public comment will be held for 21 days. The draft will be presented to the Committees in August for recommendation and adoption.

Ms. Turner reported the MPO has begun to discuss internally the housing coordination plan, which is a noted in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Region 1 Planning Council will be reaching out to a number of community development departments in the near future to discuss.

#### 7. Agency Reports

##### a. Boone County, Highway Department

Today is the last day for the County’s resurfacing program.

##### b. Chicago/Rockford International Airport

No report.

##### c. City of Belvidere, Public Works Department

No report.

##### d. City of Loves Park, Public Works Department

The Evans Avenue project and overlays are almost complete.

- e. City of Rockford, Community Development  
No report.
- f. City of Rockford, Public Works Department  
A number of the City's projects are on schedule, including Jefferson Street and Whitman Street, from Church Street to Kilburn Avenue. The Park Street Sidewalk project is moving along with anticipated completion in September. The East State Street Sidewalk Gap project plans have been submitted to IDOT and are waiting for approval. The West State Street Sidewalk Gap project's designs are in review and the construction plan is in progress. The 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Street project is moving forward with determination of timeline. During the first month of the Main Street and Auburn Street Roundabout right-sizing was successful in regards to a reduction in the number of crashes.
- g. Four Rivers Sanitary District  
The District's Annual Program is on schedule, including point repairs, lining projects, etc. The District was hit hard with all of the recent excessive rain. The plant saw consecutive flows of 100 million gallons, which is normally around 25 million gallons. They have been out examining the locations that had the most rainfall.
- h. IDOT, District 2  
There has been a focus on wrapping up a number of components of the I-39 project for this year. The District is also completing a resurfacing project on Main Street.
- i. Rockford Mass Transit District  
The District is opening bids next week for the Mulberry Street facility rehabilitation project.
- j. Rockford Park District  
On Saturday, August 10, the District is holding a Unity Fest at Levings Lake.
- k. Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department  
No report.
- l. Village of Roscoe  
The annual residential resurfacing project is near completion.
- m. Winnebago County, Highway Department  
Bell School Road project has moved into Stage 2, which is the northern leg of the project. The southern portion of the project is almost complete and will be reopened for traffic up to Guilford Road. Winnebago Road project is done, except for restriping. The Perryville Road Path, from Ajali Way to Willowbrook Lane, is complete. For the STBG-funded Riverside Boulevard project, the County is in the process of acquiring traffic signals.
- n. Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District  
No report.
- o. IDOT, Division of Planning & Programming  
On August 1, the statewide ITEP Call for Projects opens. The Statewide Planning & Research funding awards will be announced shortly. The 2023 crash data will be released within the next month. The IDOT Fall Planning Conference will be October 2-4 in Fairview Heights. Finally, the state will be approving the PM1 Safety Targets within the next month; the MPO will have 180 days to adopt the state's targets or develop their own targets.
- p. Illinois Tollway  
No report.

## 8. Other Business

No other business was discussed amongst the committee.

## 9. Adjournment

Sydney Turner invited a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mr. Polsean, Chicago-Rockford International Airport, seconded from Mr. Bates, IDOT District 2. Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Board: 08/22/2024.