



## MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 29 2022, 8:30 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 8:30 am.

### 2. Roll Call

**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; City of Belvidere

**Members Absent:** None

**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; Jacob Doro, Michael Dunn, Julia Halsted, Sydney Turner, Region 1 Planning Council.

### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

### 4. Action Items:

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

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve the January 20, 2022 and February 25, 2022 Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park to approve the December 2021 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote with amendment.

#### 4.2. Amendment to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Project (Resolution 2022-04)

Ms. Turner stated that MPO Resolution 2022-04 is for an amendment to the FY 2022-2025 TIP at the request of Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Rockford, and Rockford Mass Transit District for the following projects:

- The MPO has received a request from the Illinois Department of Transportation:
  - #1-21-9: IL 251, New Milford School Road to Toms Road (Update in cost)
  - #1-22-15: IL 251, Windsor Road to Forest Hills Road (New Project – Illustrative)
- The City of Rockford has requested the addition of project:
  - #3-22-16: 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements, Nelson Boulevard to Kishwaukee Road
- Rockford Mass Transit District has requested the addition of the following:
  - #7-22-16: Purchase of 5 Demand-Response Vehicles
  - #7-22-17: CRRSAA Apportionment
  - #7-22-18: Purchase of 6 Medium Duty Vehicles

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve an amendment to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Project (Resolution 2022-04).

Motion by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, to approve the Resolution 2022-04. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote with amendment.

**4.3. FY 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds Program of Projects (Resolution 2022-05)**

Ms. Turner provided an update to the committee on the development of Program of Project for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds allocated to the Rockford Urbanized Area. She reported that a Call for Projects was held from February 17 to March 18, 2022; the available funding for award is \$3,199,098.40; MPO staff has reviewed the applications and scored the submitted projects using the methodology adopted by the MPO Policy Committee in August 2019 via Resolution 2019-12; and that The MPO Technical Committee voted to move forward with the rankings of the program of projects as determined by the selection criteria.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion for the award of FY 2022 STBG funds allocated to the Rockford Urbanized Area.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford to award seventy-five percent of the MPO STBG funds from the FY 2022 call for projects, in the amount of \$2,399,324.80 to the City of Rockford for 9<sup>th</sup> Street Two-Way Conversion project and twenty-five percent of the MPO STBG funds, in the amount of \$799,774.60 to the City of Belvidere for Appleton Road project, seconded by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County. Motion approved by roll call vote.

**4.4. Amendment to the FY 2022 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2022-06)**

Ms. Turner reported that staff is seeking the adoption of Resolution 2022-06, which is an amendment to the FY 2022 UWP. This amendment is to update the MPO budget based on current and projected expenditures.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve the Amendment to the FY 2022 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2022-06).

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County to approve Resolution 2022-06. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**4.5. Alternative Transportation Selection Committee (Resolution 2022-07)**

Ms. Turner led a discussion of a formation of the Alternative Transportation Selection Committee to provide recommendations on the award of Transportation Alternatives Program and Section 5310 funds allocated to the region.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve the Alternative Transportation Selection Committee (Resolution 2022-07).

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County to approve Resolution 2022-07. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**5. Directors Report:**

Ms. Turner reported on the following items:

**5.1. SPR Project Updates**

- Staff has been working with Farr Associates and their sub-contractors on the development of the Basis of Design for both locations. The Steering Committees will be convened to further development the basis of design. Public engagement events will be conducted at the end of May to gather feedback on the various scenarios for the two sites. One event will be held for each location.
- **Keith Creek Corridor Study** – Progress is being made by Lakota Group and their sub-contractors. The *State of Keith Creek* report was released earlier this month and is available on the project website. Public engagement for the project has begun, having successful events at Katie’s Cup on 7<sup>th</sup> Street and at Patriot’s Gateway.
- **Traffic Signal Operations Program** – This week, staff received an executed agreement for this project from IDOT, allowing staff to begin working on this project. The ultimate goal of this project is to develop a well-organized traffic signal management program (TSMP) for the strategic regional arterial (SRA) system in the Rockford Region.

**5.2. Federal Grant Opportunities**

Several discretionary federal grants that have been announced, a summary was provided on the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (which encompasses the INFRA, MEGA, and Rural grants) as well as Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant program.

**5.3. FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Advance Construction Notice**

The MPO has received advance construction notices for

- #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

Projects or a portion of these projects have been converted from Advanced Construction to current status:

- #1-22-4: I-39, Kishwaukee River 0.8 mi S of Blackhawk Rd
- #1-22-5: Various (Bridges, Winnebago County)

Michael Dunn updated the committee on the following:

- Kara Harmet has been promoted to Housing Planner role at Region 1 Planning Council.
- Sydney Turner will be serving on two separate state-wide committees aimed at electric vehicle readiness.
- Sydney Turner, Shelby Best, and other Region 1 Planning Council staff thanked for support in developing climate action plan that has been nationally recognized.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to adjourn at 9:06 am.

Prepared by Jacob Doro and Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: June 23, 2022