



MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 16, 2024 – 10:00 am
Region 1 Planning Council
127 N. Wyman Street, Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Parking Reimagined Update
 - b. Call for Projects – MPO-Attributable Funding (STBG/TAP/CRP)
5. Action Items
 - a. Approval of the September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Amendment to the FY 2025 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-16)
6. R1 Staff Reports
7. Agency Reports
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

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

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact R1 Planning at 815-319-4180 at least two working days before the need for such services or accommodations.

Parking Reimagined

Goals and Strategies

The drafted goals and strategies for the Parking Reimagined Plan are provided below. Please review the document and direct any feedback or questions to Lauren Kleve at LKleve@R1Planning.org.

Goal #1: Environment

Reduce the environmental impact of parking facilities to support local ecosystems and mitigate the effects of climate change.

- Strategy 1.1: Increase the use of stormwater best management practices in parking facilities.
- Strategy 1.2: Implement cool and permeable pavements into current and future parking facilities.
- Strategy 1.3: Assess the feasibility of installing solar canopies within public parking lots.
- Strategy 1.4: Adopt or update landscaping guidelines and regulations to require a minimum amount of maintained native vegetation and shade trees are incorporated into parking design.

Goal #2: Mobility

Improve transportation infrastructure, access, and connectivity throughout the region to decrease vehicle congestion and demand for parking.

- Strategy 2.1: Address sidewalk, shared use path, and bicycle network gaps that impact connectivity.
- Strategy 2.2: Incorporate bicycle parking into public parking facilities.
- Strategy 2.3: Examine the feasibility of procuring a regional car sharing service.
- Strategy 2.4: Increase frequency and range of shuttle services to designated park-and-ride lots during highly attended events and busy downtown hours.
- Strategy 2.5: Pilot a regional mobility hubs program.
- Strategy 2.6: Conduct a public education campaign to improve the perception of public transit and active forms of transportation.

Goal #3: Parking Policy & Pricing

Balance parking demand, parking space utilization, and parking efficiency through policy and pricing.

- Strategy 3.1: Update parking ordinances to better reflect parking demand, utilization, and development types.
- Strategy 3.2: Analyze parking demand and space occupancy to implement demand-based pricing.
- Strategy 3.3: Establish parking benefit districts in select areas to generate revenue for parking maintenance and other public service improvements.
- Strategy 3.4: Encourage shared parking agreements within commercial and industrial areas.
- Strategy 3.5: Encourage employers to provide parking cash-outs to employees who do not wish to utilize parking subsidies.

Goal #4: Parking Retrofits

Encourage multifunctional uses of parking facilities and repurpose underutilized parking into spaces to better serve the community.

- Strategy 4.1: Update zoning codes to allow and encourage temporary conversions and multiple uses of parking lots.
- Strategy 4.2: Support infill developments within identified vacant parking lots.
- Strategy 4.3: Repurpose underutilized parking spaces into functional greenspaces such as urban meadows, community parks, or rain gardens.
- Strategy 4.4: Expand the availability and prioritize accessibility of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations and designated EV parking spaces in parking facilities.

Goal #5: Placemaking

Improve quality of life by fostering active, engaging, and safe public parking facilities that encourage people to connect with their surroundings.

- Strategy 5.1: Improve and increase parking facility lighting, signage, and security measures.
- Strategy 5.2: Increase pedestrian access into and out of parking facilities with pedestrian-friendly infrastructure.
- Strategy 5.3: Increase beautification of parking facilities through art installations.
- Strategy 5.4: Increase wayfinding signage to aid navigation to parking facilities and nearby destinations.

If you want to learn more about the Parking Reimagined Plan, please visit the project's page on EngageR1 at enqaqr1.mysocialpinpoint.com/parking-reimagined.



News Release

For Immediate Release

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Contact: Sydney Turner, Director of Planning & Programming

Email: sturner@r1planning.org | **Office:** 815-319-4185

Call for Projects: MPO-Attributable Federal Funding

ROCKFORD, IL — Notice is hereby given that the Region 1 Planning Council (R1), the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Urban and Metropolitan Area, is seeking eligible projects for the programming of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds.

This Call for Projects is from October 15, 2024, through November 29, 2024. Completed applications must be submitted through the online portal no later than 4:30pm on Friday, November 29, 2024. At this time the MPO intends to review applications for FY 2025-2029 apportionments allocated to the Rockford Urbanized Area.*

Annual Allocations

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG): \$4,538,700

Transportation Alternative Program (TAP): \$622,690**

Carbon Reduction Program (CRP): \$632,630

Application materials can be found at <https://r1planning.org/call-for-projects>.

Questions may be submitted by email, telephone, or mailed to: Sydney Turner, 127 N Wyman St., Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101, Phone: 815-319-4185 | Email: sturner@r1planning.org

About the MPO-Attributable Federal Funding

The Region 1 Planning Council, in its capacity as the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Region, is responsible for programming federal transportation funding programs allocated to the region. R1 is the recipient of direct sub-allocations of federal funding program, via Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), including STBG, TAP, and CRP. R1 is responsible for coordinating publicly funded transportation planning and transportation improvements among the various jurisdictions in Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties.

Surface Transportation Block Grant

The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) provides flexible funding for a wide variety of projects, including highways and transit. Surface Transportation Block Grant funds are the most versatile and may be used for any project that is recommended in or consistent with the R1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Funds can be used on any federal-aid roadway classified above a local road or a rural minor collector and bridge projects on any public road.

Eligible projects can include highway projects and bridge improvements (construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, and operational), transportation system management, public transit capital improvement projects, commuter rail, carpool projects, bus terminals and facilities, bikeways, and pedestrian facilities.

Transportation Alternative Program

The goal of the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) is to allocate resources to well-planned smaller scale, but critically important projects that provide and support connected alternate modes of transportation that are safe for all users, enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources, and improve the quality of life for members of the communities impacted.

Projects must enhance the transportation system by serving a transportation need or providing a transportation linkage, use, or benefit. Each project or activity must demonstrate a relationship to surface transportation. Project categories include: pedestrian/bicycle facilities (on-road and off-road), sidewalks; conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails; streetscapes (stand-alone landscape projects are ineligible); historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities; vegetation management in transportation rights-of-way; archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project; storm water management, control and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff; reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats; and construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.

Carbon Reduction Program

IIJA establishes the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which provides funding to projects and programs that reduce transportation emissions. Funding can be used for a wide range of projects that support this goal, including: operational projects that improve traffic flow, such as the construction of roundabouts, left-turn lanes or other managed lanes; intelligent transportation systems; certain traffic control measures, such as traffic signal coordination, intersection improvements, and incident management; construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities; promotion of alternative travel modes, including ridesharing; acquisition, installation, or operation of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure or hydrogen, natural gas, or propane vehicle fueling infrastructure; construction of a bus rapid transit corridor or dedicated bus lanes; and purchase of new public transportation facilities and equipment.

*The amounts for FY 2026 - 2029 are subject to change based on future annual allocations.

**Available TAP funding for FY 2025-2026 is \$3,266,383.

For more information, visit <https://r1planning.org/call-for-projects>.

#



2025 Call for Projects Schedule

The following table demonstrates the typical annual competitive application process for MPO-attributable transportation funding, including the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

October 15, 2024	Solicitation for funding applications announced.
October 22, 2024	R1 hosts Applicant Workshop from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
November 29, 2024	Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m.
December 2, 2024	Review for application completeness.
December 9, 2024	Supplemental application materials due.
December 2024	Staff applies scoring criteria to the applications for new funding commitments to develop a preliminary ranking of applications.
January 23, 2025	The MPO Technical Committee meets to review R1 staff's preliminary scoring and ranking of the applications.
January 24, 2025	Preliminary project recommendations will be announced and released for a 45-day public comment period.
TBD	Preliminary project recommendations presented to the Community Advisory Forum.
February/March	R1 staff drafts the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.
March 10, 2025	Public comment period for preliminary project recommendations closes.
March 20, 2025	MPO Technical Committee convenes to review public comments received and discuss changes to the preliminary project recommendations. They approve the final project recommendations to the MPO Policy Committee.
March 28, 2025	MPO Policy Committee reviews and awards MPO-Attributable Transportation funding.
May 1, 2025	Draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program released for a 30-day public comment period.
May 30, 2025	Public comment period for FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program closes.
June 19, 2025	Draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program presented to MPO Technical Committee for recommendation.
June 27, 2025	Draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program presented to MPO Policy Committee for adoption.



MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2024

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sydney Turner at 10:00pm

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Wayne Velk, Boone County Highway Department; Josh Sage, Boone County Conservation District; Jeff Polsean, Chicago/International Airport; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere, Public Works Department; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park, Community Development; Shannon Messinger, City of Loves Park, Public Works Department; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford, Community Development; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works Department; Shawn Ortgiesen, IDOT District 2' Paula Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District; Mitch Hilden, Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department; Troy Taylor, Village of Roscoe; Karl Palmquist, Winnebago County, Community & Economic Development; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District

Members Absent: Boone County, Planning Department; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Four Rivers Sanitation District; Rockford Park District; Village of Machesney Park, Community Development; Village of Winnebago

Other Present: Jon Paul Diipla, FHWA, Illinois Division; Dough DeLille, IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming; Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway; Tim Hinkens, City of Rockford, Public Works Department; Brandon Boggs, Fehr Graham; Brandon Rucker, Eric Tison, Estelle Adiaba, Juliana Charlebois-Berg, Lauren Kleve, Nathan Larsen, Sarah Renicker, Sydney Turner, Tim Verbeke, Vanessa Mauries, Jackson Sitter, Chloe Barnes, Region 1 Planning Council

3. Public Comment

No public comments were brought forward at this time.

4. Action Items:

a.) Approval of the August 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Turner entertained a motion to approve the August 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve made by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; seconded by Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works. With no discussion, motion approved by unanimous vote.

b.) Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-14)

This amendment updates the TIP to add the North Boone School Road Bridge over Beaver Creek project. Ms. Turner entertained a recommend the approval of Resolution 2024-14. Motion was made by Mr. Carter, City of

Rockford, Public Works Department; seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department. With no discussion, motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- c.) Adoption of the “Policy & Procedures for the Distribution of Federal Transportation Funds” (Resolution 2024-15)
Ms. Turner called for an initial motion to approve Resolution 2024-15. Motion called by Mr. Bruck, City of Loves Park, Community Development Department; and seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department.

Ms. Turner discussed each section of the “Policy & Procedures for Distribution of the Federal Transportation Funds”, including the Background, Policy, Activity, Review and Evaluation of the application process. Ms. Turner also broke down the various sections, discussing project eligibility requirements, funding caps, cost sharing, eligible costs, etc. She described additional information concerning eligibility, including: meeting IDOT regulations/standards, ADA Regulations, the requirement to go through the NEPA process, and explained that once complete the sponsoring agency is responsible for further maintenance. Ms. Turner went on to describe the different funding sources available: State Transportation Block Grant, Transportation Alternatives Program, Carbon Reduction Funds; further explaining that even though a project may not be eligible under one of these funds, it may still be eligible under another.

Mr. Molina brought a question forward about reimbursement practices, suggesting that there be clarification included about the difference between locally led projects as opposed to State let projects. Mr. Molina also suggested that the total amount of funding available be broken down by funding source to better understand how much is available under each program.

Ms. Turner entertained a motion to recommend the adoption of the “Policy & Procedures for Distribution of the Federal Transportation Funds” with the addition of the breakdown of the funding source amounts in the Background section and clarifying language on the difference in the reimbursement processes between locally and state-let projects. Motion by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; seconded by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development. Motion approved with 15 Ayes, and 1 Nay.

5. Staff Reports

No Staff updates reported.

6. Agency Reports

- a.) **Boone County Highway Department:** No Report.
- b.) **Boone County Conservation District:** No Report.
- c.) **Chicago/Rockford International Airport:** No Report.
- d.) **Belvidere Public Works:** No Report.
- e.) **Loves Park, Community Development:** No Report.
- f.) **Loves Park, Public Works Department:** No Report.
- g.) **City of Rockford Community Development:** No Report.
- h.) **City of Rockford, Public Works Department:** No Report.
- i.) **IDOT, District 2:** Mr. Ortgiesen reported that applications for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) are due September 30, 2024; if you need a letter of support or concurrency, please get that in early. The Illinois Special Bridge applications are due October 9, 2024.
- j.) **Rockford Mass Transit District:** Ms. Hughes reported that RMTD received 4 additional hybrid-electric buses, meaning that 33 of 41 vehicles have been converted with only 8 remaining that are fully diesel.
- k.) **Machesney Park, Public Works Department:** No Report.

- l.) **Village of Roscoe:** No Report.
- m.) **Winnebago County Community & Economic Development:** No report.
- n.) **Winnebago County Highway Department:** Mr. Molina reported that the local letting for the materials associated with the Riverside Boulevard project is scheduled for October 10, 2024. Winnebago County will be submitting a ITEP application for the Phase I & II engineering of the Riverside Boulevard Shared-Use Path project (from Perryville Road to Sportscore II). Additionally, it was announced that Winnebago County was awarded SS4A demonstration funding for the purchase of equipment, such as temporary signals.
- o.) **Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation:** No Report.
- p.) **FHWA, IL Division:** No Report.
- q.) **IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming:** No Report.
- r.) **IL Tollway:** Mr. Guerriero indicated that the Tollway is working aligning their policies to incorporate Complete Streets in future projects.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

8. Adjournment

Ms. Turner entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District motioned; seconded by Ms. Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District. A unanimous vote to adjourn at 10:56am.

Meeting minutes prepare by: Sarah Renicker & Sydney Turner

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____



**REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL
MPO POLICY COMMITTEE**

MPO RESOLUTION 2024-16

RE: **Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2028 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 August 22, 2024 version of the Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and;

WHEREAS the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have approved the FY 2025-2028 MPO TIP; and

WHEREAS Illinois Department of Transportation has requested the addition of one (1) new project and Winnebago County Highway Department has requested the addition of one (1) new project; and

WHEREAS the projects being amended in the adopted and approved version of the FY 2025-2028 TIP will not affect or impact the other projects listed in the FY 2025-2028 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 2025-2028 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 17th day of October 2024.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Chairman Rodney Riley
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____

DRAFT

Attachment A

Fiscal Year 2025											
Highway Projects											
Project #	Project Location	Termini	Project Type	Phase of Work	Federal Share (000s)		State Share (000s)		Other Share (000s)		Total
					Source	Amount	Source	Amount	Source	Amount	
01 - Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)											
1-25-10	US 20 Resurfacing	0.2 mi W of Pecatonica Rd to 0.2 mi W of Falconer Rd	3R	CON	NHPP	\$7,000	State	\$1,750	-	-	\$8,750
Fiscal Year 2027											
Highway Projects											
Project #	Project Location	Termini	Project Type	Phase of Work	Federal Share (000s)		State Share (000s)		Other Share (000s)		Total
					Source	Amount	Source	Amount	Source	Amount	
02 - Winnebago County Highway Department(WCHD)											
2-25-11	Winnebago Road/Telegraph Road Intersection Improvements	1,000 feet on each of the 4 legs of the intersection	Safety	CON	HSIP	\$597	-	-	Local	663.58	\$1,261