



MPO Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 18nd, 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, Boone County, 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; Four Rivers Sanitary District; Rockford Mass Transit District; Rockford Park District; Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2; Rockford Park District; Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department; Village of Winnebago; Winnebago County Highway Department; Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development Department.

Members Absent: Chicago/Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere, Community Development Department, City of Belvidere, Public Works; Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District; Village of Roscoe; Village of Winnebago.

Others Present: Brandon Geber, IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning; Henry Guerriero, II, Illinois Tollway; Sydney Turner, Melisa Ribikawskis, Eric Tison, and Makenzee Wilcox, Region 1 Planning Council.

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Discussion Item: Discretionary Grant Coordination

Ms. Tuner stated that there were several grant opportunities such as the Bridge Improvement Program, Reconnecting Communities, and the Safe Streets for All grant, and opened the floor for discussion.

Discussion was held on grant application submittals. Members of the Technical Committee supported a regional application to the Safe Streets for All gran, to be led by the MPO.

Ms. Turner asked for a recommendation from Technical Committee to pursue a regional Safe Streets for All application to Policy Committee.

Motion by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County, Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Krohn, Boone County, Highway Department, to recommend a regional Safe Streets for All application to the Policy Committee. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. Action Items:

a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 22nd, 2022

Ms. Turner entertains a motion to approve the June 22nd, 2022 Technical Committee minutes.

Motion by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Messenger, City of Loves Park, Public Works Department, to approve the June 22nd, 2022 Technical Committee minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. Amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2022-11)

Ms. Turner asked Ms. Ribikawskis, the TIP project lead, to provide a brief overview of the changes made to the draft document.

Ms. Ribikawskis summarized the IDOT Multi-Year Plan, explaining that there were 14 updates to cost breakouts, 6 updated fiscal years the project was occurring, 8 added an additional project phase, 3 updated the phase of work for the project, 1 updated the project type and, 14 new projects were included. In addition to the Multi-Year Plan, IDOT requested the inclusion of projects for the RAISE Grant.

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the approval of Resolution 2022-11, amendment of the FY 2023 – 2026 TIP.

Motion by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County, Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works Department, to approve of Resolution 2022-11, amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

There was a brief discussion about the status of the RAISE grant.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

c. Amendment to the FY 2023 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2022-12)

Ms. Turner stated that due to COVID-19 Pandemic and recent staff gaps, the MPO has a remaining balance of approx. \$158,000 from the FY 2022 PL allocation as of June 30, 2022. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between IDOT and RPC, the MPO has until 12/31/2022 to spend the remaining funds. The amendment to the FY 2023 UWP reflects this remaining balance and identifies the work elements in which the FY 22 agreement will be attributed to.

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the approval of the Resolution 2022-12 for an amendment to the FY 2023 UWP.

Motion by Mr. Messinger, City of Loves Park, Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County, Highway Department, to approve Resolution 2022-12, Amendment to the FY2023 Unified Work Program.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 FY 2023 STBG/TAP Call for Projects

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO is conducting a Call for Projects for the both the FY 2023 Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds and the FY 2022 Transportation Alternatives Program funds allocated to the region. The Call for Project will be open from August 22, 2022 – September 23, 2022. The application form for projects will be available on the R1 Planning website. For STBG, the available funding for STBG award is \$4,252,154.71. MPO staff be reaching out to agencies with projects currently listed in the current program of projects for any updates that may be needed or if the project needs to be removed. New projects can be submitted using the application form. Staff will be presenting the program of projects to the Technical Committee for recommendation to the Policy Committee at the October meeting.

6.2 SPR Project Updates

Keith Creek Corridor Study: Mr. Tison reported that the consulting team, Lakota Group, has developed concept plans for key areas throughout the corridor and met with stakeholders. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of November 2022.

Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis: Mr. Tison reported that the steering committee meeting in Belvidere has to be rescheduled. Public engagement will be virtual and in person for the Belvidere location.

Regional Transportation Signal Operations Program: Ms. Ribikawskis reported that staff had met with each partner agency for one on one meetings over the past month in order to get more information on how agencies are maintaining their traffic signals and their capability. Moving forward there will be steering committee meeting to go over the results of the meetings and discuss next steps.

6.2 IDOT Fall Planning Conference

Ms. Turner stated that Rockford will be hosting the 2022 IDOT Fall Planning Conference this year, this is the first time Rockford has hosted the event in almost two decades. The event will be held from September 21-23 at the Embassy Suites Rockford. Topics will include aviation, electric vehicle infrastructure, DEI, climate resiliency, and more. The conference will include two mobile tours, a training session on transportation data tools and analysis. The link to registration was included in the Committee Packet.

7. 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:

- #1-17-7: I-39, US 20 & Harrison Ave

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

- #1-18-10: IL 173, 0.2 miles east of IL 76
- #1-22-8: I-39, Blackhawk Road
- #1-23-1: US 20, Over Coon Creek 2 mi E of Belvidere
- #2-18-5: Gleasman Road, 0.5 miles east of Rockton Ave to 0.11 miles east of Riverview Road
- #18-20-1: Lawrenceville Road & Piscasaw Creek Connection, City of Belvidere to Marengo Rd

8. Agency Reports

8.1. Boone County Conservation District

Mr. Kane reported that the Piscasaw path construction will begin September 1st.

8.2. Boone County Highway Department

No report.

8.3. Boone County, Planning Department

No report.

8.4. City of Loves Park, Community Development Department

No report.

8.5. City of Loves Park, Public Works Department

Mr. Messenger reported that River lane and the 22 overlay project underway.

8.6. City of Rockford, Community Development Department

No report.

8.7. City of Rockford, Public Works Department

Mr. Carter reported that starting to get to the end of construction season. Completed stripping, specifically parking lanes to narrow the roads which have slowed traffic.

8.8. Four Rivers Sanitary District:

Mr. Baer reported that annual projects in progress and activity in PROW. Send comments about laterals to him from the public. Budgeting schedule ongoing appreciate knowing what projects are coming from municipalities. There is aging infrastructure that needs to be updated or replaced.

8.9. Illinois of Transportation, District 2

Mr. Bates reported that West State is 30% complete to be completed this fall. Rockford bypass is going to be broken up into 5 contracts. Beginning in a year from now for 6 years.

8.10. Rockford Mass Transit District

No report.

8.11. Rockford Park District

No report.

8.12. Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department

Mr. Moffitt reported that Bird scooters began in Machesney Park on August 15th, 2022. Restricted to south of 173. All construction projects are on schedule. Can find updates on website.

8.13. Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department

No report.

8.14. Winnebago County Highway Department

No Report.

8.15. IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning

Mr. Gerber reported that IDOT is reviewing how to use leftover MPO funds. SPR grants to be announced in the next couple weeks.

8.16. Illinois Tollway

Mr. Guerriero II reported that the agency has begun reviewing Strava data as a tool to learn how people use pedestrian crossings and highway crossings.

8. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County, Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Baer, Four Rivers Sanitary District, to adjourn at 10:35am. Motion approved unanimously by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Makenzee Wilcox & Sydney Turner

Minutes approved by action of the Board: 10/20/2022