



MPO Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2022

127 N Wyman St, Rockford, IL 61101

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Ms. Turner at 10:00 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boone County Conservation District; Boone County Highway Department; Boone County Planning Department; City of Belvidere Public Works; City of Loves Park Public Works Department; City of Rockford Community Development Department; City of Rockford Public Works Department; Rockford Mass Transit District; Rockford Park District; Village of Machesney Park Community Development Department; Winnebago County Highway; Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District

Village of Roscoe and Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development arrived 10:10 am.

Members Absent: Chicago/Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere Planning; City of Loves Park Community Development Department; Forest Preserve of Winnebago County; Four Rivers Sanitary District; Illinois Department of Transportation District 2; Village of Machesney Park Public Works Department; Village of Winnebago

Others Present: Colin Belle, City of Rockford; Brandon Rucker, Jacob Doro, Sydney Turner, Melisa Ribikawskis, Eric Tyson, and Makenzee Wilcox, Region 1 Planning Council

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Discussion: Mobility Hubs

Sydney Turner, Region 1 Planning Council, presented and led a discussion around mobility hubs and the efforts made by region 1 planning council to research them. This included case studies, a location analysis, and next steps.

5. Action Items:

5.1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2022 and February 22, 2022

Ms. Turner entertains a motion to approve the January 20th, 2022 and February 22nd, 2022 Technical Committee minutes.

Motion by Mr. Saunders, Village of Roscoe, seconded by Mr. Messinger, City of Loves Park Public Works, to approve the January 20th, 2022 and February 22nd, 2022 Technical Committee minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

5.2. Amendment to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2022-04)

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 for the addition of the following projects:

- Illinois Department of Transportation requested the following amendments:
 - #1-21-9: Illinois 251, New Milford School Road to Toms Road in New Milford
 - #1-22-15: Illinois 251, Windsor Rd in Loves Park to Forest Hills Rd in Machesney Park

- City of Rockford has requested the following amendments:
 - #3-22-16: 15th Avenue Improvements, Nelson Blvd to Kishwaukee St
- Rockford Mass Transit District has requested the following amendment:
 - #7-22-16: Demand Response Vehicles – Funding apportioned to region from Fast Act
 - #7-22-17: CRRSAA – Funding apportioned to Region from CRRSAA
 - #7-22-18: CV Grant – Purchase of 6 medium duty vehicles

Ms. Turner asked for a recommendation from the MPO Technical Committee.

Motion by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Hinkens, City of Rockford Public Works Department to recommend the adoption of the FY 2022-2025 TIP MPO Resolution 2022-02. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

5.3. Surface Transportation Block Grant Award (Resolution 2022-05)

Ms. Turner detailed the Surface Transportation Block Grant awards and the results of the project and the project prioritization rankings. Ms. Turner asked the committee if they had any questions regarding the Surface Transportation Block Grant Award.

Discussion was held regarding project prioritization, selection criteria, and funding levels.

Ms. Turner entertains a motion to recommend Resolution 2022-05.

Motion by Mr. Saunders, Village of Roscoe, seconded by Mr. Hinkens, City of Rockford Public Works Department, to recommend Resolution 2022-05 to the MPO Policy Committee. Motion approved by roll call vote.

14 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Abstained.

5.4. Amendment of the FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) MPO Unified Work Program (Resolution 2022-06)

Ms. Turner stated the amendment for adjustments of funds for current expenses in the UWP. No additional projects are being added, funds are being allocation to benefits, supplies, and travel.

Ms. Turner asked for a recommendation from the MPO Technical Committee for approval of the resolution 2022-06.

Motion by Mr. Messinger, City of Loves Park, seconded by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

5.5. Transportation Alternative Selection Committee (Resolution 2022-07)

Ms. Turner stated the proposal to broaden to scope of the active transportation committee and restructure into the Livable Communities Forum. This forum would allow discussion on land use, housing and other relevant topics effect transportation. The proposal also includes the addition of a Transportation Alternative Selection Committee.

Ms. Turner asked for a recommendation from the MPO Technical Committee for recommendation of Resolution 2022-07.

Motion by Mr. Saunders, Village of Roscoe, seconded by Ms. Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Staff Reports

6.1. Asset Condition Rating System

Ms. Turner gave an update on previous discussion regarding an ad hoc committee on the Asset Condition Rating System, as well as an update from the Illinois Department of Transportation's status on this subject matter including the data included and how it will be distributed.

6.2. Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Work Program

Ms. Turner gave an update on the Unified Work Program document and the upcoming 30-day public comment period. The MPO is currently waiting on feedback from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The restructuring of federal work elements and additional planning initiatives was also addressed.

6.3. Advanced Construction Notices

Ms. Turner informed the committee of advanced construction notices received from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Projects currently authorized in Advanced Construction Status:

- #1-20-9: US BUS 20 (Belvidere Bypass), State St to US 20 in Belvidere
- #1-22-3: I-39, Kishwaukee River 0.8 mi S of Blackhawk Rd
- #1-22-8: I-39, Blackhawk Rd
- #2-18-5: Gleasman Road, 0.5 miles east of Rockton Ave to 0.11 miles east of Riverview
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7. Agency Reports

7.1. Boone County Conservation District

No Report.

7.2. Boone County Highway Department

No Report.

7.3. Boone County, Planning Department

No Report.

7.4. City of Belvidere, Public Works Department

No Report.

7.5. City of Loves Park, Public Works Department

No Report.

7.6. City of Rockford, Community Development Department

No Report.

7.7. City of Rockford, Public Works Department

Mr. Hinkens provided an update on the status of the E State Street and W State Street projects that were previously awarded TAP funds. The City also met with a vendor (Deepwalk, Inc.) that specializes in ADA compliance mapping.

7.8. Rockford Mass Transit District

No Report.

7.9. Rockford Park District

Mr. Bragg reported that the Rockford Park District will be hosting a summer job fair on April 29th at 6pm.

7.10. Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department

No Report.

7.11. Winnebago County Highway Department

Mr. Molina reported that the Perryville Bike Path Extension project will be completed next year and has been awarded additional funds for the next phase of the project; the County was also awarded HSIP funds for Belvidere Road; bids were opened last week for the Latham Road project, the Charles Street resurfacing project will occur this year, and the County received \$1.2 million in DCEO funds for improvements at the intersection of Guilford Road and Bell School Road.

7.12. Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District

No Report.

7.13. IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning

Mr. Delille reported that State Planning and Research (SPR) grant applications are currently under review. IDOT has approximately \$10 million dollars available in SPR funding and has received \$18 million in requests. Due to the amount of requests, IDOT is asking MPOs to prioritize requests from their regions. He also reported that the Open Meetings Act training website is back up online for certification.

7.14. Illinois Tollway

Mr. Guerriero reported that the Tollway has a new engineer who is assessing crossroad bridges.

8. Other Business

Mr. Tyson provided an update on the status of the Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis currently underway. He also provided an update on the on Joint Procurement efforts for electric vehicle charging stations and announced the selected vendors from the Request for Proposal process.

Ms. Hughes noted that IDOT has made some changes to the Consolidated Vehicle Program and that the call is open for all entities in need. Applications are due by May 2.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Winnebago County, seconded by Boone County, to adjourn at 11:32am.

Motion approved unanimously by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Jacob Doro & Sydney Turner

Minutes approved by action of the Board: June 22, 2022