



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 31, 2020

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

1) Call to Order, Roll Call, and Representation

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, at 8:31 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.

City of Rockford joined at 8:40 am.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Doug DeLille, Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Planning and Programming; John Donovan, Federal Highway Administration; James Richter II, Village of Machesney Park; Jon Paul Diipla, Margaret Campbell, Michael Dunn, Chuck Klutho, Allen Mills, Alex Rosander, Sydney Turner, Isaac Guerrero, Region 1 Planning Council.

2) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

3) Approval of the June 19, 2020 MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jury entertains a motion to approve the June 19, 2020 MPO Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Mayor Chamberlain, City of Belvidere, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to **approve** the June 19, 2020 meeting meetings of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion **approved** by unanimous roll call vote.

4) MPO FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – MPO Resolution 2020-05

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update regarding MPO Resolution 2020-5 for a TIP amendment at the request of Winnebago County Highway Department.

- #2-20-1: Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements, Roscoe Rd at DOT Crossing #387267L (New project).

Mayor Jury entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2020-02 to the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor Chamberlain, City of Belvidere, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2020-05.

Motion **approved** by unanimous roll call vote.

5) MPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - MPO Resolution 2020-06

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update on the 2050 MTP. Mr. Diipla provided remarks on the public comment period for the draft document that was held from May 15, 2020 to June 29, 2020. The agency received a total of 8 written comments that have been addressed in the final document. Since the release of the draft

2050 MTP (May 19, 2020 version), technical and formatting corrections have been made to the text and maps of the document. Ms. Turner provided a brief overview of the document and its importance to the region.

Mayor Jury entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2020-06 to the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2020-06.

Motion **approved** by unanimous roll call vote.

6) Election of Officers

Mayor Johnson nominated Mayor Jury as Committee Chair and nominated Chairman Johnson as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

Motion by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to **approve** the election of officers as nominated.

Motion **approved** by unanimous roll call vote.

7) RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis

Mr. Dipla provided a brief update regarding the RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis. Progress is currently underway for the route reviews. A final list of recommendations and implementation goals is currently being drafted. Anticipated completion is late summer. Once final recommendations are developed, work will begin an RFP for consultation review and implementation.

8) Electric Charging Infrastructure Readiness Plan

Mr. Dunn and Ms. Campbell provided a brief update on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Readiness Plan. Mr. Dunn remarked on the purpose and goals of the project. Ms. Campbell provided a report on the current efforts and next steps of the project. The project will occur in two phases. Phase 1: The Framework includes research into best practices and the development of recommendations for a regional approach. Phase 2 focuses on the public engagement process, including discussions with stakeholders on local initiatives and local needs, through two public surveys to prepare for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Phase 3 focuses on regional targets and implementation steps.

9) Other Business

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

- The MPO will be releasing the draft FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment within the next week. A public comment period will be held to receive feedback on the draft. It is anticipated that the document will be adopted at the August 2020 MPO Policy Committee meeting. The draft document will be available at r1planning.org/tip.
- The Illinois Department of Transportation announced their Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Program. IDOT will be accepting applications for ITEP beginning on August 21, 2020 with a deadline of November 2, 2020.
- The MPO was awarded three IDOT Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds for the following projects:
 - Regional Freight Plan: The overarching goal for this project is to strengthen the connection between the region's key freight transportation assets, core industries, and land use development. The Regional Freight Plan will provide a blueprint for the Rockford region regarding freight-related infrastructure improvements, freight-related land use planning, and freight linkages to economic development. Awarded amount for the project was \$195,000.
 - Passenger Rail Station Conceptual Siting Analysis: This project will be a comprehensive planning study that evaluates the most feasible and viable locations for two (2) passenger rail stations in the

Rockford region in support of establishing the Chicago to Rockford Intercity Passenger Rail expansion project funded under the 2019 Rebuild Illinois Capital Bill. Amount awarded for the project was \$175,000.

- Keith Creek Corridor Study: This Study will be a coordinated effort between the City of Rockford and Region 1 Planning Council to identify an improved greenway that offers equitable access to alternative transportation; improves access to natural resources; supports infrastructure improvements (e.g. drainage, sidewalks, natural culverts, etc.); increases resiliency of the corridor; and supports economic redevelopment in some of the City's most disadvantaged areas. Amount awarded for the project was \$281,000.
- The following administrative modifications were made to the FY 2020 – FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program:
 - Projects or a portion of these projects have been converted from Advanced Construction to current status:
 - #1-20-5: ILL 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
 - #1-20-22: US BUS 20 (E State St), Buckley Drive in Rockford to 0.4 mi E of Shaw Rd E of Winnebago Co Line
 - #13-19-1: Coleman Bridge (004-3003), Poplar Grove Road (FAU 5011A) over the Kishwaukee River / N.E. edge of Belvidere in Boone County
 - #1-15-6: Grooming/Maintain Public Snowmobile Trails
 - #2-15-4: Grooming/Maintain Public Snowmobile Trails

10) Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to **adjourn** at 9:06 am.

Prepared by Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: _____.