



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 3, 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 8:31 am.

Members Present: Boone County; City of Loves Park; City of Rockford; Village of Machesney Park; Winnebago County; Rockford Mass Transit District.

Members Absent: City of Belvidere; Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2.

Others Present: Doug Delille, Illinois Department of Transportation; Michael Dunn, Makenzee Wilcox, Sydney Turner, Gilton Cross, Region 1 Planning Council.

2. Approval of the October 29, 2021 MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Johnson entertains a motion to approve the October 29, 2021 MPO Policy Committee minutes.

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

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

4. MPO FY 2022 – FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment - MPO Resolution 2021-20:

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO is seeking a recommendation to the Policy Committee for the adoption of Resolution 2021-20 which is an amendment to the FY 2022 – 2025 TIP.

- IDOT requested the following amendments:
 - #1-22-14: IL-2 & IL-72, Mill Creek at the W Edge of Byron & the Rock River at the Eastern edge of Byron (New Project Phase)
- City of Rockford has requested the following amendments:
 - 3-20-22: Sandy Hollow Road Reconstruction, Kishwaukee Street to 9th Street (Change in funding amount)
 - 3-22-14: Sandy Hollow Road & IL Railway Crossing Improvements, Railroad Mile 20.29 (New Project)
- Ogle County has requested the following amendment:
 - 21-22-2: Kishwaukee Road, At-grade railroad crossing (new project)

Motion by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2021-20.

5. 2022 Infrastructure Priorities Report:

Ms. Turner reports that R1 Planning staff will be updating an infrastructure priorities report, completed by R1 Planning Council last year, to reflect the top infrastructure projects for the upcoming legislative session starting on January 3rd.

The update will cover five infrastructure categories: active transportation, public transit, bridges, roadways, water resource management, and vertical infrastructure.

Early next week, an email will be sent to all of the MPO's partner agencies to submit their top infrastructure projects to R1 Planning via an online submission form by December 15. Once the submissions have been received, R1 Planning staff will be reviewing and ranking projects against the metrics that align with both the goals of the metropolitan transportation plan and the comprehensive economic development strategy. This will allow the priorities to focus in on the top 5 to 10 projects in each of the categories.

Discussion occurred on how/if projects outside of the top priorities would be shown in the playbook and if the MPO Technical Committee will be able to review the report prior to public release.

6. Other Business

Mr. Dunn reported that the MPO had been select for a poster session at the Transportation Research Board's Annual meeting, which will take place in January in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Dunn reported that the MPO received a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation on the FY 2023 Federal Planning Marks for the operations of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Planning marks will increase by \$283,000 as a result of the recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Since there is an increase in federal funds, there is also an increase in the amount of match needed. The MPO Policy Committee has the choice of determining how the local match will be met or they can decide not to accept the additional funding. This decision will need to be made prior to the new fiscal year, starting on July 1, 2022.

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

- The MPO has received advance construction notices for:
 - #1-22-1: Various, Districtwide Bridges (IL-72, over the Rock River in Byron)
 - #1-22-4: I-39, Kishwaukee River South of Blackhawk Rd.
 - #1-22-5: Various (Bridges), Winnebago County
- And that the following projects are being moved from advanced construction to current status:
 - #1-18-3: IL-173, 0.4 Mi E of IL-76 to McHenry County Line
 - #1-22-12: Various (Interchange Ramps), District wide
 - #1-22-13: IL 2, Illinois Railway south of Cedar Street

7. Adjournment

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Chairman Jury, Loves Park, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to **adjourn** at **8:50 am**.

Prepared by Gilton Cross.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: 02/25/2022