



MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 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
5. Action Items
 - a. Approval of the May 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Adoption of the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2026-07)
 - c. Adoption of the Resilience Improvement Plan (Resolution 2026-08)
 - d. Adoption of the EV Readiness Plan (Resolution 2026-09)
 - e. Adoption of the Food and Transportation Access Study (Resolution 2026-10)
 - f. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification
6. R1 Staff Reports
7. Agency Reports
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

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

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MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2026 10:00 am

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1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Tim Verbeke at 10:00 am.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department; Josh Sage, Boone County Conservation District; Patricia Diduch, City of Byron; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford, Community Development; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Department; Mike Holan, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Chris Baer, Four Rivers Sanitation District; Faith Duncan, IDOT District 2; Dan Egelkes, RMTD; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Izzy Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park, Community Development; Troy Taylor, Village of Roscoe; Karl Palmquist, Winnebago County Community Development; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; Erin Marshall, Boone County Transit; Jon Paul Diipla, FHWA, IL Division (zoom); Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway; Doug Delille, IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programing; Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway; Sharon Hecox, Stateline Mass Transit District.

Members Absent: Boone County Planning Department; Chicago/Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; City of Belvidere Public Works Department; City of Loves Park, Public Works Department; City of Loves Park, Community Development; Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department; Village of Winnebago; IDOT Division of Public Transportation; Ogle County Highway Department; SLATS.

Other Present: Eric Tison, Estelle Adiaba, Tim Verbeke, Jackson Sitter, Marilla Smith, Chloe Barnes, Keagan Carlson, , Lizette Gomez, Hallela Wagner, Nammratha Palli, Anushka Chipade, and Sarah Renicker of Region 1 Planning Council.

3) Public Comment

No public comments were brought forward at this time.

4) Discussion Items:

a) E-TIP Discussion (Pushed to July meeting due to internal issues: A motion to change the agenda was made by Ms. Mandujano, and seconded by Mr. Krohn. Vote passed by unanimous voice vote.) Replaced by Jason Holcomb discussion the Health Atlas. Mr. Holcomb described the background of the Community Health Needs Assessment and how it relies on access to data analytics tools. The Community Health Needs Assessment is seen as a resource to the community and regional health systems, so there is constant re-evaluation of efficiency and reliable data. Partnering with the Rockford Area Health Council & Platform Group, R1 established use of Metopio, which provides Geospatial information, scatter plots, automated AI features to write needs assessments (which is in beta testing). The Atlas looks a social determinant of health, including various transportation considerations. Mr. Holcomb also explained the information is put out there for public use, and is available to anyone that wants to use it, through the R1 website. Mr. Holcomb then walked attendees through how to use the online tool, highlighting features and customizable search parameters, and ease of use, including maps, charts and rank (score cards). Ms. Diduch, asked where the information was pulled from. Mr. Holcomb explained it comes from Google Maps, Proprietary algorithms, as well as direct

community reports. He also explained that you can add municipal layers to county information. Ms. Diduch also asked if there was additional cost for certain counties. Mr. Holcomb explained that the cost model was based on population size of county. Mr. Krohn asked if there was a current list of available data sets. Mr. Holcomb indicated that there are 100 published lists, which he would send to Tim to send out.

b) ADA Self Evaluation Update- Paige Withrow updated members indicating that the ADA Self-Evaluation process was in its final stages of publishing and will be available online shortly. The next steps will be to develop an outline for implementation suggestions. Staff are also actively researching grants to support implementation. A transition plan is also currently in development and will be available shortly. There has also been an update to the onsite fire system.

c) FY2026 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) NOFO- Mr. Verbeke explained that the SS4A NOFO closes on May 26, 2026 and that R1 will be submitting an application for continuation, looking at high injury networks and taking a consultant-based look at potential improvements and implementation. This is a supplemental grant to include the entire MPO.

5) Action Items:

a) Approval of the April 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Verbeke called for the approval of the 4/16/2026 meeting minutes. Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Works motioned, seconded by Mr. Krohn, Boone County Highway Department. With no further discussion, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6) Staff Reports-

- Update on the Transportation Reauthorization Bill-from AMPO (Capital Hill discussions): Tim will send information out to the group as well. Build America 2050 Act-going to committee for markup. At a high level it aligns with AMPO and R1 priorities. Local and Regional access is a focal point with 22% of transportation funding coming through formula grants with a 9.6% increase in MPO funding with an annual 3% increase. Proposal that the state match is reduced to 10%. Includes Access to FMS-fiscal tracking system, SS4A reauthorization, new ST accelerator grant, eligible for Jason's Law (truck parking program). Mr. Verbeke was unsure if bill will be approved prior to September 30, 2026 and will continue to engage with AMPO about changes, timing, etc.
- Congressman Ray LaHood/MPO Transportation Day May 28th at 9:30 am-Open to any transportation related individuals
- Congressman Eric Sorenson visit day is also being planned-stay tuned.
- Next MPO Technical meeting will include TIP Approval, Resilience Improvement Plan, Food and Transportation Assessment Study, EV readiness as well as MPO self-certification.
- Moving September 17th MPO Technical meeting to September 24th due to conflict with the AMPO annual conference.

6) Agency Reports

- a.) Boone County Highway Department:** North Boone School, Stone Quarry Bridge Replacement, Hunter Road widening, Edgewood Storm Sewer work. 27,000 ton road resurfacing, RTA Grant Award for Phase 1 & 2 (3 bridges).
- b.) Boone County Planning Department:** n/a
- c.) Boone County Conservation District:** n/a

- d.) **Boone County Transit:** n/a
- e.) **City of Byron:** n/a
- f.) **Chicago/Rockford International Airport:** n/a
- g.) **City of Belvidere, Public Works:** n/a
- h.) **Loves Park, Community Development:** n/a
- i.) **Loves Park, Public Works Department:** n/a
- j.) **City of Rockford Community Development:** n/a
- k.) **City of Rockford, Public Works Department:** n/a
- l.) **Forest Preserves of Winnebago County-** New Executive Director Dan Olson engaging in Strategic Planning, and issuing survey of usage.
- m.) **Four Rivers Sanitary District:** n/a
- n.) **IDOT, District 2:** Multi-year program draft submitted for approval
- o.) **Rockford Mass Transit District:** n/a
- p.) **Rockford Park District:** n/a
- q.) **Machesney Park, Community Development:** n/a
- r.) **Machesney Park, Public Works Department:** n/a
- s.) **Village of Roscoe:** n/a
- t.) **Winnebago County Community & Economic Development:** n/a
- u.) **Winnebago County Highway Department:** Rosco Rd. Bridge project bid opening at the end of April, closes in June. Harrison Ave. scheduled for resurfacing next week. Riverside project has run into issues with property owners. Rosco Rd (STBG project)-extension and using TAP funding for adjacent bike path.
- v.) **FHWA, IL Division:** n/a
- w.) **IDOT:** ITEP program applications open are due in October. Safe Routes to School updates are coming.
- x.) **Illinois Tollway:** Next summer (2027) I-90/I-39 resurfacing project will take place, inner to outer lanes along with bridge work. There will be a lot of truck interaction and will require coordination. Elevator Rd. bridge over I-90 will be replaced (Mr. Molina asked if it will be wider- HG indicated it will require coordination and that it along with a signage refresh is tentatively happening by 2028. Mr. Krohn asked about solution to rail bridge clearance, HG indicated they're looking at 2028).
- y.) **Stateline Mass Transit District:** n/a

Other Business:

Adjournment

Mr. Verbeke entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development motioned; seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County, Highway Department. A unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 10:42 am

Meeting minutes prepare by: Sarah Renicker

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____



REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

MPO Resolution 2026-07

- RE:** **Adoption of the FY 2027-2030 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** 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 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Rockford Metropolitan Area has been developed in accordance with the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA); and
- WHEREAS** the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process carried out by the MPO under the direction of the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee of the MPO of the Rockford Metropolitan Area in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT); and
- WHEREAS** the planning process is being carried on in conformance with all applicable Federal and State requirement, as listed in the Annual Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification; and
- WHEREAS** citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agencies, private providers of transportation, and other interested parties have been given opportunities to comment on this TIP during its development cycle; and
- WHEREAS** the public comment and review period for draft FY 2027-2030 TIP was from May 26, 2026 through June 26, 2026 and the draft FY 2027–2030 TIP was made available for review via the MPO website (posted May 26, 2026) as well as through contacting the MPO offices; and
- WHEREAS** the MPO Technical Committee has recommended approval of the FY 2027-2030 TIP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

the MPO Policy Committee adopts the June 26, 2026 version of the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the MPO staff is instructed to distribute the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program in accordance with the MPO Public Participation Process.

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on 26th day of June 2026.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Chairman Karl Johnson
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____



Region 1 Planning Council

MPO Policy Committee

MPO RESOLUTION 2026-08

RE: Adoption of the Resilience Improvement Plan

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 "Resilience Improvement Plan" (dated June 2, 2026) is a plan sponsored by Region 1 Planning Council in collaboration with its member agencies, partnership organizations, and local stakeholders, to increase transportation resilience against infrastructure and natural disasters in the Rockford Region; and

WHEREAS the purpose of a Resilience Improvement Plan is to examine the current conditions of the region's transportation system, identify potential hazards that may weaken transportation infrastructure, and provide recommended strategies and potential projects to mitigate the impacts of identified hazards in the region; and

WHEREAS the public comment and review period for draft of the Resilience Improvement Plan was from April 28, 2026 to May 27, 2026 and the draft Resilience Improvement Plan was made available for review via the MPO website (posted April 28, 2026) as well as through contacting the MPO offices.

WHEREAS the MPO Technical Committee has reviewed MPO Resolution 2026-08 and has recommended that the Resilience Improvement Plan to be adopted by the MPO Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS MPO encourages its partner agencies to also adopt the Resilience Improvement Plan and to incorporate the plan in future transportation plans within the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The MPO Policy Committee adopts the June 2, 2026 version of the Resilience Improvement Plan along with the changes, if any, as to be documented in the minutes of the MPO Technical Committee June 18, 2026 meeting.

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on this 26th day of June 2026.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Chairman Karl Johnson
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____



Region 1 Planning Council

MPO Policy Committee

MPO RESOLUTION 2026-08

RE: **Adoption of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan**

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 "Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan" (dated June 2026) is a plan sponsored by Region 1 Planning Council in collaboration with its member agencies, partnership organizations, and local stakeholders, as a comprehensive, regionally coordinated approach to remove barriers to electric vehicle (EV) adoption and electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) installation in the Rockford Region; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan is to assist key stakeholders in the Metropolitan Planning Area in preparing communities to be able to meet the demands of the increasing number of electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS the public comment and review period for draft of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan was from June 1, 2026 to June 15, 2026 and the draft Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan was made available for review via the MPO website (posted June 1, 2026) as well as through contacting the MPO offices.

WHEREAS the MPO Technical Committee has reviewed MPO Resolution 2026-09 and has recommended that the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan to be adopted by the MPO Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS MPO encourages its partner agencies to also adopt the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan and to incorporate the plan in future transportation plans within the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The MPO Policy Committee adopts the June 2026 version of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan along with the changes, if any, as to be documented in the minutes of the MPO Technical Committee June 18, 2026 meeting.

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on this 26th day of June 2026.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Chairman Karl Johnson
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____



Region 1 Planning Council MPO Policy Committee

MPO RESOLUTION 2026-10

RE: Adoption of the Food and Transportation Access Study

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 "Food and Transportation Access Study" (dated June 2026) is a plan sponsored by Region 1 Planning Council in collaboration with its member agencies, partnership organizations, and local stakeholders, to examine food access, transportation capacity, and housing affordability as interconnected factors that influence quality of life and community outcomes throughout the Rockford region; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Food and Transportation Access Study is to assist key stakeholders in the Metropolitan Planning Area in coordinating planning and policy action across public health, transportation, land use, and housing at the regional level; and

WHEREAS the public comment and review period for draft of the Food and Transportation Access Study was from June 15, 2026 to June 22, 2026 and made available for review via the MPO website (posted June 15, 2026) as well as through contacting the MPO offices.

WHEREAS the MPO Technical Committee has reviewed MPO Resolution 2026-10 and has recommended that the Food and Transportation Access Study be adopted by the MPO Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS MPO encourages its partner agencies to also adopt the Food and Transportation Access Study and to incorporate the plan in future transportation plans within the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The MPO Policy Committee adopts the June 2026 version of the Food and Transportation Access Study along with the changes, if any, as to be documented in the minutes of the MPO Technical Committee June 18, 2026 meeting.

We hereby certify the foregoing has been approved by a majority of the MPO Policy Committee Members on this 26th day of June 2026.

Chairman Joseph V. Chiarelli
MPO Chair

Chairman Karl Johnson
MPO Vice-Chair

Number of members authorized to vote _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____

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Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.336(b), the planning process in the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area was certified by USDOT – FHWA – FTA on June 7, 2024.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.336, the Illinois Department of Transportation and Region 1 Planning Council Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Rockford metropolitan planning area hereby certify the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
- (2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d–1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114–357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
- (6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Winnebago County Chairman
Chair – MPO Policy Committee
Authorized Representative of the Region 1
Planning Council MPO
June 26, 2026

Bureau Chief, Urban Program & Planning
Illinois Department of Transportation or
Other Authorized Representative of the
Illinois Department of Transportation
Date: _____