



MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, March 31, 2023, 8:00 am
Region 1 Planning Council
127 N. Wyman St., Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

Agenda

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, at 8:08 am.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mike Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Doug DeLille, IDOT Division of Urban Planning and Programming; Tim Hansen, Four Rivers Sanitary District; Eric Tison, Michael Dunn, Sydney Turner, Eric Tison, Brandon Rucker, Melisa Ribikawskis, and Makenzee Wilcox, Region 1 Planning Council.

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. Action Items

a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2023

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the January 27th, 2023 Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to approve the January 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

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 an update to phase cost breakout; Winnebago County Highway Department is requesting an update to cost breakout; City of Belvidere is requesting an updated cost breakout and additional project phases for one project and an updated cost breakout for one project; 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 2023-05.

Motion by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to approve of Resolution 2023-05. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Turner provided an overview on the Surface Transportation Block Grant /COVID Relief Funds (Resolution 2023-06). The MPO Technical Committee recommended that the funds be transferred to the City of Belvidere's Newburg Rod project in replacement of their previously awarded STBG funds, with the available STBG funds be awarded to the City of Rockford's 6th and 9th Two-Way Conversion project.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to award the Surface Transportation Block Grant/COVID Relief Funds via Resolution 2023-06.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Chairman Riley, Boone County, to approve Resolution 2022-14. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. Director's Report

Ms. Turner reported on the following items:

a. SPR Project Updates

Parking Reimagined: R1 had applied for SPR funding for a Parking Reimagined Study. This plan would focus on reimagining parking in the Rockford Region. At the end of this planning process, the Rockford Region will have a Parking Reimagined Plan that demonstrates how parking in the Rockford Region can be transformed over the next 5-20 years to balance the need to provide space for automobiles while still supporting County equity, affordability, environment stewardship, community design, and economics.

Urban Canopy: R1 has applied for SPR funding for an Urban Canopy Inventory. This plan will inventory current forest canopy to identify the size, composition, and health of the regional urban canopy, as a supplemental study to the Greenways Plan, adopted by the MPO Policy Committee in 2021. By identifying some of the key structural components and the current state of the canopy, the project can be expanded to predict future scenarios, identify potential threats, and can lead future decision-making for municipal urban forestry management.

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to adjourn at 8:15 am.

Prepared by Makenzee Wilcox and Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: 04/28/2023.