



## MPO Technical Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 10:01 am.

#### 2. Roll Call

**Members Present:** Boone County Conservation District; Boone County, Planning Department; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; City of Loves Park, Community Development Department; 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; Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department; Village of Winnebago; Winnebago County Highway Department; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District;

Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2 entered at 10:03 a.m.

Village of Roscoe entered at 10:05 a.m.

Four Rivers Sanitary District entered at 10:23 a.m.

**Members Absent:** Boone County Highway; Chicago/Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere, Community Development Department; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development Department.

**Others Present:** Colin Belle, City of Rockford; Brandon Geber, IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning; Brandon Rucker, Sydney Turner, Melisa Ribikawskis, Eric Tison, Nathan Larson, Eric Richmond, and Makenzee Wilcox, Region 1 Planning Council.

#### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

#### 4. Action Items:

##### a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Ms. Turner entertains a motion to approve the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Technical Committee minutes.

Motion by Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere, Public Works, seconded by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago county Highway, to approve the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Technical Committee minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

##### b. Adoption of the Title VI & EJ Considerations (Resolution 2022-08)

Ms. Turner stated that per federal regulation, the Title VI Discrimination Complaint Procedure must be submitted to the Federal Transit Authority every 3 years. R1 submitted the procedure to FTA in February 2022, meeting the federal guidance. The document up for adoption today, is a complimentary document that provides more detailed information on how the MPO considers Title VI and EJ in the planning and programming process. The document was released for a 30-day public comment period from March 15 - April 8, 2022. No public comments were received.

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the adoption of the Title VI & EJ Considerations.

Motion by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Bruck, Loves Park Community Development Department, to adopt of the Title VI & EJ Considerations. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**c. Adoption of the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2022-09)**

Ms. Ribikawskis stated that the Fiscal Year 2023-2026 TIP was out for a 30-day comment period, during which the MPO did not receive any comments from the public. However, the MPO did receive two project updates from the Illinois Department of Transportation: (1) a new project phase for Project #1-17-1 for the I-39/US 20 interchange and (2) a new bridge project, Project #1-23-1, at US 20 over Coon Creek, 2 miles east of Belvidere.

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the approval of Resolution 2022-09, the adoption of the FY 2023 – 2026 TIP.

Motion by Mr. Bruck, Loves Park Community Development, seconded by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County Highway, to approve of Resolution 2022-09, adoption of the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**d. Adoption of the FY 2023 MPO Unified Work Program (Resolution 2022-10)**

Ms. Turner stated that the draft UWP has been sent and reviewed by IDOT, as well as discussed at previous Technical and Policy Committee meetings starting in November 2021. The document was released for a 30-day public comment period from May 18 – June 17, 2022. No comments were received.

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the approval of the Resolution 2022-10 the adoption of the FY 2023 UWP.

Motion by Ms. Messinger, Loves Park Public Works, seconded by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County Highway, to approve Resolution 2022-10, Adoption of the FY 2023 MPO Unified Work Program. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**5. Staff Reports**

**a. Transportation Resiliency Study – Asset Criticality Assessment**

Mrs. Wilcox gave an update on the Transportation Resiliency Study, focusing on the results from the asset criticality analysis performed on the roadway network in the Rockford Region.

**b. Electric Vehicle Readiness Study – ESVE Joint Procurement Update**

Mr. Tison provided an update on the implementation efforts of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Study. Region 1 Planning Council (R1) has entered into a joint procurement agreement with Blink Charging to provide a variety of electric vehicle charging equipment and business for public charging.

**SPR Project Updates**

**A. Freight Study:** Ms. Turner provided an update on the Freight Study. R1 is currently working on the Strategies & Recommendations section of the document. Some of the Project recommendations include the update to the 2015 Rail-Served Industrial Park in Southern Winnebago County, update to the rail consolidation study, and addressing system bottlenecks and improvements to key freight corridors.

**B. Keith Creek Corridor Study:** Mr. Tison updated the committee on public engagement events, including the Keith Creek Neighborhood Block Party and the upcoming bike tour of the Creek on

Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Currently, the team is working to identify potential changes in areas of the creek such as passive and active recreation activities.

- C. Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis:** Mr. Tison reported that the basis of design has been completed by Farr Associates and the project team is finalizing site locations in Belvidere and Rockford.
- D. Regional Transportation Signal Operations Program:** Ms. Ribikawskis provided an update on the Regional Transportation Signal Operations Program discussing an overview of the project goals. There has been a kick-off meeting with the Steering Committee with another Steering Committee meeting is planned for later this summer.

**c. Federal Discretionary Grant Opportunities**

Ms. Turner stated that the US DOT Federal Highway Administration Bridge Investment Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was recently released by USDOT. The purpose of this program is to help plan, replace, rehabilitate, protect and preserve the US's largest bridges. The program will help important bridges across the nation in urban and rural areas remain operational, support local economies, strengthen supply chains, improve safety, and create good-paying jobs. The program will support three different types of projects: Planning, Large Bridge Projects (projects over \$100 million), and Bridges Projects (projects up to \$100 million). Due dates: July 25, 2022 (Planning Projects); August 9, (Large Bridge Projects); Sept. 8, 2022 (Bridge Projects)

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

Ms. Turner informed the committee of advanced construction notices received from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Projects currently authorized in Advanced Construction Status:

- #18-20-1: Lawrenceville Road & Piscasaw Creek Connection, City of Belvidere/Lawrenceville Rd to Marengo Rd/Piscasaw Creek
- #1-21-9: ILL 251, New Milford School Rd to Toms Rd in New Milford
- #1-23-1: US 20, Over Coon Creek 2 mi E of Belvidere

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

- #3-20-9: 8th Avenue, Over Keith Creek
- #1-22-3: I-39, Kishwaukee River 0.8 mi S of Blackhawk Rd
- #1-20-12: IL 251, Dry Creek 0.3 mi N of McCurry Rd, N Kinnikinnick Creek 0.1 mi S of Hononegah Rd & S Kinnikinnick Creek 0.8 mi S of Hononegah Rd
- #1-22-3: I-39, Eleven Bridges at Various Locations in Boone and Winnebago County - Section D2 BC 2022-7

**6. Agency Reports**

- 6.1. Boone County Conservation District**  
No report.
- 6.2. Boone County Highway Department**  
Not present.
- 6.3. Boone County, Planning Department**  
No report.
- 6.4. Chicago/Rockford International Airport**  
Not present.
- 6.5. City of Belvidere, Planning Department**  
Not present.

- 6.6. City of Belvidere, Community Development Department**  
No present.
- 6.7. City of Belvidere, Public Works Department**  
No report.
- 6.8. City of Loves Park, Community Development Department**  
No report.
- 6.9. City of Loves Park, Public Works Department**  
Mr. Messenger reported that River Lane Phase 2 began; completion in September 2022.
- 6.10. City of Rockford, Community Development Department**  
No report.
- 6.11. City of Rockford, Public Works Department**  
Mr. Hinkens reported that the SPR funded Auburn Street Corridor Study has been completed and have amended the Rockford Comprehensive Plan to include the study. There was feedback on the issue of accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists as well as the condition of the infrastructure. The City is planning to go out to Bid on the Transportation Alternative Program - Parkview sidewalk construction project. The City is starting to plan for the 11<sup>th</sup> street reconstruction project based on the corridor study that was completed.
- 6.12. Forest Preserves of Winnebago County**  
Not present.
- 6.13. Four Rivers Sanitary District:**  
Mr. Baer reported that annual projects are underway and a filtration project had begun inside the plant. He asked the committee reach out to the District when resurfacing projects are scheduled so the District can coordinate on the inspection of manhole covers.
- 6.14. Illinois of Transportation, District 2**  
Mr. Bates reported that West State Street project started in April and should be finished this year. The East State and Perryville intersection should be finished this year. Resurfacing work on US-20 to Falconer Road is anticipated to be completed this year. The first of five contracts will be beginning soon, including reconstructing I-39 from Blackhawk Road to I-90 and US-20 from I-39 to Kishwaukee River.
- 6.15. Rockford Mass Transit District**  
Mr. Priddy reported that the delivery of six battery electric buses has been pushed back to August.
- 6.16. Rockford Park District**  
No report.
- 6.17. Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department**  
No report.
- 6.18. Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department**  
No report.
- 6.19. Village of Roscoe**  
Mr. Sanders reported that the residential repairs have been awarded for 2022 and there is a traffic study for a proposed multi-family subdivision at Old River and Roscoe Road.
- 6.20. Village of Winnebago**  
No report.
- 6.21. Winnebago County Highway Department**  
Mr. Hodina reported that the County has received two grants totaling \$1.6M from DCEO.
- 6.22. Winnebago Co Planning & Econ Dev.**  
Not present.
- 6.23. Winnebago Co Soil & Water Conservation District**  
No report.
- 6.24. Boone County Council of Aging**  
Not present.
- 6.25. Federal Highway Administration, IL Division**  
Not present.
- 6.26. IDOT, Division of Public Transportation**  
Not present.
- 6.27. IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning**

Mr. Gerber reported that Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funds are available.

**6.28. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency**

Not present.

**6.29. Illinois Tollway**

Not present.

**6.30. Ogle County Highway**

Not present.

**6.31. State Line Area Transportation Study**

Not present.

**6.32. Stateline Mass Transit District**

Not Present.

**7. Other Business**

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO will host the IDOT Fall Planning Conference. R1 is also hosting a second Drive Electric Week, which is scheduled for July 22 through July 29.

**8. Adjournment**

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by City Loves Park to adjourn at 10:31am.

Motion approved unanimously by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Makenzee Wilcox

Minutes approved by action of the Board: 08/18/2022.