



MPO Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 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 Planning Department; City of Loves Park Public Works Department; City of Loves Park Community Development Department; City of Rockford Community Development Department; City of Rockford Public Works Department; Illinois of Transportation District 2; Rockford Mass Transit District; Rockford Park 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; Stateline Mass Transit District.

Members Absent: Boone County Highway Department; Chicago Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere Community Development Department; Forest Preserve of Winnebago County; Four Rivers Sanitary District; Village of Roscoe; Village of Winnebago; Ogle County Highway Department.

Village of Roscoe entered at 10:03

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

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Discussion Item:

a. Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning

Ms. Ribikawskis delivered a presentation on program goals and objectives. Ms. Turner clarified that Objective 3.2, Livable Communities Forum is established, and Objective 3.6, Complete Streets is now federally required and part of the UWP for both policy and design standards. Staff requested that comment form be completed and returned.

Discussion, questions and comments followed.

5. Action Items:

a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2022

Ms. Turner entertains a motion to approve the October 20, 2022 Technical Committee minutes.

Motion by Mr. Messinger City of Loves Park, Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works Department, to approve the October 20th, 2022 Technical Committee minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Turner presented information on the required Performance Management targets.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the approval of Resolution 2023-01, Adoption of the Federally-Required Performance Management Targets.

Motion by Mr. Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development Department, seconded by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department, to approve of Resolution 2023-01, adoption of the Federally-Required Performance Management Targets.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Resolution 2023-02 is an amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 TIP. The following amendments have been requested: IDOT requested a project be moved fiscal years and cost breakouts updated; City of Rockford requested four projects be moved between fiscal years, thirteen projects updated with new cost breakouts and nine additional new projects.

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the approval of Resolution 2023-02, amendment of the FY 2023 – 2026 TIP.

Motion by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Department, seconded by Ms. Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District, to approve of Resolution 2023-02, amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Wilcox reviewed the update process and changes to the Public Participation Plan.

No discussion or questions.

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the approval of Resolution 2023-03, adoption of the Public Participation Plan.

Motion by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department, to approve of Resolution 2023-03, adoption of the Public Participation Plan.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Ribikawskis reviewed the update process and plan changes.

No discussion or questions.

Ms. Turner asked the committee for a recommendation for the approval of Resolution 2023-04, adoption of the Transportation System Management & Operations Plan.

Motion by Mr. Saunders, Village of Roscoe, seconded by Mr. Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development Department, to approve of Resolution 2023-04, adoption of the Transportation System Management & Operations Plan.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 SPR Project Updates

- a. **Freight Study:** Ms. Turner reported that data had been received allowing the draft plan narrative to be completed. The study is now in final phase development and should be available for review by April. Mr. Geber added that the state study is also nearing completion, but perhaps not on the same timeline.
- b. **Keith Creek Corridor Study:** Mr. Tison reported the Keith Creek report has been completed and is posted to the R1 website. He invited the members to review the report if they have not already done so.
- c. **Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis:** Mr. Tison reported that the final draft of siting analysis has gone through review by R1 staff and City of Belvidere staff. The final draft is expected for review at the next meeting.
- d. **Regional Traffic Signal Management Program:** Ms. Ribikawskis reported that an RFP for consulting services was released and posted to DemandStar. It was requested that Steering Committee members stay for a brief update as questions from interested parties have been posed.

6.2 Advanced Construction Notices

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

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

Village of Roscoe exited at 10:40

7. Agency Reports

7.1 Boone County Conservation District

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

7.2 Boone County Highway Department

No report.

7.3 Boone County, Planning Department

No report.

7.4 City of Loves Park, Community Development

No report.

7.5 City of Loves Park, Public Works

No report.

7.6 City of Belvidere, Public Works

No report.

7.7 City of Rockford, Community Development Department

No report.

7.8 City of Rockford, Public Works Department

No report.

7.9 Illinois of Transportation, District 2

Mr. Bates reported that contracts for I-39/US-20 are under review and additional information on sequencing, road closures and detours will be forwarded to Ms. Turner for distribution.

7.10 Rockford Mass Transit District

Ms. Hughes reported that battery electric buses delivery was delayed to February.

7.11 Rockford Park District

Mr. Bragg introduced a new full time staff member.

7.12 Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department

Mr. Moffitt report that streetscape improvements are being planned for the downtown. Public feedback opportunities are scheduled for January 23 and February 8.

7.13 Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department

No report.

7.14 Winnebago County Highway Department

Mr. Molina reported that on the following projects: Belvidere Road from 173 to Village of Roscoe for an April bid; Owen Center Road is scheduled to meet with the State in early February, construction in 2024; Riverside IDS for Forest Hills and Alpine are nearing completion; Bell School Road from Guilford to Argus Drive Phase 1 is nearly complete, with construction scheduled for later in 2023; Perryville Bike Path nearing bid in April or June; SPR grant of \$680,000 for asset management data collection.

7.15 Winnebago County, Planning and Economic Development

No report.

7.16 Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District

No report.

7.17 FHWA IL Division

No report.

7.18 IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning and Programming

Mr. Geber reported that the State Freight Plan is nearing release. Additionally, the State will be aggressive in developing State Active Transportation and Long Range Plans. Guidance and mapping for MPO delineations is available.

7.19 Illinois Tollway

No report.

7.20 Stateline Mass Transit District

Ms. Hecox reported and provided thanks to RMTD with assistance on adoption of the public transit safety plan.

7. Other Business

Ms. Turner reported that changes are likely to the MPO urbanized area, mostly in the north boundary area along with a population reduction. Staff is awaiting shapefiles for review.

Transportation Alternative Program call for projects received just one application from City of Belvidere with \$600,000 available. Additional follow up and discussion will be forthcoming.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Molina Winnebago County Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Department, to adjourn at 10:44am. Motion approved unanimously by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Eric Tison & Sydney Turner

Minutes approved by action of the Board: 02/23/2023