MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, June 26, 2026 – 8:30 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 1, 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 Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 1, 2026 – 8:30 am

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a. **Call to Order**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chiarelli at 8:35 am.

b. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County; Mayor Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County; Faith Duncan, IDOT; Clint Morris, City of Belvidere; President Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park.

Members Absent: n/a

Other Present: Doug Delille, IDOT, OPP; Michael Dunn, Tim Verbeke, Sarah Renicker, Jackson Sitter, Eric Setter of Region 1 Planning Council

c. **Public Comment**

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

d. **Discussion:**

a. Street Light Data Discussion: Representatives for Street Light presented on the capabilities and services available, using location-based data as well as cellphone and app location information. This subscription would include 2 safety dashboards, using the past 5 years of available data, and are customizable to include Crash data view and network screening of traffic speeds, volumes, and crash data. A member of the committee asked about availability of service. Mr. Dunn indicated that the service would be available to those who are members of the MPO Technical Committee. Region 1 is pursuing a 2-year service contract, pending approval at the May 2026 Governing Board meeting.

e. Action Items

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2026

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the March 20, 2026 MPO Policy Committee. Motioned by Mayor Morris, seconded by Mayor Jury with no discussion. Motion **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

b. Resolution 26-06: Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

With discussion and consensus that the committee would like to continue with the same Chairman/Vice Chairman for the next program year, Chairman Chiarelli called for a vote. Motioned by Mayor Jury, seconded by Chairman Johnson. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

c. Resolution 26-04: Approval of the FY2027 Unified Work Program (UPWP) Mr. Verbeke explained that there are 40 active projects covered under the UPWP and that there are only some slight changes to the coming

year's budget, increasing spending by roughly $22K, to account for increased staffing, travel and occupancy costs. Mr. Dunn explained that the match historically will remain the same for 10 years, and will remain unchanged until 2030. Mr. Chiarelli entertained a motion for approval. Motioned by Chairman Johnson, seconded by Mayor Jury. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

d. Resolution 26-05 Regional Housing Coordination Plan

Mayor Morris raised concern about the Build Illinois Act and how he doesn't agree with it, and needs a better understanding of how the Housing Coordination plan aligns. Specific concerns are about intangibles that are out of local control and has issues with municipal accountability. Mayor Morris then made a motion to table adoption until more discussion could be had, which was then seconded by Village President Johnson. Mayor McNamara then asked about how the plan addresses Mobile Home preservation. Mr. Setter then explained that the Plan isn't designed for every municipality to adopt every aspect, that it is presenting recommended options, not mandated like the IL Build Act. Mayor McNamara then asked what R1's opinion of the Illinois Builds Act was. Mr. Dunn indicated that R1 supports local control, but clarified that R1 are not policy makers, but will continue to affect change on the local level. Mr. Dunn then restated that R1 feels that City and Counties should have final say. Mr. Chiarelli called for a vote to table adoption of the Housing Coordination Plan. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

f. **Director Reports**

- School Zone Safety Program- Mr. Verbeke updated the committee indicating that staff were collecting data at various school sites, and that he and Chloe Barnes had the opportunity to present on the project at an AMPO event in Lexington, Kentucky in April.
- Livable Communities Initiative-Mr. Verbeke explained that the Round 1 recipient, Keith Creek Neighborhood had their last neighborhood meeting the previous evening with roughly 15 residents in attendance, and that construction on the chosen park project construction should begin this summer. Mr. Verbeke then explained that Round 2 recipient, Midtown District Neighborhood had their initial meeting recently with 30-40 in attendance.
- Passenger Rail Project- Mr. Verbeke explained that Union Pacific was currently surveying the tracks.
- Mr. Verbeke wrapped up by informing the committee members that FHWA Representative would be presenting at the Governing Board meeting on May 14, 2026.

g. **Adjournment**

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, second by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Sarah Renicker

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____

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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;

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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_____

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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

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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

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Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

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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

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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

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Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

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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.

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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

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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.

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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
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Date: _____