



## MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 24, 2020

Region 1 Planning Council, 313 N Main St. Rockford, IL 61101

### 1) Call to Order, Roll Call, and Representation

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Thompson, City of Loves Park, at 8:33 am.

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Jon Paul Diipla, Sydney Turner, Margaret Campbell, Brandon Geber, Chuck Klutho, Allen Mills, Michael Dunn, and Julia Halsted, Region 1 Planning Council; Doug DeLille, Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Planning and Programming; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; John Donovan, Federal Highway Administration, IL Division; Jay Hanley, Rock River Water Reclamation District.

### 2) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

### 3) Approval of the January 31, 2020 MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Thompson entertains a motion to approve the January 31, 2020 MPO Policy Committee minutes.

**Motion** by Chairman Johnson, Boone County, seconded by Mayor Chamber, City of Belvidere, to **approve** the January 31, 2020 meeting meetings of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

### 4) MPO FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – MPO Resolution 2020-02

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update regarding MPO Resolution 2020-2 for a TIP amendment at the request of IDOT and the Rockford Mass Transit District.

- #1-20-23: Districtwide Bridge Preservation, 1-39 under Big Mound Rd 1.5 mi S of IL-2 (Cost update).
- #20-1: Preventative Maintenance Costs (Cost update).
- #19-12: New Discretionary Grant Application, charging stations for electric buses with associated design and build facilities upgrades (Deletion of project).
- #19-13: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement paratransit buses (Cost update).
- #7-19-2: Automatic Passenger Counters (APCS), Purchase automatic passenger counters for future service planning (Cost update).
- #7-19-3: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement hybrid buses (Cost update).
- #7-19-4: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement electric buses (Deletion of project).
- #7-20-4: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement hybrid buses (New project).
- #7-20-5: New Discretionary Grant Application, Resident inspectors, parts, and training (New Project).
- #19-5: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement electric buses with technical support (Cost update).

- #19-6: New Discretionary Grant Application, Charging stations for electric buses with associated facilities upgrades (Cost update).

Mr. Thompson entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2020-02 to the MPO Policy Committee. **Motion** by Mayor Chamber, City of Belvidere, seconded by Mr. Ernst, Rockford Mass Transit District, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2020-02.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

#### 5) MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding the 2050 MTP – Financial Plan. The presentation included a listing of the fiscally-constrained project list within the Financial Plan, for both roadways and public transportation. Also included in the presentation was a listing of illustrative projects and alternative transportation projects.

Mr. Diipla also provided a brief report on the finalization the draft document and noted public comment on the draft will begin in mid-May. The tentative adoption for the 2050 MTP will occur within July 2020.

#### 6) RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update regarding the RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis. Rockford Mass Transit held several meetings to review routes and determine recommendations for route adjustments. Work occurred has included the review and collection of additional data needed for the service and operational portions of the plan. Recommendations will be out for public comment in Summer 2020. Anticipated completion and adoption in late summer 2020.

#### 7) MPO FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update on the MPO FY 2021 UWP. The draft of the document is available on the RPC website for public comment from March 30, 2020 through May 8, 2020. The FY 2021 UWP will be presented to the MPO Policy Committee for adoption at their June 2020 meeting.

#### 8) MPO FHWA & FTA Federal Certification Review

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update on the MPO FHWA & FTA Certification Review. The MPO has received a draft version of the Certification Review for a factual review of the document. The final report will be released and a presentation to the Policy Committee will occur. The MPO received several commendations and recommendations, as well as an expectation that the MPO will need to address in upcoming versions of the Transportation Improvement Program.

#### 9) Electric Charging Infrastructure Readiness Plan

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Readiness Plan. The project will occur in two phases. Phase 1 includes research into best practices and the development of recommendations for a regional approach. Phase 2 includes discussions with stakeholders on local initiatives and local needs to prepare for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

#### 10) Progress Reports

Mr. Diipla provided a brief report on the following items:

- The following administrative modifications were made to the FY 2020 – FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program:
  - Projects currently authorized in Advanced Construction Status:
    - #1-17-3: US 20 Business/W State St - Meridian Rd to Springfield Ave
    - #1-20-4: Bridge Preservation - IL 72 over the Rock River in Byron

- #1-20-22: US BUS 20 (E State St) - Buckley Dr in Rockford to 0.4 mi E of Shaw Rd E of Winnebago Co Line
  - Projects or a portion of these projects have been converted from Advanced Construction to current status:
    - #1-17-1: US 251/IL 251 - Wisconsin State Line to Forest Hills Rd
    - #1-17-6: I-39 - 0.4 mi N of Baxter Rd to I-90 0.3 mi N of Harrison Ave Interchange
    - #1-19-1: US 20 Bus - Under Poplar Grove Rd
    - #1-19-4: District Wide - Bridge Preservation
    - #2-18-2: Guardrails - Various Locations
  - The RPC had a call with Tortoise, a software company specializing in micro-mobility solutions for reallocation of electric scooters. The company is looking for pilot cities to test their software solutions.

### 11) Other Business

No other business presented.

### 12) Adjournment

**Motion** by Mayor Chamberlain, City of Belvidere, seconded by Chairman Johnson, Boone County, to **adjourn** at 9:14 am.

Prepared by Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: June 19, 2020.