



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 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 Karl Johnson, Boone County, at 8:43 am.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Doug Delille, Illinois Department of Transportation; Tim Hansen, Four Rivers Sanitation District; Sydney Turner, Michael Dunn Jr, Makenzee Wilcox, Kara Harmet, Gilton Cross, Alex Rosander, Region 1 Planning Council.

2. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

3. Approval of The August 27, 2021 MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Johnson entertains a motion to approve the August 27th, 2021 MPO Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, seconded by Mr. Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District, to **approve** the meeting meetings of the MPO Policy Committee.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

4. MPO FY 2022 – FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment - MPO Resolution 2021-18:

Ms. Turner reported that an amendment to the MPO FY 2022-2025 TIP was made at the requests of Illinois Department of Transportation and Rockford Mass Transit District. The amendment includes the inclusion of projects and updates in project costs.

- IDOT requested the following amendments:
 - #1-20-1: IL-2, IL-72 to Beltline Road (New project phase)
 - #1-22-13: IL-2, IL Railway 0.1 mi S of Cedar St (New Project)
- Rockford Mass Transit District requested following amendments:
 - # 7-22-13: New Discretionary Grant Application, 1 Battery Electric Charging Station (New Project)
 - #7-22-14: New Discretionary Grant Application, 6 Bus Replacements, Battery Electric (New Project)
 - #7-22-15: New Discretionary Grant Application, 6 Bus Replacements, Hybrid (New Project)

Chairman Johnson entertains a motion to approve **MPO Resolution 2021-18**.

Motion by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, seconded by, Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2021-18.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. MPO Technical Committee Membership - MPO Resolution 2021-19:

Ms. Turner presented a resolution for the inclusion of the Villages of Roscoe and Winnebago as voting members of the MPO Technical Committee, effective for calendar year 2022. Both agencies are eligible for voting membership on the MPO Technical Committee as detailed in the MPO Cooperative Agreement that was approved on August 18, 2018 and agencies had previously been members of the Committee prior to 2018. With their inclusion, the number of voting members would be expanded to 22 members, with a quorum of 11.

Chairman Johnson entertains a motion to approve **MPO Resolution 2021-19**.

Motion by Mayor Morris, City of Belvidere, seconded by, Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, to approve MPO Resolution 2021-19.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds:

Ms. Turner reported that per the request of the MPO Policy Committee at their August 27, 2021, MPO staff led a discussion with the MPO Technical Committee on their recommendation for the next award cycle for STBG funds. The award would be for FY 2022 allotments totaling \$3,199,098. The MPO Technical Committee recommends that the next award cycle be held in the Spring 2022 with a call for projects.

Mr. Dunn stated that the Spring call for projects be for the FY 2022 STBG allotment amount. Staff recommends that moving forward the STBG award cycle occur on an annual basis in August-October, with the FY 2023 award cycle would occur August – October 2022.

7. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations RFP:

Mr. Dunn reported that the RPC has used internal and external specialists to craft the Request for Proposals (RFP). The project team has worked to make sure that there is a robust response from market leaders as well as new companies. The MPO Policy Committee is asked for feedback on the RFP before sending it out by early November 2021.

8. MPO Committees 2022 Meeting Calendar:

Ms. Turner presented MPO Committees CY 2022 Meeting Calendar for their informal approval. All meetings will be held at the RPC Offices. MPO Policy Committee will be held Friday mornings of even months at 8:30 am. The Technical Committee will be held on the Thursday following the third Tuesday of the month. The Alternative Transportation Committee will be held on the second Tuesday of odd months at 2:00 pm.

9. Other Business

Mr. Dunn discusses the implications of redistricting and reminds committee members to think about the impacts on their communities.

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO has received two Advanced Construction notices:

- The MPO has received advance construction notices for:
 - #1-22-3: I-39, Kishwaukee River 0.8 mi S of Blackhawk Road
- The following projects are being moved from advanced construction to current status.
 - #2-17-1: Perryville Road Bike Path, Hart Rd to IL-173

10. Adjournment

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Chairman Jury, Loves Park, seconded by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, to **adjourn** at **9:00 am**.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Makenzee Wilcox

Minutes approved by action of the Board: 12/03/2021

Opportunities for public comment will be afforded on all agenda items.

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