



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 20 2022, 11:00 am

Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman St. Rockford, IL 61101

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Representation

With Quorum Present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County, at 11:02am.

Members Present: RMTD, IDOT District 2, Machesney Park, Loves Park, Rockford, Winnebago County, Belvidere, Boone County

Members Absent:

Others Present: Brandon Geber, Illinois Department of Transportation; Region 1 Planning Council, Michael Dunn, Makenzee Wilcox, Sydney Turner

2. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

3. Presentation: Safety Performance Measures

Ms. Turner presented on the federally-required performance management targets MPOs are required to set, including safety, asset condition, and system performance. Each year, the MPO must set targets related to safety. Mr. Cross presented the proposed targets at today's meeting and will be presenting the targets for adoption in February.

4. Director's Report

a. USDOT Planning Emphasis Areas

Ms. Turner reported that a letter was released jointly by FHWA/FTA in December regarding the Planning Emphasis Areas in each MPOs are encouraged to include in their upcoming Unified Work Program. Ms. Turner explained what there are 8 planning areas: Climate Crisis, Equity and Justice40, Complete Streets, Public Involvement, Federal Agencies Department of Defense, Federal Land Management Agency, Planning Environmental Linkages, Data in Transportation Planning. While the MPO currently incorporates many of the emphasis areas, such as complete streets, equity, planning and environmental linkages, and public involvement, it is staff's goal to make sure these areas are clearly incorporated into the MPO's 3-C planning process and work products. Additionally, in some instances we may be pursuing additional studies or planning efforts in order to address these planning factors.

b. FY 2023 Unified Work Program Development

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO receives an allocation of federal planning funds to complete the federal and state requirements for transportation planning. The MPO has over the past several years received \$747,588 in federal planning marks. With the passage of the IIJA (Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill), the annual federal planning marks have been increased to \$894,735, and increase of 147,147 (19.7%). MPOs are encouraged to further incorporate housing into the long-range transportation plan and other planning efforts. MPOs may also create a Housing Coordination Plan. The IIJA also requires MPO to spend a minimum of 2.5% of the planning marks to be spent on planning and programming efforts for Complete Streets. The MPO has historically set aside more the 2.5% towards active and public transportation, as well as safety planning efforts. As such, the MPO is proposing a slight change in the Work Elements within the UWP.

c. Infrastructure Priorities Playbook

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO has been working on the development of an Infrastructure Priorities Playbook highlighting the regional significant infrastructure priorities in the region. Project types include Roadways, Bridges, Active Transportation, Water Resource Management, and Vertical infrastructure. The goal is to produce this document on an annual basis.

d. FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Administrative Modifications

The MPO has received and processed two administrative modifications to the FY 2022 TIP:

- #1-22-8: I-39 bridge over Blackhawk Road (to move the project from FY 2024 to FY 2022 Annual Element)
- #18-20-1: Lawrenceville Road & Piscasaw Creek Connection (to move the project from Previously Approved to FY 2022 Annual Element)

The MPO has received advance construction notices for:

- #1-18-10: IL-173, 0.2 Mi E of IL 75
- #3-22-14: Sandy Hollow Road & Illinois Railway At-Grade Crossing Improvements, Railroad Mile Post 20.29

The following projects are being moved from advanced construction to current status.

- #20-18-2: Jefferson St. Bridge Underpass Approaches, East Bank of the Rock River & West Bank of the Rock River

5. Other Business

No other business was discussed

6. Adjournment

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by *Chairman Jury, Loves Park, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to adjourn at 11:30am.*

Prepared by Makenzee Wilcox.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: April 29, 2022

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

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