



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 1, 2026 – 8:30 am
127 N. Wyman St. Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101

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 Committee at June 26th 2026 MPO Policy Committee Meeting 7-0