



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 29, 2021

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 Chairman Johnson, Boone County, at 8:31 am.

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

Members Absent: City of Loves Park.

Others Present: Carlos Molina, Karen Elyea, P. Thompson, Winnebago County; James Richter II, Village of Machesney Park; Michael Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Michael Dunn Jr, Sydney Turner, Joe Koralewski, Matt Miller, Kara Harmet, Chuck Klutho, Melisa Ribikawskis, Alex Rosander, Kaylin Janicke, Region 1 Planning Council.

2) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

3) Approval of the December 12, 2020 MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Johnson entertains a motion to approve the December 12, 2020 MPO Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Johnson, City of Machesney Park, to **approve** the December 12, 2020 meeting minutes of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

4) MPO FY 2021 – FY 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT – MPO RESOLUTION 2021-01

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding MPO Resolution 2021-01 amending the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP at the request of Winnebago County for the inclusion of an update in two project costs: Perryville Rd Bike Path and Alpine Rd Bridge.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2020-09 to the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2021-01.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

5) MPO PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR SAFETY (PM1) PERFORMANCE TARGETS – MPO RESOLUTION 2021-02

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding MPO Resolution 2021-02 and the performance targets for safety performance management as required by the U.S. government. In October, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) set a target of a 2% reduction in all five categories. The MPO has 180 days to either adopt IDOT’s 2% reduction rate or set regional performance targets. The MPO Technical Committee has recommended the adoption of the 2% reduction targets for all five categories, which include: number and rate of fatalities, number and rate of serious injuries, non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. All of these categories are projected to meet the reduction target.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2021-02 to the MPO Policy Committee. **Motion** by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2021-02.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

6) MPO PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT (PM2) PERFORMANCE TARGETS – MPO RESOLUTION 2021-03

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding MPO Resolution 2021-03 and the two-year and four-year targets for asset performance measures required of states and MPOs. The last time they were adopted was in 2019, and the four-year targets are allowed to be adjusted every two years. As such, IDOT has elected to adjust the four-year targets, and as a result, the MPO has 180 days to adopt IDOT’s targets or set their own. The MPO must establish this by March 30th. Asset management performance targets addresses the pavement condition of the National Highway System (NHS). Since the targets were adopted in 2019, additional roadways in the region have been added to the NHS. These changes may have an impact on the percent of roads or bridges in good or poor condition. Among the six four-year targets (Percentages of Pavements of the Interstate System in Good/Poor Condition, Percentages of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Good/Poor Condition, and Percentage of NHS Bridges Classified as in Good/Poor Condition), all but Percentage of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition meet the target.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2021-03 to the MPO Policy Committee. **Motion** by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2021-03.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

7) MPO PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS – MPO RESOLUTION 2021-04

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding MPO Resolution 2021-04 and the transit safety performance measures required of states and MPOs under the FAST Act. These performance measures fall under four categories: fatalities, injuries, safety events, and system reliability. As the Public Transit Providers, Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) has established performance measures for each of those categories as required. The MPO Technical Committee has recommended the adoption of the targets established by

RMTD.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2021-04 to the MPO Policy Committee. **Motion** by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2021-04.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

8) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT – FY 2021 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding the FY 2021 Call for Projects. With the most recent allotment of FY 2022 Federal funds announced, the MPO has approximately \$9,680,305 dollars to program to regionally significant projects. The MPO is proceeding with a call for projects to update the 2019 Program of Projects, adopted by the MPO Policy Committee on August 29, 2019. The MPO is asking that agencies with projects currently in the Program of Projects to review them for accuracy and provide updates as necessary. Additional projects will be accepted and scored using the same process as outlined in the August 29, 2019 version of the Project Selection & Programming Process for STBG Funds. The call for projects will close at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Discussion was held by the committee on the levels of funding, project submittals, and programming of the funds.

9) OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Turner provided a brief report on the following administrative modifications that were made to the FY 2021 – FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program:

- Projects or a portion of these projects have been authorized for Advanced Construction:
 - #1-18-1: Alpine Rd Bridge - Over Forrest Hills Rd
 - #2-20-1: Railroad grade crossings at Roscoe Rd
 - #3-21-9: Roadway grade crossing improvement at Ford Ave and Cedar St
 - #21-18-1: Meridian Rd – From IL Route 54 to IL Route 72
- Projects or a portion of these projects have been converted from Advanced Construction to current status:
 - #1-16-4: US 20 Rd Rockford Bypass – Under 20th St

Ms. Turner also provided a brief report on the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan. On January 27th, the MPO released it for a 30-day public comment period. The comments are due February 26th. Mr. Dunn added that this is just the first, strategic phase of the plan to get our region ready for this new form of mobility.

Discussion was held by the committee on the investment and consumer adoption of electric vehicles, federal and local involvement, and incentives.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Mayor Chamberlain, City of Belvidere, seconded by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to **adjourn** at 8:56 am.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

Prepared by Kaylin Janicke.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: February 26, 2021