



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 23, 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 8:30 am.

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

Members Absent: City of Belvidere.

Others Present: Doug DeLille, IDOT, Bureau of Planning and Programming; John Donovan, FHWA, Illinois Division; James Richter II, Village of Machesney Park; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Dunn Jr, Brandon Geber, Kara Harmet, Julia Halsted, C Klutho, Allen Mills, Melisa Ribikawskis, Alex Rosander, Sydney Turner, Region 1 Planning Council.

2) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

3) Approval of the August 28, 2020 MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jury entertains a motion to approve the August 28, 2020 MPO Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to **approve** the August 28, 2020 meeting meetings of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

4) MPO FY 2021 – FY 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT - MPO RESOLUTION 2020-08

Amendment to the MPO FY 2021-2024 TIP at the request of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to amend the funding amounts for Project 1-17-7.

Mayor Jury entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2020-08 to the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2020-08.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

5) Regional Transportation Safety Plan

Mr. Diipla provided a brief report that a presentation on the goals and objectives for the Regional Transportation Safety Plan was made to the MPO Technical Committee. The five goals include (1) reduce the number and rate of severe crashes; (2) promote a culture of safety and shared responsibility by providing necessary information, tools, and support; (3) emphasize proactive safety by creating programs across the region focused on identifying and mitigating potential future transportation safety vulnerabilities;

(4) ensure that the transportation system is equipped to safely accommodate all users, regardless of mode or ability; (5) act as a regional forum to assist in the design, planning, and implementation of transportation safety initiatives in the region.

6) Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan

Ms. Turner provided a brief report on the status of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan. Ms. Turner reported that the first technical memorandum has been completed and posted on the R1 Planning website. This memo covers the research and best practices related to electric vehicle (EV) readiness. Additionally, MPO Staff is currently drafting the final plan. This document will include the following elements: (1) an introduction on the background and purpose of the document; (2) regional goals and targets; (3) standardized/customizable language for zoning, ordinances, and building codes; (4) draft single-source procurement process; (5) map of EV charging priority areas; (6) funding opportunities; and (7) a conclusion detailing the next steps.

7) Other Business

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

- The following administrative modifications were made to the FY 2021 – FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program:
 - Projects or a portion of these projects have been authorized for Advanced Construction:
 - #1-20-1: IL-2 – IL 72 to Beltline Rd
 - #1-21-4: Districtwide - SN 101-0123, 101-6133, 101-0195/96, SN 101-0197/98
 - #1-21-5: Districtwide - SN 004-0013 - US BUS 20 over Kishwaukee River on E edge of Belvidere
 - Projects or a portion of these projects have been converted from Advanced Construction to current status:
 - #2-18-2: Guardrails – Various locations
 - #1-20-8: US Bus 20 (E State St) – Mid America Dr. to Buckley Dr.
- The MPO has prepared a memorandum to the MPO Technical Committee on the Transportation Systems Management and Operations Plan. The memo presents background on the project and an outline on the development process for the plan.
- The MPO has prepared a memorandum to the MPO Technical Committee on the transportation system usage through analysis of Streetlight Data (funded through IDOT SPR) and public transit ridership impacts related to the COVID-19 mitigation measures for the months of July and August 2020.
- Illinois Department of Transportation's ITEP funding cycle is open and applications are due on November 2, 2020.
- The MPO is currently working on the update to the Greenways Plan and Map. The working committee for the project was convened early this week to discuss the goals and objectives of the plan.

8) Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to **adjourn** at 8:47 am.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

Prepared by Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: _____.