



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 27, 2023

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 Mr. Dunn, Region 1 Planning Council, at 8:45 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Boone County; City of Loves Park; City of Rockford; Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2; Rockford Mass Transit District; Village of Machesney Park; and Winnebago County.

Members Absent: City of Belvidere

Others Present: Tim Hansen, Four Rivers Sanitary District; Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department; Brandon Geber, IDOT Office of Planning and Programming; Eric Tison, Michael Dunn, Sydney Turner, Brandon Rucker, Jon Paul Diipla, Melisa Ribikawskis, and Makenzee Wilcox, Region 1 Planning Council.

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Election of Officers

Mr. Dunn entertained a motion to elect a Chair of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to elect Chiarelli, Winnebago County, as MPO Policy Committee Chair. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to elect the Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to elect Village President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, as Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. Discussion Item: Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Goals & Objectives

Ms. Turner presented on the goals and objectives developed as part of the 2018 iteration of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region. These goals and objectives were presented to the MPO Technical Committee at their January 20, 2023 for discussion and the Technical Committee held no objectives of incorporating these goals into the 2023 update to the plan. The MPO Policy Committee agreed with the MPO Technical Committee in utilizing the existing goals and objectives in the update.

6. Action Items:

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2022

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the August 26, 2022 Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, to approve the November 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. Adoption of the Federally-Required Performance Management Targets (Resolution 2023-01)

Ms. Turner provided an overview on the 2023 Federally-Required Performance Management Targets.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adopt the State of Illinois Performance Measure Targets for PM1, PM2, PM3, TAM, and PTASP, via Resolution 2023-01.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, to approve Resolution 2023-01. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. Amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2023-02)

Ms. Turner requested an amendment to FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program for the addition of several new projects and a project adjustment. Illinois Department of Transportation requested a project be moved fiscal years and cost breakouts updated; City of Rockford requested four (4) projects be moved between fiscal years, thirteen (13) projects updated with new cost breakouts, and nine (9) additional new projects; Rockford Mass Transit District requested the inclusion of a new project.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to amend the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program via Resolution 2023-02.

Motion by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, to approve of Resolution 2023-02. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. Adoption of the Public Participation Plan (Resolution 2023-03)

Ms. Turner provided an overview on the updated version of the federally-required Public Participation Plan.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adopt the Public Participation Plan, dated January 27, 2023, via Resolution 2023-03.

Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to approve Resolution 2022-14. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. Adoption of the Transportation System Management & Operations Plan (Resolution 2023-04)

Ms. Turner provided an overview on the updated version of the Transportation System Management and Operations Plan.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adopt the Transportation System Management and Operations Plan, dated January 27, 2023, via Resolution 2023-04.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to approve Resolution 2022-14. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. Directors Report:

Ms. Turner reported on the following items:

A. STBG / COVID Relief Funding

The City of Belvidere has relinquished the STBG / COVID Relief funds for the Appleton Road project due to changes in project scope. The award of this funding will needed to be determined quickly due to the three-year sunset clause. The MPO will move forward with a review of the adopted Program of Projects for the award and will present the MPO Technical Committee's recommendation at the March 2023 MPO Policy Committee Meeting.

B. 2023 Infrastructure Priorities Report

The 2023 Infrastructure Priorities Report has been completed and released for distribution.

C. SPR Project Updates

Keith Creek Corridor Study: The Study has been completed and is available on the R1 website.

Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis: The project is still on hold until more conversations are held with IDOT officials and the City of Rockford. More public engagement opportunities are likely to come in the next several months. Communication with IDOT about ridership numbers is still underway, and there may be an opportunity to publicly discuss those numbers shortly, but final analysis is still underway.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory: Region 1 Planning Council has been awarded additional SPR funding for Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory. This will be a comprehensive analysis of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and an Air

Quality assessment. The execution of the agreement has been delayed due to a budget adjustment request from the MPO.

D. Advanced Construction Notices

Projects currently authorized in Advanced Construction Status:

- #1-22-6: US 20 at the Rock River 0.7 west of Alpine Road in Rockford
- #1-22-14: IL 2 & IL 72 from Mill Creek at the west edge of Byron to the Rock River at the east edge of Byron
- #1-23-2: IL 76 bridge over Beaver Creek 2.5 miles south of IL 173
- #1-23-18: Districtwide bridge preservation in Boone County
- #1-23-19: Districtwide bridge preservation
- #1-23-5: Downtown Rockford Complete Streets Revitalization from Avon Street to Kishwaukee Street (IL 251)
- #21-22-2: Kishwaukee Road (FAS 1069) DOT Crossing #372350T

Project converted from Advanced Construction to current status:

- #1-21-3: IL 251 from Kishwaukee Street to east of 9th Street in Rockford
- #1-18-10: IL 173 culvert 0.2 miles east of IL 76
- #1-17-7: I-39 0.8 miles north of Blackhawk Road to I-90; US 20: I-39 to 0.3 miles east of Kishwaukee River; Harrison Ave: Bell School Road to I-39

8. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to adjourn at 9:18 am.

Prepared by Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: