



## MPO Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Region 1 Planning Council, 313 N Main St. Rockford, IL 61101

### 1) Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Jon Paul Diipla at 10:04 am.

### 2) ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2; Winnebago County Highway Department; City of Rockford, Public Works Department; City of Loves Park, Public Works Department; Village of Machesney Park, Public Works Department; Rockford Mass Transit District; City of Loves Park, Community Development Department; Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department; City of Rockford, Community Development Department; Boone County, Planning Department; Boone County Highway Department; City of Belvidere, Public Works Department; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; Rock River Water Reclamation District; Boone County Conservation District; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District

**Members Absent:** Chicago Rockford International Airport; Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department. Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Rockford Park District

**Others Present:** Doug DeLille, IDOT, Division of Urban Program & Planning; John Donovan, Federal Highway Administration, IL Division; Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department; Margaret Campbell, Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Dunn, Brandon Geber, Julia Halsted, Chuck Klutho, Allen Mills, and Sydney Turner, Region 1 Planning Council

### 3) Approval of the January 23, 2020 MPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the January 23, 2020 Technical Committee minutes.

**Motion** by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Work Department, seconded by Mr. Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development Department, to **approve** the January 23, 2020 meeting meetings of the MPO Technical Committee.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

### 4) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

### 5) MPO FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – MPO Resolution 2020-02

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update regarding MPO Resolution 2020-2 for a TIP amendment at the request of IDOT and the Rockford Mass Transit District.

- #1-20-23: Districtwide Bridge Preservation, 1-39 under Big Mound Rd 1.5 mi S of IL-2 (Cost update).
- #20-1: Preventative Maintenance Costs (Cost update).
- #19-12: New Discretionary Grant Application, charging stations for electric buses with associated design and build facilities upgrades (Deletion of project).
- #19-13: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement paratransit buses (Cost update).

- #7-19-2: Automatic Passenger Counters (APCS), Purchase automatic passenger counters for future service planning (Cost update).
- #7-19-3: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement hybrid buses (Cost update).
- #7-19-4: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement electric buses (Deletion of project).
- #7-20-4: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement hybrid buses (New project).
- #7-20-5: New Discretionary Grant Application, Resident inspectors, parts, and training (New Project).
- #19-5: New Discretionary Grant Application, Replacement electric buses with technical support (Cost update).
- #19-6: New Discretionary Grant Application, Charging stations for electric buses with associated facilities upgrades (Cost update).

Mr. Diipla entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2020-02.

**Motion** by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Work Department, seconded by Mr. Bates, IDOT, District 2. to **approve** MPO Resolution 2020-02.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

#### **6) MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update**

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding the 2050 MTP – Financial Plan. The presentation included a listing of the fiscally-constrained project list within the Financial Plan, for both roadways and public transportation. Also included in the presentation was a listing of illustrative projects and alternative transportation projects.

Ms. Turner also provided a brief remark on the finalization of the draft document and noted public comment on the draft will begin in mid-May. The tentative adoption for the 2050 MTP will occur within July.

#### **7) RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis**

Mr. Geber provided a brief update regarding the RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis. Rockford Mass Transit held several meetings to review routes and determine recommendations for route adjustments. Work occurred has included the review and collection of additional data needed for the service and operational portions of the plan. Recommendations will be out for public comment in Summer 2020. Anticipated completion and adoption in late summer 2020.

#### **8) MPO FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update on the MPO FY 2021 UWP. The draft of the document is available on the RPC website for public comment from March 30, 2020 May 8, 2020. The FY 2021 UWP will be presented to the Technical Committee for recommendation and to the MPO Policy Committee for adoption at the June committee meetings.

#### **9) MPO FHWA & FTA Federal Certification Review**

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update on the MPO FHWA & FTA Certification Review. The MPO has received a draft version of the Certification Review for a factual review of the document. The final report will be released and a presentation to the MPO Policy Committee will occur. The MPO received several commendations and recommendations, as well as an expectation related to STBG that the MPO will need to address in upcoming versions of the Transportation Improvement Program.

#### **10) Electric Charging Infrastructure Readiness Plan**

Ms. Campbell provided a brief update on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Readiness Plan. The project will occur in two phases. Phase 1 includes research into best practices and the development of recommendations for a regional approach. Phase 2 includes discussions with stakeholders on local initiatives and local needs to prepare for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Discussion occurred on the potential funding opportunities for electric vehicle charging stations.

## 11) Progress Reports

Mr. Diipla provided a brief report on the following items:

- The following administrative modifications were made to the FY 2020 – FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program:
  - Projects currently authorized in Advanced Construction Status:
    - #1-17-3: US 20 Business/W State St - Meridian Rd to Springfield Ave
    - #1-20-4: Bridge Preservation - IL 72 over the Rock River in Byron
    - #1-20-22: US BUS 20 (E State St) - Buckley Dr in Rockford to 0.4 mi E of Shaw Rd E of Winnebago Co Line
  - Projects or a portion of these projects have been converted from Advanced Construction to current status:
    - #1-17-1: US 251/IL 251 - Wisconsin State Line to Forest Hills Rd
    - #1-17-6: I-39 - 0.4 mi N of Baxter Rd to I-90 0.3 mi N of Harrison Ave Interchange
    - #1-19-1: US 20 Bus - Under Poplar Grove Rd
    - #1-19-4: District Wide - Bridge Preservation
    - #2-18-2: Guardrails - Various Locations
- The RPC had a call with Tortoise, a software company specializing in micro-mobility solutions for reallocation of electric scooters. The company is looking for pilot cities to test their software solutions.
- The MPO will begin the annual update to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY2021 – FY 2024. Amendments to the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP will be presented at the June Committees Meetings.

## 12) Other Business

No other business presented.

## 13) Adjournment

**Motion** by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford, Community Development Department, seconded by Mr. Thompson, City of Loves Park, Public Works Department, to **adjourn** at 11:03 am.

Prepared by Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: June 18, 2020.