



## MPO Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, August 25, 2023, 8:30 am

Region 1 Planning Council  
127 N. Wyman St., Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, at 8:39 am.

#### 2. Roll Call

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

**Members Absent:** City of Loves Park

**Others Present:** Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Doug DeLille, Illinois Department of Transportation; Michael Dunn, Sydney Turner, Eric Tison, Jon Paul Diipla, Melisa Ribikawskis, Brandon Rucker, Eric Tison, Gabrielle Gamily, Nathan Larsen, and Lauren Kleve, 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 Chairman Riley, Boone County, to elect Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, as MPO Policy Committee Chair. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Motion by Motion by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, seconded by Chairman Riley, Boone County, to elect Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere, as Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### 5. Action Items

##### a. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2023

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the June 30, 2023 Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, seconded by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to approve the June 30, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

##### b. Amendment to the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2023-12)

Ms. Turner stated that the MPO received a request from the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2 to amend the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including sixteen project cost updates, the deletion of two projects, the addition of three projects, and the addition of six project phases for existing projects.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 for an amendment to the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, to approve of Resolution 2023-12. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**c. Adoption of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region (Resolution 2023-13)**

Ms. Turner presented Resolution 2023-13 for the adoption of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region, which a comprehensive update to the 2017 version. The document was released for a 30-day public comment period, during which no public comments were received.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 the adoption of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region (dated August 25, 2023).

Motion by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to approve Resolution 2023-13, adoption of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Region (dated August 25, 2023). Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**d. Amendment to the FY 2024 Unified Work Program (Resolution 2023-14)**

Ms. Turner presented Resolution 2023-14 to the committee. This resolution is an amendment to FY 2024 Unified Work Program to identify the remaining FY 023 funds and eligible work activities that will be attributed to those funds.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14 for an amendment to the FY 2024 Unified Work Program.

Motion by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, to approve Resolution 2023-14, Amendment to FY 2024 Unified Work Program. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**e. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds Award (Resolution 2023-15)**

Ms. Turner presented Resolution 2023-15 to the committee. This resolution is for the award of a portion of the FY 2023 TAP funds to the City of Belvidere for the Kishwaukee Overlook, in the amount of \$216,871.

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2023-15 for the award of the TAP funds to the City of Belvidere in the amount of \$216,871.

Motion by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, to approve Resolution 2023-15, the award of the TAP funds to the City of Belvidere in the amount of \$216,871.

**6. Director's Report**

The following items were presented to the Committee:

**a. Livable Communities Initiative**

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO is ready to move forward with the next phase of the project, which is to hold a call for projects for the award of technical assistance. However, the program is slightly delayed as staff works for private and non-profits organizations to help fund the program.

**b. Regional Traffic Signal Coordination Program**

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO has contract with Iteris to complete a Traffic Signal Coordination Plan for Riverside Boulevard. Iteris has completed all of the data collection and sent a draft Existing Conditions

report for the Steering Committee to review. There is enough funding under the grant to pursue additional corridor studies.

**c. Riverside Boulevard / I-90 Shared Use Path**

Mr. Dunn reported that the MPO has assisted Winnebago County in examining the feasibility of a shared use path along Riverside Boulevard from Perryville Path to Paladin Parkway. The study has been completed and handed over to the jurisdictions involved. The next step for the project is to identify funding to complete Preliminary Engineering.

**d. Regional Planning Funds**

Mr. Dunn reported that he met with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning earlier this week to discuss pursuing state funding for regional planning not eligible under the Unified Work Program.

**e. Federal Funding Program Allocation**

Mr. Dunn reported that MPO staff met with staff from IDOT Central to discuss new federal funding opportunities, such as Carbon Reduction Program funds, as well as to discuss the distribution of Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds.

**f. Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization Award**

Mr. Dunn announced that the MPO will be receiving national recognition from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization for their partnership and coordination with Rockford Mass Transit District.

**g. Chicago-Rockford Passenger Rail Updates**

Mr. Dunn provided an update on the status of Chicago-Rockford passenger rail projects. The MPO is still in the process of looking at the economic market analysis and design of the stations. Discussion was held.

**h. MPO Coordination**

Mr. Dunn asked the Policy Committee to think about how the MPO can be used as a platform to have multi-jurisdictional conversation on major transportation projects.

**7. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**8. Adjournment**

Motion by President Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, to adjourn at 9:04 am.

Prepared by Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: \_\_\_\_\_.