



## MPO Technical Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 20 2022, 10:00 am  
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 Rockford Community Development Department; City of Rockford Public Works Department; Illinois of Transportation District 2; Rockford Mass Transit District; Village of Machesney Park Community Development Department; Village of Machesney Park Public Works Department; Winnebago County Highway Department; Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development Department; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

City of Belvidere Public Work Illinois of Transportation entered at 10:04 am.  
Rockford Park District entered at 10:05 am.

**Members Absent:** Chicago Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere Community Development Department; City of Loves Park Public Works Department; City of Loves Park Community Development Department; Forest Preserve of Winnebago County; Four Rivers Sanitary District; Village of Roscoe; Village of Winnebago.

**Others Present:** Brandon Geber, Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Urban Program Planning; Henry Guerriero, II, Illinois Tollway; Sharon Hecox, Stateline Mass Transit District; Sydney Turner, Eric Tison, Brandon Rucker, Makenzee Wilcox, and Kennedy Pruitt, Region 1 Planning Council.

#### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

#### 4. Discussion Item:

##### a. Discretionary Grant Coordination

Ms. Turner noted that the MPO submitted a Safe Streets for All application to conduct an update to the regional safety plan as well as develop local plans for Boone and Winnebago Counties, as well as the City of Rockford was submitted. She also stated that several grant opportunities are currently open or will be released shortly including the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation grant (SMART), Thriving Communities, and IDOT's FY 2024 Truck Access Route Program (TARP).

##### b. Roadway Condition Rating System

Ms. Turner discussed convening a working group related for the purposes of developing regional roadway condition rating system and opened this item to the committee for discussion.

Discussion was held.

##### c. 2023 Infrastructure Priorities Report

Ms. Turner gave a brief overview of the Infrastructure priorities project sent to the committee earlier this week regarding projects for the inclusion in the upcoming year's Infrastructure Priorities Report. This

project began two years ago when state lawmakers representing Northern Illinois requested that elected and appointed local government leaders work with Region 1 Planning Council to develop a list of priority infrastructure funding needs to be considered in the upcoming Illinois General Assembly.

The project submission form can be submitted directly to Sydney Turner by 5:00 p.m. on November 11, 2022.

## 5. Action Items:

### a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2022

Ms. Turner entertains a motion to approve the August 18, 2022 Technical Committee minutes.

Motion by Mr. Hinkens City of Rockford, Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Bates, Illinois Department of Transportation District 2, to approve the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Technical Committee minutes.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### b. Amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2022-13)

Resolution 2022-13 is an amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 TIP. The following amendments have been requested:

- District 2 has requested the inclusion of:
  - 1-23-7: US 20 at Alpine Road
  - 1-23-18: Districtwide Bridge Preservation
  - 1-23-19: Districtwide Bridge Preservation
  - 1-23-20: Alpine Rd, from Charles St to Harrison Ave (resurfacing project)
- NOTE: two projects sent in the meeting packet were duplicative projects
- District 2 has also requested an update to the cost breakout for:
  - 1-22-6: US-20 over the Rock River in Rockford
- Winnebago County has requested the inclusion of two projects:
  - 2-23-5: Owen Center Road, from W Riverside Blvd to Latham Rd
  - 2-23-6: Asset Data Collection and AMS Study (SPR)
- Boone County has requested the following project be moved between fiscal years and an update to the cost breakout

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the approval of Resolution 2022-13, amendment of the FY 2023 – 2026 TIP.

Motion by Mr. Hinkens, City of Rockford Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere City of Rockford Public Works Department, to approve of Resolution 2022-13, amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### c. FY 2022 STBG Program of Projects (Resolution 2022-14)

The MPO recently conducted a Call for Projects for the FY 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds allocated to the region. The Call for Project was held from August 22 – October 7 and the application was available on the R1 Planning website. The available funding for award is \$4,252,154.71. MPO staff reviewed the applications and scored the submitted projects using the methodology adopted by the MPO Policy Committee in August 2019 via Resolution 2019-12. The results of this evaluation have been provided in the meeting packet. Ms. Turner asked for recommendations for the award of the STBG. The project and recommended amounts will be updated in Resolution 2022-14, which will be presented to the MPO Policy Committee at their November 4 meeting.

Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department motion to award Winnebago County's Riverside Boulevard project 75% of the available funds and award City of Belvidere's Newburg Road project the remaining funds, seconded by Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere City of Rockford Public Works Department.

Mr. Hinkens, City of Rockford Public Works Department amended the motion that the committee recommend that the City of Belvidere's Newburg Road be awarded the full requested amount and the remaining available funds awarded to Winnebago County's Riverside Boulevard the remaining balance; Mr. Krohn, Boone County Highway Department seconded the amended motion.

Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

## 6. Staff Reports

### 6.1 TAP Call for Projects

Ms. Turner reported that will be held from October 24 – December 9 (45 days). There is \$641,000 is available to be awarded in this cycle. The same guidance is being followed as the ITEP program. Application materials will be distributed to the MPO Technical Committee members and posted on the R1 website under the Transportation Improvement Program. There are currently four TAP projects underway.

### 6.2 SPR Project Updates

**Keith Creek Corridor Study:** Mr. Tison reported Keith Creek has entered the final draft phase and is set to be finished up by end of November. A draft was received from the consulting team, Lakota Group, and will be reviewed and sent back with comments. There will most likely be an open house in the first week of November.

**Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis:** Mr. Tison reported that there was an additional draft of citing analysis. It needs additional narrative from associates this week. Further revision and narrative will be completed in the next couple days.

**Regional Traffic Signal Management Program:** Mr. Tison reported emergency personnel will be contacted in order to collect feedback and data. Members of the committee will be coordinating these meetings in November. The specific corridors that are to be engaged in still need to be identified, the plan is to engage with three right now.

### 6.2 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Survey

Region 1 Planning Council is in the process of updating the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan from its previous 2018 version. The purpose of the survey is to help guide recommendations for improving sidewalks, intersections, and streets in order to make it easier for all residents, workers, and visitors to bike and walk around the region.

The survey also will help identify focus areas and facilities that are comfortable and uncomfortable to use, why walking or bicycling may be used throughout the region, and what improvements should be prioritized.

The survey can be found in both English and Spanish at: [www.r1planning.org](http://www.r1planning.org).

## 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:

- #1-16-6: I-39/US 20 under Perryville Road southeast of Rockford
- #1-23-3: Districtwide Bridge Cleaning
- #1-23-4: I-39 Bridge over the Kishwaukee River 0.8 miles south of Blackhawk Road

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

- 1-20-9: US Bus 20 (Belvidere Bypass) from State Street to US 20 in Belvidere

## 9. Agency Reports

### 9.1. Boone County Conservation District

Mr. Kane reported the Piscasaw Shared Use Path project should wrap up this month.

### 9.2. Boone County Highway Department

No report.

### 9.3. Boone County, Planning Department

No report.

### 9.4. City of Belvidere, Public Works

No report.

### 9.5. City of Rockford, Community Development Department

Mr. Capovilla reported there is an opening for land-use planner at the City.

### 9.6. City of Rockford, Public Works Department

Mr. Hinkens reported that one-way conversion project in Downtown is still in Phase I engineering and the City is currently looking at traffic projections. Construction is anticipated in 2025. The West State Street Sidewalk (TAP-funded) is entering into Phase II engineering, while the East State Street Sidewalk project (TAP-funded) still remains in Phase I engineering. The Parkview sidewalk, there is one property left to acquire and start construction as soon as weather permits. The City has selected a consultant for the Complete Streets Downtown Revitalization Project engineering and is working with IDOT to receive advanced construction notice. The Charles Street Reconstruction Project has been delayed. The contractor has decided to completely close access in order to reduce unexpected traffic delays. Construction on that project will begin spring of next year and end before the next school year begins.

### 9.7. Illinois of Transportation, District 2

Mr. Bates reported that the US-20 Bypass corridor is slated for improvements, which will take place over the next five years; including bridge improvements, resurfacing, and reconstruction in some sections of the corridor.

### 9.8. Rockford Mass Transit District

Ms. Hughes reported that supply chain issues with new electric buses has delayed delivery but are anticipating to receive the buses by December.

### 9.9. Rockford Park District

Mr. Bragg reported that on November 2<sup>nd</sup> the Rockford Park District is hosting a Cutting the Red Tape event. He also noted that the Rockford Park District applied for a project under the Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant for the Pecatonica Prairie Path.

### 9.10. Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department

No report.

### 9.11. Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department

Mr. Hilden reported that the Harlem Road Construction Project will be completed within the next two weeks.

### 9.12. Winnebago County Highway Department

Mr. Molina reported that the following projects have been or will be completed within the next few weeks: Perryville Path from Hart Road to IL-173; South Mulford Road Resurfacing Project from Harrison Avenue to the railroad tracks south; Charles Street Resurfacing Project; and Latham Road from IL-173 to Meridian Road. Culvert repairs are underway at two locations along Gleasman Road. The culvert east of IL-2 will be completed soon but the culvert west of IL-2 has been delayed until next spring due to weather. The Riverside Boulevard Reconstruction Project is still in Phase I engineering with construction anticipated to begin in 2024. Engineering for the Bell School and Newburg Road reconstruction project is being completed now and construction in the next year.

### 9.13. Winnebago County, Planning and Economic Development

No report.

### 9.14. Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District

No report.

### 9.15. IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning

Mr. Geber reported the IDOT Fall Planning Conference was a success. The Federal FY 2023 Federal Aid proportions were released last week. There is an estimated 2% increase, a meeting will be held next Monday in Peoria to discuss how to spend available Metropolitan Planning funds.

**9.16. Illinois Tollway**

No report.

**9.17. Stateline Mass Transit District**

No report.

**8. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Molina Winnebago County Highway Department, seconded by Ms. Mandujano, Boone County Planning Department, to adjourn at 10:54am. Motion approved unanimously by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Kennedy Pruitt & Sydney Turner

Minutes approved by action of the Board: 01/19/2023.