



MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:00 am

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 10:03 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department
Josh Sage, Boone County Conservation District
Jeff Polsean, Chicago/Rockford International Airport
Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere, Public Works Department
Shannon Messinger, City of Loves Park, Public Works Department
Tim Hinkens, City of Rockford, Public Works Department
Shawn Ortgiesen, IDOT District 2
Paula Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District
Izzy Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park, Community Development
Josef Kurlinkus, Village of Roscoe
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
City of Loves Park, Community Development
City of Rockford, Community Development
Forest Preserves of Winnebago County
Four Rivers Sanitary District
Rockford Park District
Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department
Village of Winnebago
Winnebago County, Community & Economic Dev.

Others Present

Jon Paul Diipla, FHWA, IL Division
Doug DeLille, IDOT Division of Urban Planning and Programming
Henry Guerriero, IL Tollway
Rob Bates (Virtual), IDOT District 2

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Brandon Rucker, Eric Tison, Juliana Charlebois-Berg, Lauren Kleve, Nathan Larsen, Sydney Turner, Clara Romeo, Vanessa Mauries, Estelle Adiaba, Tim Verbeke, Emma Ottles, Sarah Renicker

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Discussion Items

a. Functional Classification Change Request – Main Street (City of Rockford)

Sydney Turner invited Tim Verbeke of R1 to report on the Functional Classification Request submitted for the proposed changes to sections of Church and Main St, which would change those sections from one-way to dual directional roadways. Mr. Verbeke indicated that with that request Church St. would remain classified as ‘other arterial’ and a section of Main St. would now be classified as a ‘major connector’. Ms. Turner then explained that this would be presented to the MPO Policy Committee for discussion and approval and then submitted to IDOT for final approval.

Justin Krohn, Boone County, Highway Department then asked about the jurisdiction of the proposed change, Ms. Turner clarified that jurisdiction would be changing from IDOT to City of Rockford.

b. Parking Reimagined Overview

Ms. Turner then turned over the floor to Lauren Kleve, to present on the Parking Reimagined project. Ms. Kleve explained the purpose, goals and phases of the study. The purpose of the project is to examine existing parking structure and its impact on quality of life. The goal is to develop and promote sustainable and equitable approaches to developing future parking projects. The project will be reviewing current and future trends and the impact parking has on housing, the local economy, environmental impact, etc. The project is currently in the planning phase and will be moving into the public engagement phase by the end of summer and the whole project will wrap up by the end of the year. No questions were posed.

5. Action Items

a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2024

Ms. Turner introduced a motion to approve May 2024 meeting minutes. Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department motioned, Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works seconded. A name spelling correction was requested and acknowledged. Motion passed with all Ayes and no Nays.

b. Adoption of the FY 2025 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2024-09)

Ms. Turner summarized that this Program would carry over the work being done from FY 2024 over into FY 2025, including all active projects. Ms. Turner then summarized a breakdown of the budget: roughly \$1.5 M, with 69% coming from the Federal Government, 17% from the State of Illinois, and 14% from matches. She explained that 71% of expenses go toward staff salaries, benefits and administrative staff, with 14% going toward contractual and consultant fees.

Ms. Turner opened up a motion to recommend this resolution. Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department motioned, seconded by Shannon Messinger, City of Loves Park, Public Works Department. Opportunity to discuss went unanswered, Ms. Turner entertained a vote. Motion carried with all Ayes and no Nays.

c. Approval of the Rockford MPO Adjusted Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area (Resolution 2024-11)

Ms. Turner explained that the US Census of 2020 indicated that the adjusted Urbanized area covered by the MPO grew from Belvidere all the way to the McHenry County line. The proposed Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) is to cover all “urbanized” townships within Winnebago County while preserving the relationship with SLATS to the north, which would prevent the service area from including all of Winnebago County. Ms. Turner introduced a motion to move into discussion. Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere motioned, seconded by Josef Kurlinkus, Village of Roscoe.

Discussion:

- Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department asked for clarification of the changes to the boundaries of the Urbanized areas. Ms. Turner then indicated that previous boundaries were indicated mainly with natural features and various roadways, while the new proposed boundaries

would follow township lines. Efforts were coordinated with SLATS to determine the boundary to the north.

- Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department asked if the boundary came close to Dekalb. Ms. Turner said it did not, and that there is still more area with the potential for coverage without overlapping other MPOs.

With no other questions, Ms. Turner opened up for a vote to recommend the resolution. All Ayes and no Nays, motion carried.

d. Amendment to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2024-12)

This amendment was brought forth by Rockford Mass Transit District to address projects addressing preventative maintenance, replacement vehicles, and misc. equipment, shop equipment. See attachment.

Paula Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District motioned, seconded by Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department.

Opportunity for discussion went unanswered, Ms. Turner motioned for a vote. All Ayes, no Nays. Motioned Carried.

Ms. Turner then explained that the resolution to adopt FY 25 TIP Program was being postponed due to changes that came out to the MYP, and rather than add amendments the MPO wanted to revise the FY 25 TIP plan to reflect those changes and then there would still be a public comment period before the FY25 TIP would be presented and adopted in August 2024.

6. Staff Reports

Ms. Turner reported on the Alpine Traffic Signal Study, indicating a partnership with Iteris analytics to monitor the traffic light usage on Alpine road from Sandy Hollow Rd to 173. She indicated the need to adjust collection around the Harrison/Broadway portion of Alpine due to ongoing road construction.

For Safe Street for All, Ms. Turner noted that the Traffic Safety Action Plan-video analytics for Winnebago & Boone County and City of Rockford to cover 30 intersections. Nate Larsen reported on the Winnebago County Traffic Safety Action Plan and indicated that the team is developing the narrative, continuing data analysis, and that the steering committee met in May to look at safety areas of concern and goals for the plan. Brandon Rucker reported on the City of Rockford's Traffic Safety Action Plan indicating it had its first steering committee at the end of May, where they discussed adopting areas of emphasis, next meeting is in July. Tim Verbeke reported the Boone County Traffic Safety Action Plan is getting off the ground and will be having their first Steering committee soon.

7. Agency Reports

a. Boone County, Highway Department

Summer resurfacing continuing through late July.

b. Boone County Conservation District

No Report

c. Chicago Rockford International Airport

No Report

d. City of Belvidere, Public Works Department

No Report

e. City of Loves Park, Public Works Department

Underground project completed, paving wrapping up in July, overlay and curb work done,

f. City of Rockford, Community Development Department

For TAP-funded projects, Parkview Sidewalk Project is moving along; West State Street TAP sidewalk project in Phase II engineering; and East State Street Sidewalk Project is in Phase I Engineering. For the STBG-funded 9th Street Conversion Project, the City is meeting with IDOT/FHWA regarding funding source, the project is still in Phase I Engineering. The City is coordinating a safety project with IDOT that would reduce the Main Street/Auburn Street roundabout to 1 lane. Accidents have gone from 7 accidents a month, to 1 in the past 3 weeks. There is only a 20-second delay as result of reduction.

g. City of Rockford, Public Works Department

No Report

h. Four River Sanitation District

No Report

i. IDOT, District 2

A number of the IDOT Regional engineers came to review the I-39 projects, which went well. George Tapas is no longer with central office.

j. Rockford Mass Transit District

Out for bid for large addition renovation project.

k. Rockford Park District

No Report

l. Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department

No Report

m. Village of Roscoe

The Village's annual resurfacing projects are halfway completed. Willow Brooke Road construction plans were submitted to IDOT, but are still unfunded.

n. Winnebago County, Highway Department

Projects moving along, no delays. Start treatment seal coating for about 50 miles in WC. Township roads already complete. 2 safety projects for Roscoe Rd and Owen Ctr.

o. FHWA, Illinois Division

Public Engagement Workshop coming up July 30, registration now open

p. IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming

Annual Planning Conference in Fairview Heights, IL (St. Louis area) October 2-4. ITEP project opens August 1, call for projects will be open until September 30, 2024.

q. Illinois Tollway

No report

8. Other Business

Justin Krohn asked for clarification on the New boundaries, and if it effected the federal/rural eligibility for funds. Ms. Turner indicated that those outside the Urban area, but with in the boundaries will still qualify for rural funds.

9. Adjournment

Sydney Turner invited a motion to adjourn, Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department motioned, with a second from Justin Krohn of the Boone County Highway Department. A vote was called to adjourn with all Ayes, no Nays. Meeting adjourned at 10:44am

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker and Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Board: 07/18/2024