



MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Friday, January 31, 2020
(Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main Street, Rockford)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Frank Haney, Winnebago County; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County; Mayor Tom McNamara, City of Rockford; Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Michael Stubbe, RMTD; Kris Tobin, IDOT District #2; Mayor Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Dunn, Jon Paul Diipla, Sydney Turner, Colin Belle, Brandon Geber, Margaret Campbell, Allen Mills, Chuck Klutho, Julia Halsted, R1PC; Justin Krohn, Boone County; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Jury with a quorum present at 8:40 AM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2019 MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve the December 19, 2019 MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes was made by City of Belvidere seconded by the Boone County. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

4. MPO FY 2020 – FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT - MPO RESOLUTION 2020-01:

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary regarding the TIP amendment at the request of IDOT District #2, City of Rockford, and Rockford Mass Transit District for the following projects:

IDOT-FY20

- #1-20-22 – Resurfacing project – US20 Business/E State St – project extent Buckley Drive in Rockford to 0.4 mi E of Shaw Rd E of Winnebago Co Line (new project)
- #1-20-23 – Bridge project – Districtwide Bridge Preservation – project extent I-39 under Big Mound Road 1.5 mi S of IL 72 (new project)

IDOT FY21

- #1-19-6 – Bridge project – Traffic Signal Upgrades – project extent Alpine Road & Florida Drive and Alpine Road & Louisiana Road (moved from FY 2020 to FY 2021)

City of Rockford FY20

- #3-20-16 – Safety project – Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements – project extent various location (new project)

City of Rockford FY21

- #3-20-9 – Engineering project – 8th Avenue – project extent over Keith Creek (moved from FY 2022 to FY 2021 and cost update)

City of Rockford FY23

- #3-20-12 – Rehabilitation project – 8th Avenue – project extent over Keith Creek (cost update)

City of Rockford Previously Approved

- #3-18-6 – Safety project – Kishwaukee Street – project extent at Illinois Railway Tracks (cost update)

Rockford Mass Transit District

- #18-6 – Hybrid-Electric Fixed-Route Buses – project justification is to maintain safe, reliable, efficient public transit bus service (cost and project description update)
- #18-6 – Three Battery Electric Fixed-Route Buses and associated Infrastructure – project justification is to maintain safe, reliable, efficient public transit bus service (cost and project description update)

A motion to approve R1PC MPO Resolution #2020-01 was made by City of Rockford; second motion was made by the Winnebago County. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

5. MPO METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) UPDATE:

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary regarding financial plan component of the 2050 MTP, as required by Federal legislation. The MPO is currently in the preliminary analysis of this financial element by examining the previous types of improvements and funding sources that have historically be spent on transportation projects by reviewing previous Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). The MPO will also calculating funding projections based on the historic and current trends, as well as anticipated growth and inflation rates for Federal, state, and local funding sources. The analysis will be used to examine which transportation projects are of greatest need in the region and funded within the reasonably anticipated sources and amounts.

6. RMTD COMPREHENSIVE MOBILITY ANALYSIS:

Mr. Diipla stated that a webpage is available on the R1PC website for the RMTD Comprehensive Mobility. Materials are available on the webpage, including analysis reviews, public feedback reports, and a collection of web-based maps being used for the analysis. Additional materials will be added as they become available. Next steps in the project include reviewing the route system, as well as drafting recommendations for future improvements.

7. MPO FY 2021 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary of the MPO's FY 2021 UWP, which serves as the annual planning operation plan for the MPO over the next fiscal year. The UWP summarizes the restricted funding received from the Federal, State, and local governments to conduct transportation planning in the region. Many of the elements of the FY 2020 UWP will be carried over to the FY 2021 UWP. Additional resources will be allocated to the update to the Greenways Plan for Winnebago and Boone County, the update to the Human Services Transportation Plan, the update to the Transportation System Management and Operations Plan, and research regarding electric vehicle charging stations. The draft document is anticipated to be released in February or March for public comment.

8. PROGRESS REPORTS**"Moving Forward Framework"**

Mr. Dunn provided an update regarding the House Democrats releasing a framework for infrastructure investments ("Moving Forward Framework"); noting that the framework includes the expansion of local control for decision making

over Federal funds and requirements for States and MPOs to prioritize transportation access and to consider all system users, job access, and connections to housing during the transportation planning process.

Electric Vehicles

Mr. Dunn referenced a news article regarding the first all-electric vehicle plan in Detroit. He stated that the MPO has been incorporating electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging station into current projects and will continue to incorporate them into future projects, such as the update to the Transportation System Management and Operations Plan and an Electric Vehicle Charging Station study.

Surface Transportation Block Grant

Mr. Dunn stated that the MPO has received the marks for its FY 2021 allocation of the Surface Transportation Block Grant in the sum of \$3.2 million.

Special Planning and Research (SPR) Funds

Mr. Dunn stated that IDOT has announced that a Call for Projects for the Special Planning and Research (SPR) funds will be opened in the next few weeks.

Winnebago County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Diipla provided an update that the FEMA has given approval to the Winnebago County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD)

Mr. Diipla referenced a press release from RMTD regarding the purchase of five (5) 35' diesel hybrid electric buses and their new branding.

Administrative Modifications

Mr. Diipla provided the following Advance Construction notices:

- #1-20-5: IL-2, 0.5 mi N of Elmwood Rd to 0.5 mi N of Latham Rd N of Rockford.
- #1-20-7: IL-173, 0.8 mi W of I-90 to 0.4 mi E of Lyford Rd.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the City of Belvidere made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Boone County. Approved unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.