



## MPO Technical Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 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; City of Belvidere, Public Works 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; Illinois Department of Transportation District 2; Rockford Mass Transit District; Rockford Park District; Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department; Village of Winnebago; Winnebago County Community & Economic Development; Winnebago County Highway Department; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

**Members Absent:** Boone County Planning Department; Chicago Rockford International Airport; City of Belvidere Community Development Department; Forest Preserve of Winnebago County; Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department; Village of Roscoe; Village of Winnebago.

**Others Present:** Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department (Virtual); John Donovan, FHWA IL Division (Virtual); Anthony Greep, FTA Region 5 (Virtual); Doug DeLille, Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Urban Program Planning (Virtual); Henry Guerriero, Illinois Tollway (Virtual); Nick Sheppard, Boone County Conservation District; Colin Belle and Tim Hinkens, City of Rockford; Sydney Turner, Eric Tison (Virtual), Jon Paul Diipla, Austin Powell, Gabrielle Gamily, Brandon Rucker, Laura Phillips, and Melisa Ribikawskis, Region 1 Planning Council.

#### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

#### 4. Presentation: Livable Communities Initiative

Ms. Turner presented on the Livable Communities Initiative. The presentation included information on the Livable Communities Initiative, case studies researched, and the roles and responsibilities of those involved in the Livable Communities Initiative.

Discussion and questions followed.

#### 5. Action Item:

##### a. Approval of Minutes of the February 23, 2023 Meeting

Motion Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works Department, second by Mr. Messinger, City of Loves Park Public Works Department to approve the February 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

##### b. Amendment to the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2023 – 05)

Ms. Ribikawskis presented pending amendments for the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023-2026. Amendments included an update to the cost breakout for project phases, updated cost breakout for a project and the inclusion of a new project phase.

Motion by Mr. Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department and second by Ms. Hughes, Rockford Mass Transit District to recommend Resolution 2023-05.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**c. Award on the Surface Transportation Block Grant/COVID Relief Funds (Resolution 2023-06)**

Ms. Turner updated the committee on the available Surface Transportation Block Grant and COVID Relief funds. Ms. Turner asked the Committee for recommendation on the STBG apportionment of the balance of \$1.6 million and the \$222,000 of COVID relief funds.

Motion by Mr. Messinger, City of Loves Park Public Works Department, second by Winnebago County Highway Department to award \$222,000 COVID Relief funds to the City of Belvidere's Newburg Road project and \$1.6 million of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds to the City of Rockford's 9<sup>th</sup> Street Conversion project.

Discussion and questions followed.

Motion approved by roll call vote.

**6. Staff Reports:**

**a. Asset Management Working Group**

Mr. Diipla provided an update regarding the March Asset Management Working Group meeting.

**b. Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program**

Mr. Tison updated the committee on the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program.

Discussion and questions followed.

**c. State Planning and Research (SPR) Project Updates**

a. Freight Study for the Rockford Region: Ms. Turner provided an update on the Freight Study for the Rockford Region. The draft version of the study will be released for Public Comment in April and will be sent to the Technical Committee for their review.

b. Ms. Turner informed the committee that the agreement for the Greenhouse Gas and Emissions Inventory Study has been executed.

c. Ms. Turner notified the Committee that the Illinois Department of Transportation is currently accepting application for the State Planning and Research Projects, due by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**d. FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Advance Construction Notice**

Ms. Turner discussed that IDOT has changed the advanced construction notice process.

**7. Agency Reports**

**7.1 Boone County Conservation District**

No report.

**7.2 Boone County Highway Department**

No report.

**7.3 City of Belvidere, Public Works**

Mr. Anderson reported that the Irene Relocation Project is set to go to bid early April.

**7.4 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department**

No report.

**7.5 City of Loves Park, Public Works**

Mr. Messinger reported on the progress of various city projects, including several projects scheduled for letting in the upcoming months and the associated construction start dates.

**7.6 City of Rockford, Public Works Department**

Mr. Carter reported on the progress of various city projects, including projects scheduled for letting in the upcoming months and associated construction start dates.

**7.7 City of Rockford, Community Development Department**

No report.

**7.8 Four Rivers Sanitary District**

No report.

**7.9 Illinois of Transportation, District 2**

No report.

**7.10 Rockford Mass Transit District**

No report.

**7.11 Rockford Park District**

No report.

**7.12 Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department**

No report.

**7.13 Winnebago County Community & Economic Development**

No report.

**7.14 Winnebago County Highway Department**

Mr. Molina reported on the progress of various county projects, including projects scheduled for letting in the upcoming months, and construction start dates.

**7.15 Winnebago County Soil and Water**

No report.

**7.16 FHWA IL Division**

Mr. Donovan reported on several FHWA grant programs and Notice of Funding opportunities.

**7.17 IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning and Programming**

No report.

**7.18 Illinois Tollway**

No report.

**7.19 FTA Region 5**

Mr. Greep stated his appreciation of the invitation to the meeting and happy to be a resource in future meetings.

**7. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**8. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere to adjourn at 10:50 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Melisa Ribikawskis and Sydney Turner

Minutes approved by action of the Board: 04/22/2023.