



## **MPO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes –Thursday, October 24, 2019  
(Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main Street, Rockford)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Frank Haney, Winnebago County; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County; Mayor Tom McNamara, City of Rockford; Mr. Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Mr. Steve Ernst, RMTD; Mr. Rob Bates, IDOT District #2.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** All present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Paul Diipla, Christina Washington, Sydney Turner, Michael Dunn, Colin Belle, Brandon Geber, Margaret Campbell, Allen Mills, Chuck Klutho, R1PC; Doug DeLille, IDOT Urban Planning & Programming; John Donovan, JD Stevens, Jon-Paul Kohler, FHWA; Joe Vanderwerff, Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway; Dan Streed, Boone County; Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jury with a quorum present at 2:45 PM.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 29, 2019 MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the August 29, 2019 MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes was made by the City of Rockford seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

**4. MPO FHWA & FTA FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW:**

Mr. Donovan provided a brief overview and presentation regarding the R1PC MPO Federal Certification Review.

**Purpose of Review**

- No less than once every four years MPOs designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA) undergo a Federal Certification Review to determine if the process meets the requirements of applicable provisions of Federal Transportation Law
- Opportunity to enhance and refine planning process

**Federal Planning Emphasis**

- Safety for all motorized and no-motorized users
- Economic vitality including global competitiveness

## Scope of Review

Risk-based review with a focused scope that will add the most value by concentrating the review on the biggest issues or opportunities regarding the transportation planning process. Mr. Donovan stated that the R1PC Staff is top notch and are producing impressive documents/plans and that are becoming best practices. The top five (5) priority items that are reviewed during the Certification are the following:

1. MPO Structure and Administration
2. Performance Based Planning and Programming
3. MTP – Transportation Plan
4. Program Development
5. Public Participation and Civil Rights

Upon completion of the Federal Certification Review, the final report will cover topic areas:

- Potential Findings
- Commendations for Best Practices
- Recommendations for Improvement

Mr. Donovan provided his contact information should there be any further questions from the MPO Policy Committee related to the Certification Review process.

The final certification report, once completed by the FHWA & FTA Joint Review Team, will be provided to the MPO Policy Committee.

## **5. MPO FY 2020 – FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT - MPO RESOLUTION 2019-13:**

Mr. Dipla provided a brief update and summary regarding MPO Resolution #2019-13 for the FY2020-FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

- IDOT #1-20-1 FY20 – IL 2 Engineering project – IL 72 to Beltline Road
- IDOT #1-20-1 FY22 – IL 2 Engineering project – IL 72 to Beltline Road
- IDOT #1-20-2 FY20 – Bridge project at Springfield Avenue over North fork of Kent Creek, 0.5 mi South of IL70
- IDOT #1-20-2 FY22 - Bridge project at Springfield Avenue over North fork of Kent Creek, 0.5 mi South of IL70
- IDOT #1-17-1 FY20 – US251/IL251 Resurfacing project Wisconsin State line to Forest Hills Road
- IDOT #1-17-6 FY20 – I-39 Resurfacing project 0.4 mi N of Baxter Road to I-90 0.3 mi N of Harrison Avenue Interchange
- IDOT #1-17-7 FY20 – I-39, US20, & Harrison Avenue Engineering project – I39: 0.8 miles N of Blackhawk Road to I-90; US20: I-39 to 0.3 miles E of Kishwaukee River, Harrison Avenue: Bell School Road to I-39
- IDOT #1-17-7 FY21 - I-39, US20, & Harrison Avenue Engineering project – I39: 0.8 miles N of Blackhawk Road to I-90; US20: I-39 to 0.3 miles E of Kishwaukee River, Harrison Avenue: Bell School Road to I-39
- IDOT #1-17-7 FY22 - I-39, US20, & Harrison Avenue Engineering project – I39: 0.8 miles N of Blackhawk Road to I-90; US20: I-39 to 0.3 miles E of Kishwaukee River, Harrison Avenue: Bell School Road to I-39
- IDOT #1-17-7 FY23 - I-39, US20, & Harrison Avenue Engineering project – I39: 0.8 miles N of Blackhawk Road to I-90; US20: I-39 to 0.3 miles E of Kishwaukee River, Harrison Avenue: Bell School Road to I-39

A motion to approve R1PC MPO Resolution #2019-13 was made by City of Rockford; second motion was made by Boone County. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

**6. MPO PERFORMANCE MEASURES (SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS) - MPO RESOLUTION 2019-14:**

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary regarding federally required performance measure categories from the FAST-Act. Safety performance measures targets must be established by the MPO no later than January 19, 2020. Mr. Diipla referenced handout "MPO Performance Measures" and provided a brief summary and stated that after review and research staff recommends support of the IDOT 2% reduction regarding safety targets.

A motion to approve R1PC MPO Resolution #2019-14 was made by RMTD; second motion was made by City of Belvidere. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

**7. MPO TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP):**

Mr. Dunn provided a brief summary and update regarding the current STBG and TAP funds and scoring criteria that has been approved by the MPO Technical Committee and MPO Policy Committee. The five (5) projects that have been submitted for TAP funds through the most recent call for projects are as follows:

1. City of Rockford – Spring Creek Road to U of I College of Medicine Connection
2. Winnebago County – Bell School Road Sidewalk
3. Winnebago County – Perryville Bike Path
4. City of Belvidere – Bellwood & Belvidere High School Detention Ponds
5. Boone County Conservation District – South Piscasaw Creek Connection

A summary of the two (2) motions that took place at the MPO Technical Committee earlier this morning was provided:

- 1<sup>st</sup> motion to affirm the ATC recommendation ranking City of Rockford project as number 1, and Boone County project as number 2. Motion was passed by majority – 1 abstain, 9 Ayes, 6 Nays; majority rules the Ayes have it.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was made by Boone County to approve the project chosen using the Scoring Criteria adopted by the MPO Policy Committee, second motion was made by Boone County Conservation District – 1 Abstain, 6 Ayes, 9 Nays; majority rules the Nays have it.

There was a Q&A and discussion held amongst MPO Policy members and R1PC staff regarding the R1PC Scoring Criteria process. Discussion continued amongst the Policy Committee on how to program TAP funds and proposed alternatives for funding multiple projects submitted for consideration were examined.

Mayor Jury stated to table the matter and have a formal resolution at the December 2019 meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> motion to table the matter was made by the City of Belvidere, second motion was made by Winnebago County. Motion carried unanimously (8-0)

**8. MPO METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE:**

Mr. Diipla provided the following updates and summary on the following aspects of the MTP:

- Scenario Planning process and their elements
- Public Engagement Process round which has consisted of the online survey, presentations at various Board meetings, Pop-events and other public events

**9. RMTD COMPREHENSIVE MOBILITY ANALYSIS:**

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update and summary regarding the following:

- Public Participation elements
- Stakeholder input
- Ridership data

**10. PROGRESS REPORTS**

Administrative Modifications

Mr. Diipla provided updates on project currently authorized in Advanced Construction status:

- #1-19-16: Traffic Signal Upgrades – Alpine Road & Florida Drive; Alpine Road & Louisiana Road #1-19-4: District Wide Bridge Preservation

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, City of Rockford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Winnebago County. Approved unanimously (8-0). The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.