



MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, June 28, 2024 – 8:30 am

Region 1 Planning Council

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Election of Officers
5. Presentation: FHWA/FTA TMA Certification Review Results
6. Discussion Item: Functional Classification Change Request – Main Street (City of Rockford)
7. Action Items
 - a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2024
 - b. Adoption of the FY 2025 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2024-09)
 - c. Approval of the Rockford MPO Adjusted Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area (Resolution 2024-11)
 - d. Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-12)
8. Directors' Reports
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

Opportunities for public comment will be afforded on all agenda items.

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Date: May 31, 2024

To: To Whom It May Concern, Illinois Department of Transportation

Cc: Tim Hinkens, City Engineer/Interim Director of Public Works, City of Rockford
Jeremy Carter, Traffic Engineer, City of Rockford

From: Sydney Turner, MPO Director, Region 1 Planning Council

Re: Update to the Rockford Region's Functional Classification System

Region 1 Planning Council (R1) would like to request an update to the region's Functional Classification System on behalf of our partner organizations. Since the time of the last system wide update in 2021 to the Functional Classification System for Boone, Winnebago, and Ogle Counties within the R1 Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), there is a pending construction project that will warrant an update to the functional classification of a roadway in downtown Rockford. This project is the two-way conversion of Church Street and Main Street. R1 has coordinated with the appropriate local and regional agencies that have jurisdiction over the roadways for this proposed change to the Functional Classification System.

Two-Way Conversion of Church Street and Main Street

Currently, Church Street and Main Street are constructed as one-way pairs with traffic moving in a southerly direction on Church Street and traffic moving in a northerly direction on North Main Street. This one-way pair serves as Illinois Route 2 and is a north-south state highway in northern Illinois. Illinois Route 2 currently starts at Illinois Route 40 in Sterling and terminates at the Wisconsin state line in South Beloit. Both Church Street and Main Street are the only one-way sections of Illinois Route 2 in the State. Once completed, both Church and Main Street will service both northern and southern vehicular travel movements. The Illinois Route 2 designation and ownership will remain on Church Street while North Main Street will receive a jurisdictional transfer and be awarded to the City of Rockford. Both roadways are currently under the ownership of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Attachment:

- Functional Classification Update Submittal Form

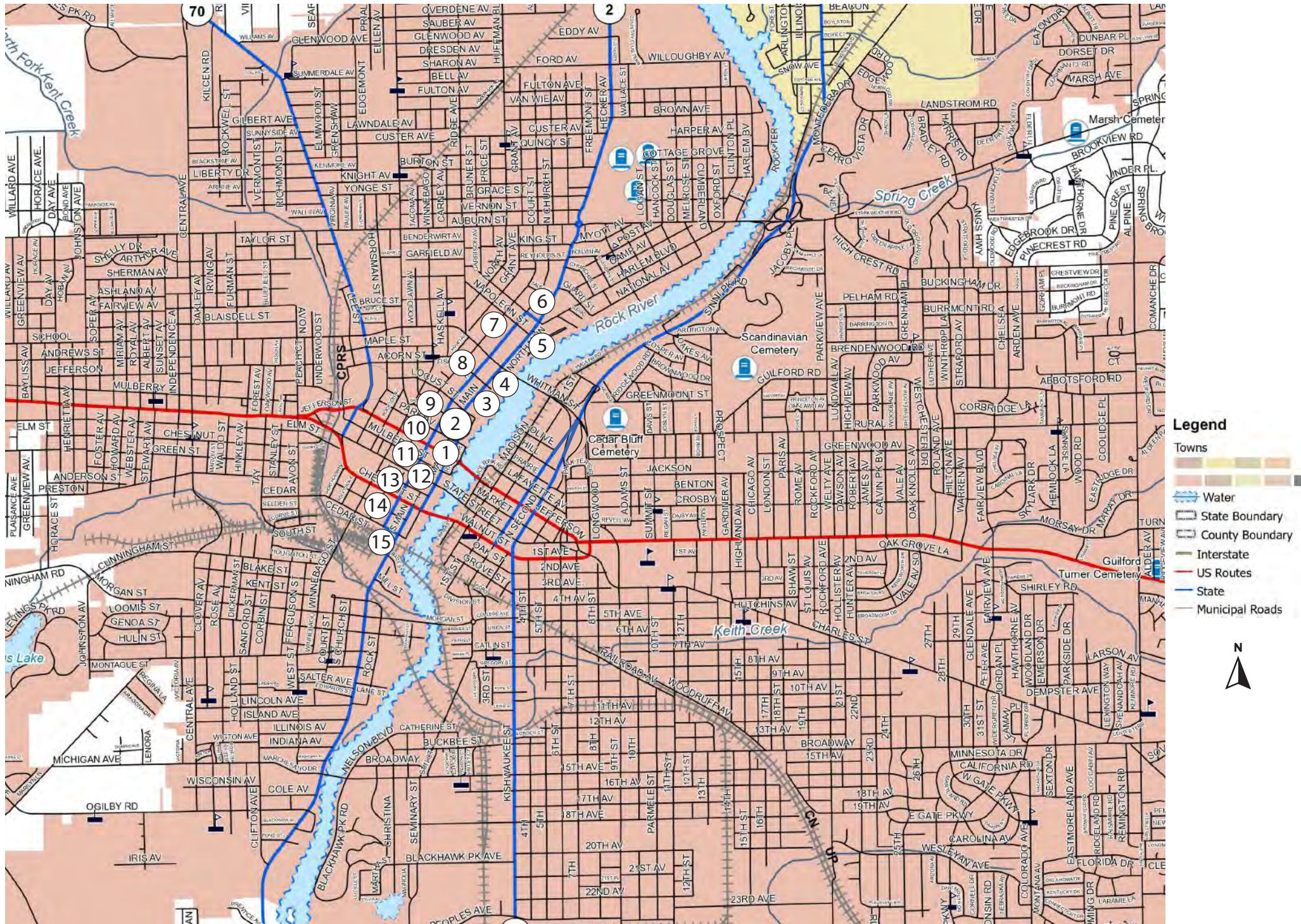


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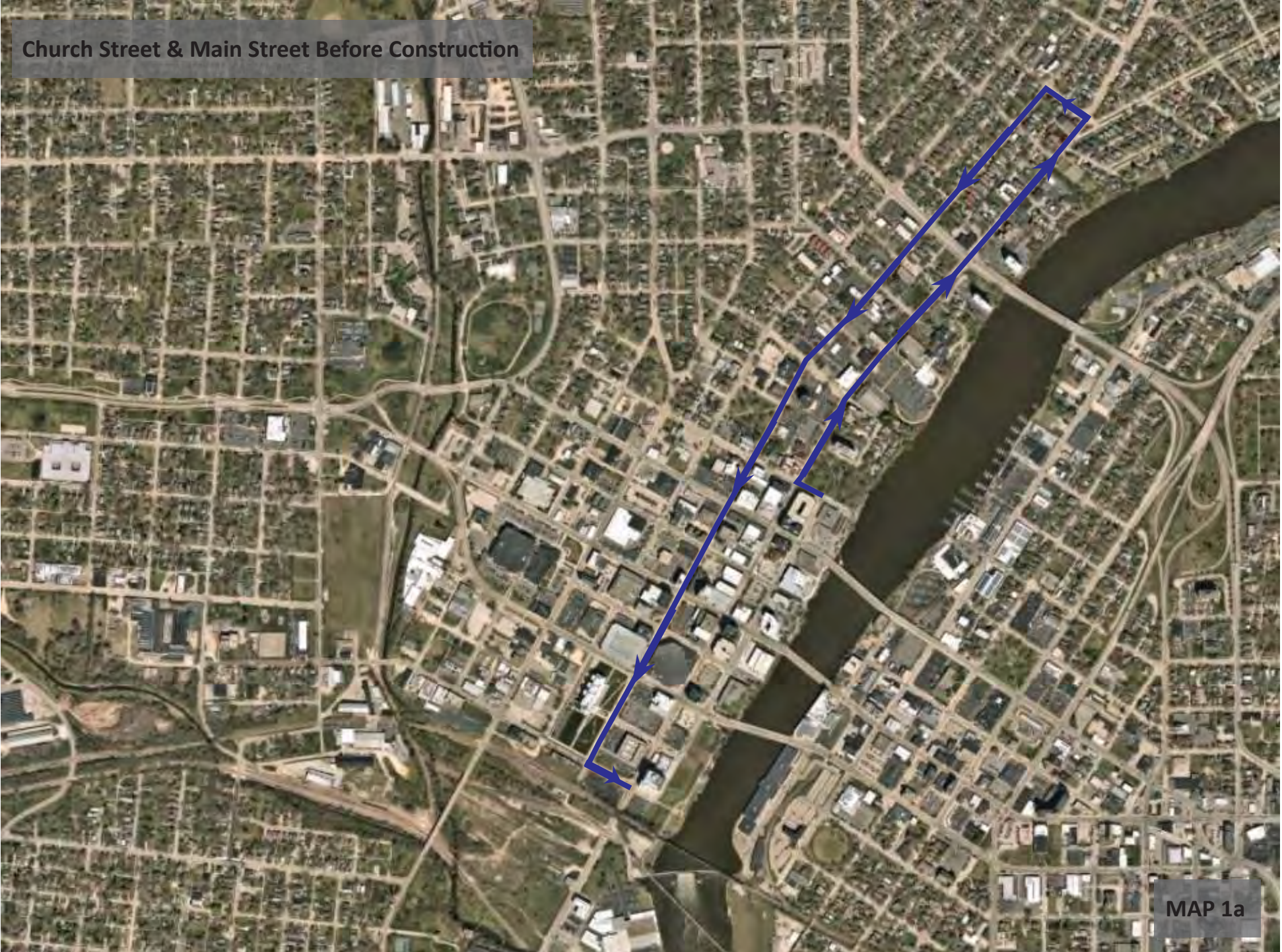
City of Rockford Functional Classification Update Submittal Form

Map #	Inventory Number	Begin	End	Len	Road Name	From-To Location	Cur. FC	Prop. FC	Justification	Jurisdiction	Maintenance
1	101 20742 101030	0.53	0.58	0.05	Park Avenue	N Wyman St to N Main St	3 - Other Arterial	5 - Major Collector	Low AADT (3,500-4,000)	IDOT	IDOT
2	101 20742 101030	0.58	0.72	0.14	N Main Street	Park Ave to Locust St	3 - Other Arterial	5 - Major Collector	Low AADT (2,800-3,100)	IDOT	IDOT
3	101 20742 101030	0.72	0.88	0.16	N Main Street	Locust St to Fisher Ave	3 - Other Arterial	5 - Major Collector	Low AADT (2,600-2,900)	IDOT	IDOT
4	101 20742 101030	0.88	1.00	0.12	N Main Street	Fisher Ave to Whitman St	3 - Other Arterial	5 - Major Collector	Low AADT (2,600-2,800)	IDOT	IDOT
5	101 20743 116040	0.00	0.27	0.27	N Main Street	Whitman St to John St	3 - Other Arterial	5 - Major Collector	Low AADT (2,500-2,700)	IDOT	IDOT
6	101 20734 000000	15.62	15.69	0.07	John Street (IL 2)	N Church St to N Main St	3 - Other Arterial	5 - Major Collector	Low AADT (2,100-2,300)	IDOT	IDOT
7	101 20734 000000	15.69	15.96	0.27	N Church St (IL 2)	John St to Whitman St	3 - Other Arterial	3 - Other Arterial	Low AADT (2,600-2,800)	IDOT	IDOT
8	101 20742 000000	0.00	0.34	0.34	N Church St (IL 2)	Whitman St to Locust St	3 - Other Arterial	3 - Other Arterial	Low AADT (2,400-2,600)	IDOT	IDOT
9	101 20742 000000	0.34	0.45	0.11	N Church St (IL 2)	Locust St to Park Ave	3 - Other Arterial	3 - Other Arterial	Low AADT (2,000-2,200)	IDOT	IDOT
10	101 20742 000000	0.45	0.53	0.08	N Church St (IL 2)	Park Ave to W Jefferson St	3 - Other Arterial	3 - Other Arterial	Low AADT (3,000-3,200)	IDOT	IDOT
11	101 20742 000000	0.53	0.67	0.14	N Church St (IL 2)	W Jefferson St to E State Street	3 - Other Arterial	3 - Other Arterial	Low AADT (3,900-4,800)	IDOT	IDOT
12	101 20742 000000	0.67	0.73	0.06	S Church St (IL 2)	E State St to Elm St	3 - Other Arterial	3 - Other Arterial	Low AADT (5,100-5,300)	IDOT	IDOT
13	101 20742 000000	0.73	0.80	0.07	S Church St (IL 2)	Elm St to Walnut St	3 - Other Arterial	3 - Other Arterial	Low AADT (2,500-2,700)	IDOT	IDOT
14	101 20742 000000	0.80	0.96	0.16	S Church St (IL 2)	Walnut Street (Rte 20) to Cedar St	3 - Other Arterial	3 - Other Arterial	Low AADT (2,100-2,200)	IDOT	IDOT
15	101 20742 000000	0.96	1.03	0.07	Cedar Street	S Church St (IL 2) to S Main Street	3 - Other Arterial	3 - Other Arterial	Low AADT (1,900-2,000)	IDOT	IDOT

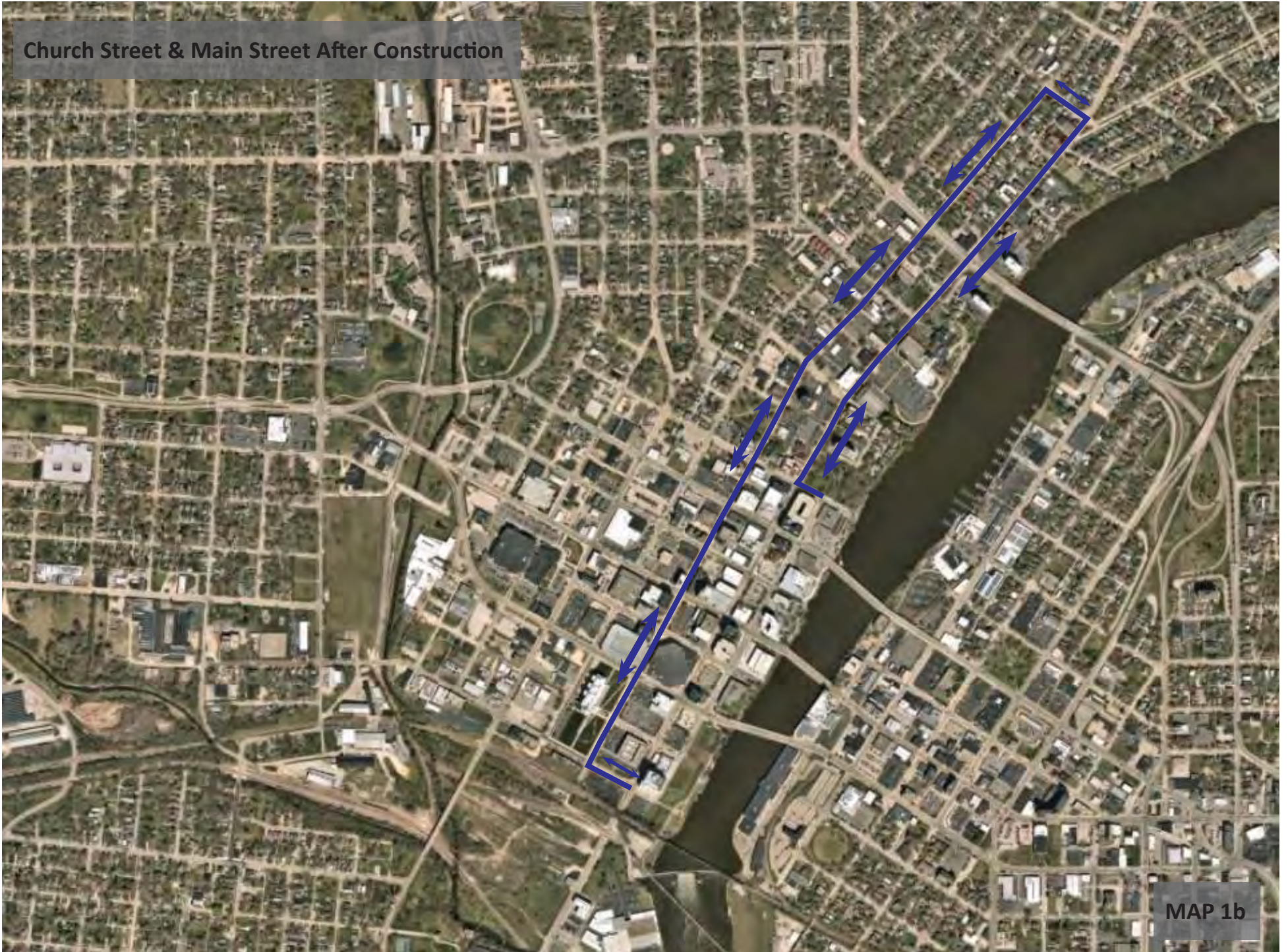
Church Street and Main Street Two-Way Conversion Functional Classification Update



Church Street & Main Street Before Construction



Church Street & Main Street After Construction





MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, May 31, 2014- 8:30 am
Region 1 Planning Council
127 N. Wyman St., Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

With quorum present, the meeting was called at order by Chairman Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County, at 8:30 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County

Clint Morris, City of Belvidere

Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford

Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park

Robert Bates, IDOT-District 2

Steve Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit Distrit

Members Absent:

Rodney Riley, Boone County

Greg Jury, City of Loves Park

Others Present: Doug DeLille, IDOT Office of Planning and Programming; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Sydney Turner, Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Brandon Rucker, Eric Tison, Nathan Larsen, Sarah Renicker, Lauren Kleve-R1 Planning.

3. Public Comment

There were none that wished to address the committee at this time.

4. Discussion Items

a. Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan-Vision, Mission, & Objectives

Ms. Turner presented on the initial Mission, vision and objectives of the Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan, highlighting the goals of reducing the incidents of traffic fatalities and injuries annually by 2%, pursuing funding for safety solutions, prioritizing safety improvements for roadways, increase awareness of roadway safety through education and enforcement, communicate safety as a shared language. Areas of emphasis shared were: Safe behavior, Safe road users and vehicles, Safer Roads-with a focus on intersections and work zones. Information provided indicated that distracted driving and speeding were some of the highest concerns. Ms. Turner also reported that the Steering committee for Safe Streets for All had recently had its kick off meeting.

Discussion was held on law enforcement representation on the steering committees, the US Business 20/State Street safety improvements, and the number of roadway fatalities within specific jurisdictions.

5. Action Items

a. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2024

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 22, 2024 meeting.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, and seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. Amendment to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-07)

Ms. Turner informed that Policy Committee that the MPO has received the requests to amend the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program: Illinois Department of Transportation requested the addition an updated cost breakout, Winnebago County Highway Department requested the addition of a new project and an updated cost breakout, Boone County Transit requested the addition of a new project, and Rockford Mass Transit District requested the addition of five new projects and an updated cost breakout.

- 1-21-11: IL 173, from 0.4 mile east of Lyford Road to 0.1 mile west of Winnebago County Line (Updated Cost Breakout)
- 2-24-1: Riverside Boulevard, from Material Avenue to Renn Hart Hills Road/Sage Road (Updated Cost Breakout)
- 2-24-5: Riverside Boulevard, from Material Avenue to Renn Hart Hills Road/Sage Road (New Project Phase)
- 7-23-4: Low/No Application, Replacement Buses - 7 Hybrids Buses (Updated Cost Breakout)
- 7-24-1: Low/No Application, Replacement Buses - 4 Hybrids Buses (New Project)
- 7-24-2: 520 Mulberry Renovation - Construction, Renovation of older building to make space more efficient (New Project)
- 7-24-3: 520 Mulberry Renovation - Furniture and Equipment, Renovation of older building to make space more efficient (New Project)
- 7-24-4: 520 Mulberry Renovation - A&E, Renovation of older building to make space more efficient (New Project)
- 7-24-7: Demand Response Vehicle, Replacement Vehicles - 4 Medium Duty Demand Response Vehicles (New Project)
- 26-24-1: Demand Response Vehicle, Replacement Vehicles - 3 Medium Duty Demand Response Vehicles (New Project)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained motioned to approve Resolution 2024-07.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, and seconded by Mr. Morris, City of Belvidere. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

c. Adoption of the Complete Streets Standard (Resolution 2024-08)

Ms. Turner provided a description of the Complete Streets Standards Guide and the associated Policy, that was adopted in January. The purposed of the Standard Guide is to identify and describe the design and structure of complete streets in the region. No comment was received during the document's public comment period.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08.

Motion by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, and seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Director's Report

Ms. Turner reported that through the Regional Traffic Signal Operations Program, Iteris has been contracted to conduct a traffic signal coordination study along the Alpine Road corridor from IL-173 to Sandy Hollow Road. The study will include over 30 intersections, including signals up to one-third of a mile of Alpine Road. Counters will, hopefully, be placed this summer and remain into the fall. A cabinet inventory will also be conducted along the roadway. The study will be coordinated with current and future construction projects.

Ms. Turner also reported that the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study would continue in the coming months. To date, the consultants have been gathering information on ridership and other key data points. Initial research has shown that peer cities with lower population densities have benefited from bus rapid transit services. Next, the study will look at specific fixed-routes, most likely the 6-7 busiest routes of the current 20 routes. There will be a site visit by the consultants next week.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed by the committee.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, and seconded by Mayor Morris of the City of Belvidere.
Meeting adjourned at 8:57am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker and Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Board:_____.

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MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

MPO Resolution 2024-09

RE: Adoption of the FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) MPO Unified Work Program

WHEREAS the Region 1 Planning Council is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Metropolitan Area, and the MPO Policy Committee has the specific responsibility to direct and administer the continuing urban transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) require a Unified Work Program for the purpose of programming the Federal transportation planning funds and the connecting State & Local funds for the planning activities that are required and necessary to ensure certification of the Rockford, Illinois Transportation Management Area (TMA), and:

WHEREAS the FY 2025 Unified Work Program (June 28, 2024 version) was developed, announced and distributed to the public in accordance with federal guidelines and with the MPO Public Participation Process; and

WHEREAS the draft document was made available for public comment between April 1, 2024 and April 30, 2024, and no comments were received from the public; and

WHEREAS the MPO Technical Committee has reviewed the FY 2025 Unified Work Program (June 28, 2024 version) and recommends approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the MPO Policy Committee:

1. Adopts the FY 2025 Unified Work Program (June 28, 2024 version);
2. Certifies that the Rockford MPO transportation planning process is in compliance with all Federal requirements and is being carried out in accordance with all applicable provisions as specified in the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation;
3. Directs the MPO Director to submit the FY 2025 Unified Work Program (June 28, 2024 version) and this Resolution to the State of Illinois, the FHWA and the FTA;
4. Directs R1 Executive Director to pursue and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for the purpose of funding and conducting the activities set forth by the Unified Work Program; and
5. Directs R1 Executive Director to pursue and enter into contracts with professional consultants, as needed, for the purpose of carrying out various sub-elements of work as specified in the Unified Work Program.

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on 28th day of June 2024.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Mayor Clint Morris
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____

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**REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL
MPO POLICY COMMITTEE**

MPO Resolution 2024-11

RE: **Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning Adjusted Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area**

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 (R1) 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 3-C (continuing, cooperative, comprehensive) urban transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS R1, in conjunction and cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is required to delineate an Adjusted Urban Area (AUA) and a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) based on the decennial Census; and

WHEREAS the AUA and MPA are needed for the development of planning activities for the Rockford Region within the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and other MPO related documents as required by the current transportation law; and

WHEREAS the AUA and MPA are needed to define areas in which urban transportation funding (i.e., Surface Transportation Block Grant, etc.) can be allocated within the Rockford planning area; and

WHEREAS adjustments to the AUA and the MPA have been presented to the MPO Technical Committee, which has reviewed the suggested MPA adjustments, concurs that this area has the potential to development within the next 20 years, and recommended approval of the new 2020 MPA to the MPO Policy Committee, as depicted in Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS the MPO Policy Committee has inspected the AUA and MPA as attached in Exhibit 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

the MPO Policy Committee adopts the Adjusted Urbanized Area (dated 06/28/2024) and the Metropolitan Planning Area (dated 06/28/2024) as depicted in Exhibit 1;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the Adjusted Urbanized Area (dated 06/28/2024) and the Metropolitan Planning Area (dated 06/28/2024) supersedes all adjusted urbanized areas, urban area boundaries, and metropolitan planning areas previously adopted by the Rockford MPO'

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on 28th day of June 2024.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Mayor Clint Morris
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

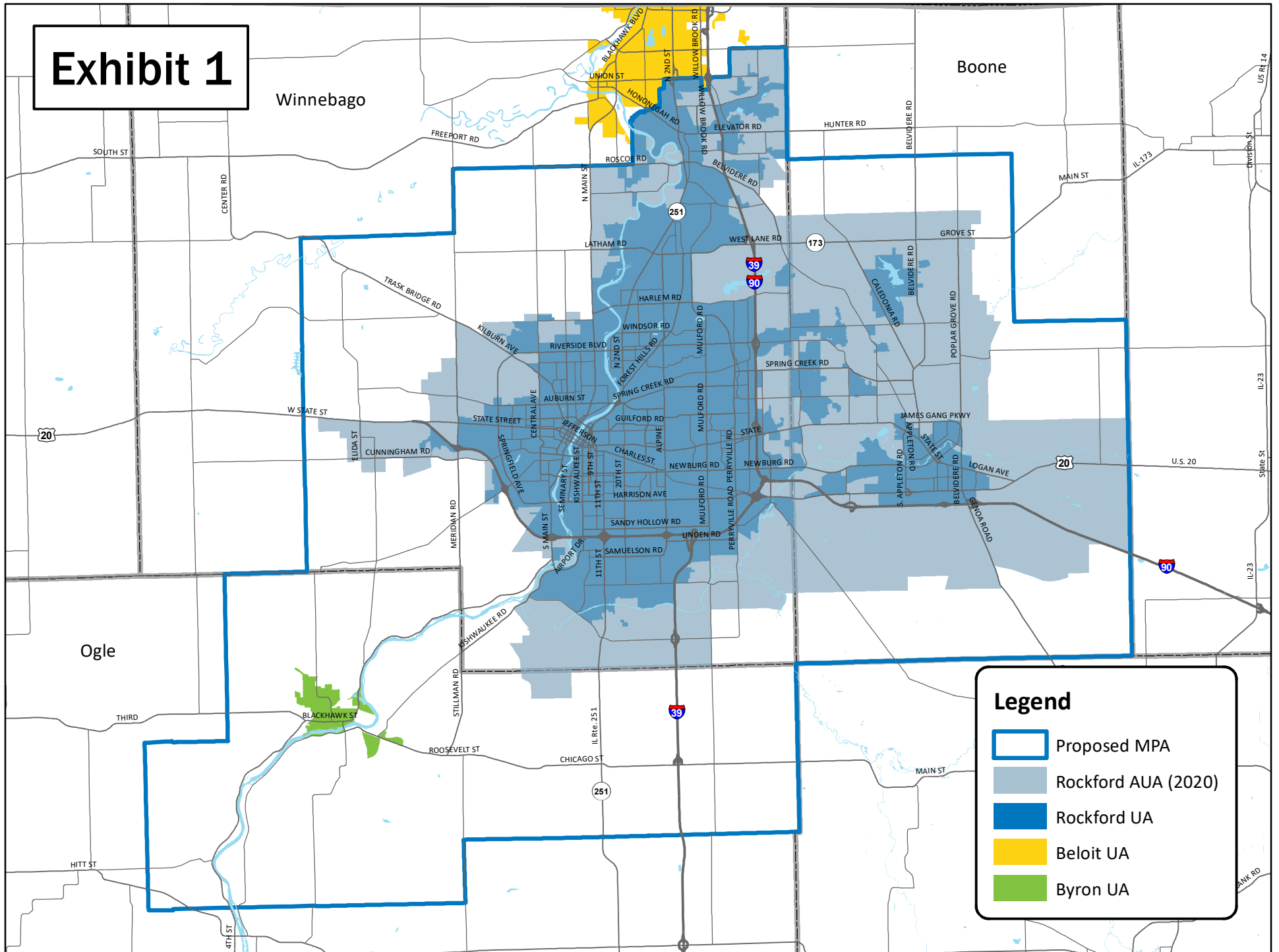
Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____

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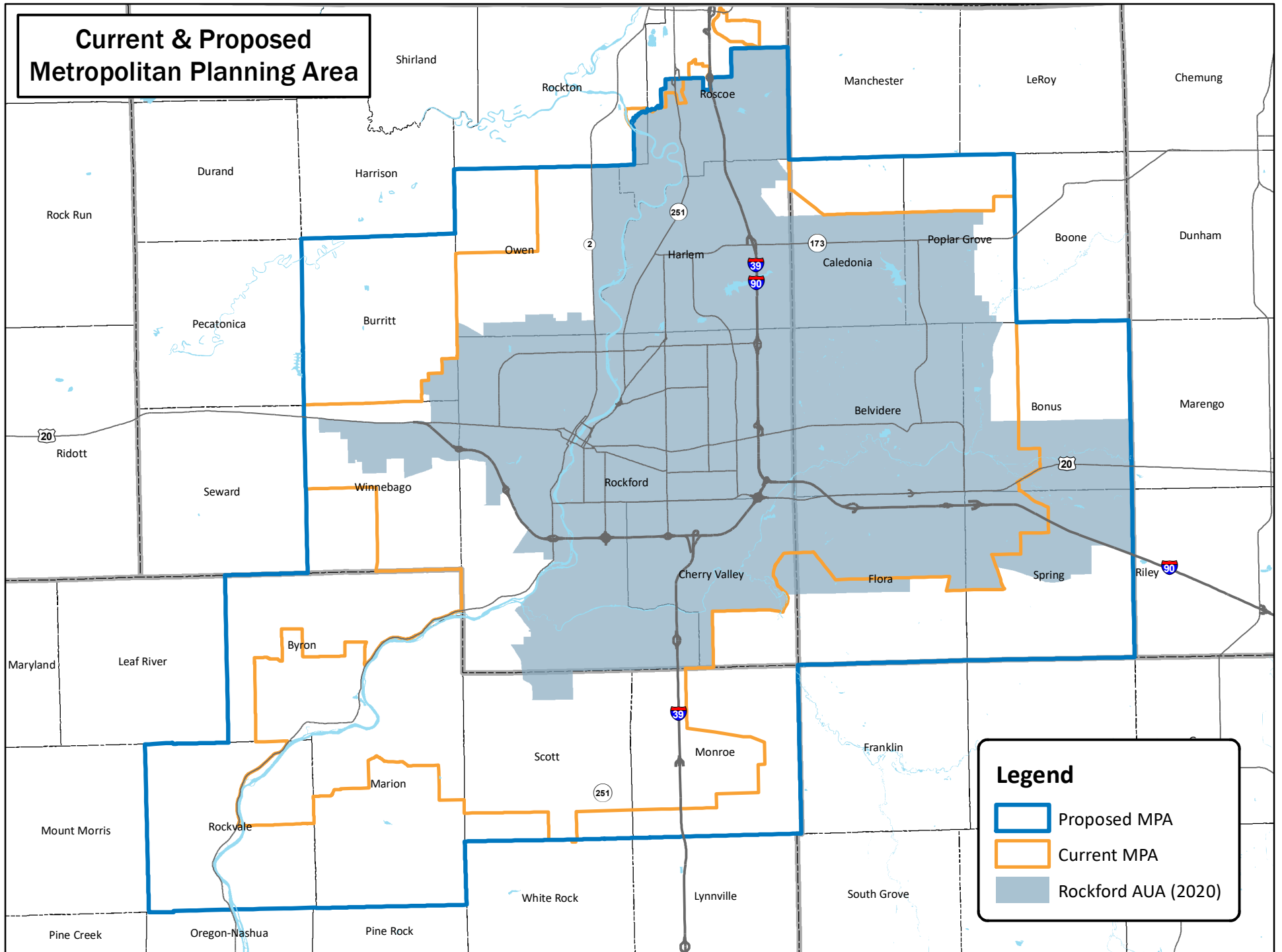
Exhibit 1



Legend

- Proposed MPA
- Rockford AUA (2020)
- Rockford UA
- Beloit UA
- Byron UA

Current & Proposed Metropolitan Planning Area





REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

MPO RESOLUTION 2024-12

- RE:** **Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**
- 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** 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 IIJA Act and its predecessors, require a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as well as a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and
- WHEREAS** the 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 MPO Policy Committee has adopted the June 30, 2023 version of the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and;
- WHEREAS** the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have approved the FY 2024-2027 MPO TIP; and
- WHEREAS** Rockford Mass Transit District requested the addition of eleven (11) new projects; and
- WHEREAS** the projects being amended in the adopted and approved version of the FY 2024-2027 TIP will not affect or impact the other projects listed in the FY 2024-2027 MPO TIP; and
- WHEREAS** the MPO Technical Committee has recommended the adoption of the TIP amendment by the MPO Policy Committee; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**
- The MPO Policy Committee hereby amends the FY 2024-2027 MPO Transportation Improvement Program to include the projects listed in “Attachment A”.

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on this 28th day of June 2024.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Mayor Clint Morris
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____

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Attachment A:

Fiscal Year 2025

Transit Projects

Project #	Description	Justification	Unit Cost (000s)		Federal Share (000s)		Other Share (000s)		Total	Notes
			Units	Cost/Unit	Source	Amount	Source	Amount		
07 - Rockford Mass Transit District										
7-24-8	Preventive Maintenance	Extend the usefull life of rolling stock	-	-	5307	\$1,158.89	IDOT	\$290	\$1,448.62	
7-24-12	ADA	Eligible charge for service to persons with disabilities	-	-	5307	\$310	IDOT	\$77.5	\$387.5	
7-24-13	Operating Including Security	Transit Operations including Security Service	-	-	5307	\$209	IDOT	\$209	\$418	
7-24-14	Support Vehicle	Replace vehicle past useful life	-	-	5307	\$90	TRC/TDC[1]		\$90	\$18,000 in TDCs planned to be requested.
7-24-15	Misc. Equipment	Facility equipment needs	-	-	5307	\$160	TRC/TDC[1]		\$160	\$32,000 in TDCs planned to be requested.
7-24-16	Communication Equipment	Facility communication needs (telephone and camera system)	-	-	5307	\$700	TRC/TDC[1]		\$700	\$140,000 in TDCs planned to be requested.
7-24-18	Shop Equipment	Equipment needed to extend the lifespan of rolling stock	-	-	5307	\$140	TRC/TDC[1]		\$140	\$28,000 in TDCs planned to be requested.

Note: [1] A portion of IDOT's Transportation Development Credits will be used to leverage Federal Funds at 100%.

Fiscal Year 2026

Transit Projects

Project #	Description	Justification	Unit Cost (000s)		Federal Share (000s)		Other Share (000s)		Total	Notes
			Units	Cost/Unit	Source	Amount	Source	Amount		
07 - Rockford Mass Transit District										
7-24-9	Operating Including Security	Transit Operations including Security Service	-	-	5307	\$218	IDOT	\$218	\$436	
7-24-17	Preventative Maintenance	Extend the useful life of rolling stock	-	-	5307	\$1,227.29	IDOT	\$306.82	\$1,534.11	

Note: [1] A portion of IDOT's Transportation Development Credits will be used to leverage Federal Funds at 100%.

Fiscal Year 2027

Transit Projects

Project #	Description	Justification	Unit Cost (000s)		Federal Share (000s)		Other Share (000s)		Total	Notes
			Units	Cost/Unit	Source	Amount	Source	Amount		
07 - Rockford Mass Transit District										
7-24-10	Preventative Maintenance	Extend the useful life of rolling stock	-	-	5307	\$1,834	IDOT	\$458	\$2,292	
7-24-11	Operating Including Security	Transit Operations including Security Service	-	-	\$5,307	\$223	IDOT	\$223	\$447	

Note: [1] A portion of IDOT's Transportation Development Credits will be used to leverage Federal Funds at 100%.