



## MPO Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman St., Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101

### 1) Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Jon Paul Diipla at 10:03 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; Rock River Water Reclamation District; Boone County Conservation District; Rockford Park District.

**Members Absent:** Chicago Rockford International Airport; Winnebago County, Planning and Economic Development Department; City of Belvidere, Public Works Department; City of Belvidere, Planning Department; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District

**Others Present:** Doug Delille, IDOT, Division of Urban Planning and Programming; John Donovan, Federal Highway Administration, IL Division; Margaret Campbell, Jon Paul Diipla, Brandon Geber, Chuck Klutho, Allen Mills, Alex Rosander, and Sydney Turner, Region 1 Planning Council

### 3) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

### 4) Consent Agenda

#### (a) Approval of the June 18, 2020 MPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the June 18, 2020 Technical Committee minutes.

#### (b) MPO FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – MPO Resolution 2020-05

Mr. Diipla provided a brief update regarding MPO Resolution 2020-05 for a TIP amendment at the request of Winnebago County Highway Department.

- #2-20-1: Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements, Roscoe Road at DOT Crossing #387267L (New Project).

Mr. Diipla entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda for the June 18, 2020 MPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes and MPO Resolution 2020-05.

**Motion** by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County Highway Department to **approve** the June 18, 2020 MPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes and MPO Resolution 2020-05.

Motion **approved** by unanimous roll call vote.

**5) MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – MPO Resolution 2020-06**

Ms. Turner provided a brief update regarding the public comment period for the draft document which took place from May 15, 2020 to June 29, 2020. The agency received a total of 8 written comments that have been addressed in the final document. Comments received included the following topic areas: ADA Transition Plans, historical resources, public health, safety performance targets., emerging technologies, and congestion management. Since the release of the draft 2050 MTP (May 19, 2020 version), technical and formatting corrections have been made to the text and maps of the document.

Mr. Diipla entertained a motion to approve MPO Resolution 2020-06 for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

**Motion** by Mr. Bruck, City of Loves Park, Community Development Department, seconded by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford, Public Works Department to **approve** 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Motion **approved** by unanimous roll call vote.

**6) RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis**

Mr. Geber provided a brief update regarding the RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis. The data analysis and public engagement phases of the project have been completed and the project team is currently underway with route analysis. Anticipated completion in late summer 2020.

**7) Electric Charging Infrastructure Readiness Plan**

Ms. Campbell provided a brief update on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Readiness Plan.

The document outlining the first phase of the EV Charging Infrastructure Readiness Plan is in the final development stages and is anticipated to be released in late summer/early fall 2020. The RPC is currently conducting a series of public engagement efforts, including a public survey (available on the R1 Planning website) that is available from July 15 – August 7, Additionally, the RPC is scheduling meetings with public agencies to discuss their local efforts. The second phase of the project, the Action Plan will begin after the release of the first document – late fall/winter 2020.

**8) Agency Reports**

**8.01 - Illinois Dept. of Transportation, District 2:**

No report.

**8.02 - Winnebago County Highway Department:**

No report.

**8.03 - City of Rockford, Public Works Dept.:**

Mr. Carter provided a brief report on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor project, the release of the City’s 10-Year Bicycle Plan and the progress of the Spring Creek Road to U of I College of Medicine Connection project that was awarded Transportation Alternative Program funds. Mr. Carter also a brief report on the City’s conversations with the fiber optics company, CableRunner.

**8.04 - City of Loves Park, Public Works Dept.:**

No report.

**8.05 - Village of Machesney Park, Public Works:**

No present.

**8.06 – Chicago Rockford International Airport:**

Not present.

**8.07 - Rockford Mass Transit District:**

No report.

**8.08 - City of Loves Park, Community Development Dept.:**

No report.

**8.09 – Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Dept.:**

No report.

**8.10 - City of Rockford, Community Development Dept.:**

No report.

**8.11 - Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Dept.:**

Not present.

**8.12 – Boone County, Planning Department:**

No report.

**8.13 - Boone County Highway Dept.:**

Mr. Krohn provided a brief update on the Poplar Grove Bridge project, the Livingston School Bridge project, and the Lawrenceville Road resurfacing and intersection improvement projects.

**8.14 - City of Belvidere, Public Works Dept.:**

Not present.

**8.15 – City of Belvidere, Planning Department:**

Not present.

**8.16 - Rock River Water Reclamation District:**

Mr. Baer provided a brief report on the Cherry Valley Force Main project.

**8.17 - Forest Preserves of Winnebago County:**

Not present.

**8.18 - Boone County Conservation District:**

No report.

**8.19 - Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:**

Not present.

**8.20 - Rockford Park District:**

No report.

**8.21 – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:**

Not present.

**8.22 – Illinois State Toll Highway Authority:**

Not present.

**8.23 – IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:**

Not present.

**8.24 – IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:**

Mr. Delillie provided a report on the award letters of the Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds and the release of the Statewide Multi-Year Program (MYP) on the Illinois Department of Transportation's website.

**8.25 – Ogle County Highway Dept.:**

Not present.

**8.26 – Boone County Council of Aging:**

Not present.

**8.27 – State Line Area Transportation Study:**

Not present.

**8.28 – Federal Highway Administration, IL Division:**

No report.

**8.29 – Stateline Mass Transit District:**

Not present.

**8.30 – R1PC Metropolitan Planning Organization:**

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

- The MPO will be releasing the draft FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment within the next week. A public comment period will be held to receive feedback on the draft. It is anticipated that the document will be adopted at the August 2020 MPO Policy Committee meeting. The draft document will be available at [r1planning.org/tip](http://r1planning.org/tip).
- The MPO was awarded three Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds for the following projects:
  - Regional Freight Plan: The overarching goal for this project is to strengthen the connection between the region’s key freight transportation assets, core industries, and land use development. The Regional Freight Plan will provide a blueprint for the Rockford region regarding freight-related infrastructure improvements, freight-related land use planning, and freight linkages to economic development.
  - Passenger Rail Station Conceptual Siting Analysis: This project will be a comprehensive planning study that evaluates the most feasible and viable locations for two (2) passenger rail stations in the Rockford region in support of establishing the Chicago to Rockford Intercity Passenger Rail expansion project funded under the 2019 Rebuild Illinois Capital Bill.
  - Keith Creek Corridor Study: This Study will be a coordinated effort between City of Rockford and Region 1 Planning Council to identify an improved greenway that offers equitable access to alternative transportation; improves access to natural resources; supports infrastructure improvements (e.g. drainage, sidewalks, natural culverts, etc.); increases resiliency of the corridor; and supports economic redevelopment in some of the City’s most disadvantaged areas.
- The following administrative modifications were made to the FY 2020 – FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program:
  - Projects or a portion of these projects have been converted from Advanced Construction to current status:
    - #1-20-5: ILL 2, 0.5 mi N of Elmwood Rd to 0.5 mi N of Latham Rd N of Rockford
    - #1-20-7: IL-173, 0.8 mi W of I-90 to 0.4 mi E of Lyford Rd
    - #13-19-1: Coleman Bridge (004-3003), Poplar Grove Road (FAU 5011A) over the Kishwaukee River / N.E. edge of Belvidere in Boone County
    - #1-20-22: US BUS 20 (E State St), Buckley Drive in Rockford to 0.4 mi E of Shaw Rd E of Winnebago Co Line
    - #1-15-6: Grooming/Maintain Public Snowmobile Trails
    - #2-15-4: Grooming/Maintain Public Snowmobile Trails
  - The MPO will begin the update process for the Greenways Plan in August 2020. Partner agencies will be reached out to for further coordination.
  - The MPO will commence the update of the regional Human Service Public Transportation Plan (HSTP) over the next month.

Ms. Campbell provided a brief report on the Regional Online Bicycle Facilities Map. The MPO will be distributing the online regional bicycle facilities map to members of the Technical Committee for their final review prior to posting the interactive map on the [r1planning.org](http://r1planning.org) website this fall.

## 9) Other Business

No other business presented.

## 10) Adjournment

**Motion** by Mr. Thompson, City of Loves Park, Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford, Community Development Department, to **adjourn** at 10:45 am.

Motion **approved** by unanimous roll call vote.

Prepared by Sydney Turner.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: August 20, 2020.