



MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, June 30, 2023, 8:30 am
Region 1 Planning Council
127 N. Wyman St., Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

Agenda

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, at 8:30 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boone County; Winnebago County; City of Belvidere; City of Loves Park; City of Rockford; Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2; Rockford Mass Transit District; Village of Machesney Park

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Michael Dunn, Sydney Turner, Eric Tison, Melisa Ribikawskis, John Paul Diipla, Brandon Rucker, Region 1 Planning Council.

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Election of Officers

Mr. Dunn entertained a motion to elect a Chair of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Chairman Riley, Boone County, to elect Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, as MPO Policy Committee Chair. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dunn entertained a motion to elect the Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Chairman Riley, Boone County, to elect Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere, as Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. Action Items

a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2023

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the June 30, 2023 Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to approve the June 30, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. Adoption of the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2023-09)

Ms. Turner stated that MPO staff has completed the annual update to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Fiscal Years 2024-2027. The draft TIP was out for a 30-day comment period from May 23, 2023 through June 22, 2023, during which time no comments were received from the public. One

adjustment to a project was made within the public comment period at the request of Rockford Mass Transit District to update project costs.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Jury, City of Love Park, to approve of Resolution 2023-09. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

c. Adoption of the FY 2024 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2023-10)

Ms. Turner stated that the draft FY 2024 UWP was presented at the June 4, 2023 meeting of the MPO Policy Committee for discussion. The document was released for a 30-day public comment period from April. No comments were received. Several technical administrative corrections, such as spelling updates, were made to the document since released in April.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10 the adoption of the FY 2024 UWP.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere, to approve Resolution 2023-10, Adoption of the FY 2024 MPO Unified Work Program. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Director's Report

Ms. Turner reported on the following items:

a. FY 2024 Priority Projects:

Ms. Turner provided an overview of several of the projects that the MPO will be commencing in FY 2024, including the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study, Health & Transportation Study, and Local Traffic Safety Plans.

b. Regional Traffic Signal Coordination Program

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO contracted Iteris, through a QBS process to complete a traffic signal timing study for Riverside Boulevard. Iteris is currently collecting data along the corridor, including traffic counts and turning movements. The report is anticipated to be completed in August.

c. Livable Communities Initiative

Ms. Turner reported that staff has been meeting with several potential funding projects, two of which has confirmed, on the Livable Communities Initiative program. Staff anticipates the first call for projects to occur sometime this fall.

d. Tollway Development Credit

Ms. Turner provided the Policy Committee an overview of the federal and state tollway development credits (TDC). Staff will continue to research and begin the development of a TDC Policy for the MPO. Discussion was held.

e. Chicago-Rockford Passenger Rail Updates

Mr. Dunn provided an update on the status of Chicago-Rockford passenger rail projects. The MPO is still in the process of looking at the economic market analysis and design of the stations. Discussion was held.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to adjourn at 8:57 am.

Prepared by Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: 8/25/2023.