



MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 26, 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 Mayor Jury, City of Loves Park, at 8:31 am.

Members Present: City of Loves Park; 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: None.

Others Present: Doug DeLille, IDOT, Bureau of Planning and Programming; John Donovan, Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division; Justin Krohn, Boone County; Carlos Molina, 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 January 29, 2021 MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jury entertains a motion to approve the January 29, 2021 MPO Policy Committee minutes.

Motion by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to **approve** the January 29, 2021 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 2021-05

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding MPO Resolution 2021-05 amending the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP at the request of City of Rockford.

- #3-17-2 Chestnut Street Bridge Multi-Use Path Modifications, Over the Rock River (Removed)
- #3-17-3 Logistics Parkway, Milford Ave to Samuelson Rd (Movement between fiscal year, cost updates)
- #3-19-3 Sidewalk Program, City-wide (Cost update)
- #3-19-4 Neighborhood Program, City-wide (Cost update)
- #3-19-11 Sidewalk Program, City-wide (Cost update)
- #3-19-19 Seminary Street over Keith Creek Bridge (Cost update)
- #3-20-25 Arterial and Collector Street Resurfacing, City-wide (Removed)
- #3-20-21 9th St 2-Way Conversion (Whitman Interchange), Whitman St to E State St (Cost update)
- #3-20-24 Charles St, 28th St to Parkside Dr (Movement between fiscal year)
- #3-20-27 Sidewalk Program, City-wide (Cost update)

- #3-21-2 Arterial and Collector Street Program, City-wide (Removed)
- #3-21-7 Sidewalk Program, City-wide (Cost update)
- #3-21-10 Auburn Street Corridor Study, Springfield Ave to N Main Street (New project)
- #3-21-11 Harrison Avenue Reconstruction, IL-2 to IL-251(New project)
- #3-21-12 Commercial and Industrial Street Resurfacing, City-wide (New project)

Mayor Jury entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2021-05 to the MPO Policy Committee. **Motion** by Mayor McNamara, City of Rockford, seconded by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, to **approve** MPO Resolution 2021-05.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding the STBG Call for Projects. The Call for Projects closed at 5 PM on Monday, February 22, 2021. The MPO did not receive applications for new projects, however, it did receive several project updates, including updates from Winnebago County, City of Rockford, City of Belvidere, and Boone County. For next steps, the MPO staff will review the updated applications as well as the previously submitted projects to determine if additional information is needed from partner agencies. From that point, each of the submitted projects will be run through the selection criteria and a ranking of projects will be developed. A draft program of projects will be presented at the April Technical and Policy Committees to award these funds; the MPO has approximately \$9,680,305 dollars to award to regionally significant projects.

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

6) COUNTY-WIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE

Mr. Dunn introduced a discussion led by Mr. Stubbe on the expansion of transit services outside of RMTD’s traditional service area. There is a need to serve the underserved parts of Winnebago County with rural transportation. The rural providers are eligible for federal funding, plus local/state reimbursement. However, technical support including equipment and staff would be necessary.

7) OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Turner provided a brief report on the following administrative modifications that were made to the FY2021 – FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program:

- Projects or a portion of these projects have been authorized for Advanced Construction:
 - #1-20-10: ILL 70, Pecatonica River to 0.1 mi W of Safford Rd in Rockford
 - #1-21-4: Districtwide (Bridges) - SN 101-0123, 101-6133, 101-0195/96, SN 101-0197/98
 - #1-21-5: Districtwide (Bridges) - 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:
 - #1-17-7: I-39, US 20, & Harrison Ave - I-39: 0.8 miles N of Blackhawk Rd to I-90; US 20: I-39 to 0.3 miles E of Kishwaukee River; Harrison Ave: Bell School Rd to I-39

Ms. Turner also provided a brief report on the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan. On January 25th, the MPO released it for a 30-day public comment period. The comments can be sent directly to Ms. Turner and are due March 1st. Some comments have already been received and have been minor technical adjustments. Discussion was held by the committee on potential grant opportunities, local preparation and readiness, and partnerships with national vendors such as iFiber. Requests to research a business model that could generate revenue for local municipalities, and Illinois laws prohibiting the resell of electricity were made.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jury entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Chairman Chiarelli, Winnebago County, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Village of Machesney Park, to **adjourn** at 9:10 am.
Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

Prepared by Kaylin Janicke.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: March 18, 2021