



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 25 2022, 8:45 am

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

1) Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County, at 8:45 am.

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

Members Absent: City of Belvidere

Others Present: Tim Hanson, Four Rivers Sanitation District; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; Brandon Geber, IDOT Office of Planning and Programming; James Richter II, Village of Machesney Park; Gilton Cross, Jacob Doro, Michael Dunn, Julia Halsted, Melisa Ribikawskis, Brandon Rucker, Sydney Turner, Eric Tison, Region 1 Planning Council.

2) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

3) Discussion: Alternative Transportation Committee Restructure

Ms. Turner, Region 1 Planning Council; notes that in 2019, the MPO Policy Committee approved the development of the Alternative Transportation Committee to offer a forum to discuss modes of transportation used other than a single occupant vehicle. This was the evaluation of the Mobility Sub-Committee that focused on the human services transportation/public transportation. Mr. Dunn added that the transition will be gradual, and open to alterations suggested by the committee and the community.

4) Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2021

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve the December 3, 2021 Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Mr. McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Village of Machesney Park to **approve** the December 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote with amendment.

5) Adoption of the 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets (Resolution 2022-01)

Ms. Turner noted that the 2022 Safety Performance Targets were presented to the MPO Policy Committee at the January 20, 2022 meeting.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01, for the adoption of the state's 2% annual reduction for the safety performance measure targets.

Motion by Mr. McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mr. Gury, City of Loves Park to **approve** Performance Management Targets.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote with amendment.

6) Amendment to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Project (Resolution 2022-02)

Ms. Turner stated that MPO Resolution 2021-20 for an amendment to the FY 2022-2025 TIP at the request of Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Rockford, and Ogle County for the addition of the following projects:

- The City of Rockford requested the following amendments:
 - #3-22-15: 9th Street Reconstruction, Sandy Hollow Road to Brooke Road
- City of Belvidere has requested the following amendments:
 - #14-21-3: Appleton Road, US 20 Eastbound Ramps to Kishwaukee River Bridge
- Winnebago County has requested the following amendment:
 - #2-21-1: Riverside Boulevard, from Material Ave to Renn Hart Hills Road/Sage Road
 - #2-18-5: Gleason Road from Rockton Ave to Riverview Road.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2022-02.

Motion by Mr. McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Village of Machesney Park to **approve** Amendment.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote with amendment.

7) Local MPO Contribution (Resolution 2022-03)

Ms. Turner presented the Policy Committee a proposal to increase the local contributions given to the MPO to conduct the comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation planning process as a result of the increased Federal and state planning marks for FY 2023 under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. Staff is proposing an increase in local contributions at the same rate as the Federal & State Planning funds, 19.7%. The contribution per local government would continue to be based on their share of the urbanized area's population. Since we are still awaiting the final 2020 urbanized areas, the percentages are based on the 2010 population.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03, increasing the local annual contribution to the MPO.

Motion by Mr. McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by City of Loves Park to **approve** Resolution.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote with amendment.

8) Director Reports

Mr. Dunn reported that at a recent conference in Washington, D.C. there were conversations regarding the importance of projects in the Transportation Improvement Program being up to date and that there was discussion around the Surface Transportation Block Grant funding. Mr. Dunn also reported on the possibility of future Metropolitan Transportation Plans no longer being fiscally constrained.

Ms. Turner reported on the following:

- STBG Call for Projects: Per the recommendation of the MPO Technical Committee and concurrence of the Policy Committee, the MPO is currently conducting a Call for Projects for the FY 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds allocated to the region. The Call for Project opened on February 17 and will close on March 18, 2022. The application form for projects are available on the R1 Planning website. The available funding for award is approx. \$3.2 million.
- Rail-Served Industrial Park Feasibility Study: Late last summer, the MPO Committee approved an amendment to the FY 2022 UWP to include an update to Regional Freight Rail Site Feasibility Study conducted by Fehr Graham in 2015. Staff developed an RFP for an update to this study, which was released on February 8. Responses will be collected through March 11.

9) Other Business

Mr. Dunn reported that the MPO is pursuing a State Planning & Research grant to further data-driven solutions for the transportation planning process and encouraged the Policy Committee to recommend or forward any requests for data or software could further this mission.

10) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Johnson, Village of Machesney Park seconded by Mr. McNamara, City of Rockford, to **adjourn** at 9:11 am.

Prepared by Sydney Turner.

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