



Minutes of the regular meeting of the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **July 22, 2026** in Conference Room 171 located at PWSC, 1180 50th Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904.

Members Present:

- Mr. Nick Miller, Acting Chair, Rochester City Council
- Mr. Shaun Palmer, Rochester City Council
- Mr. Bob Hopkins, County Commissioner
- Mr. Bill Schimmel, Small Cities
- Mr. Dave Iseminger, Small Cities
- Mr. Patrick Keane, Rochester City Council
- Ms. Kim Norton, City of Rochester
- Mr. Randy Reimer, Community Representative
- Ms. Shelly Rohe, Community Representative
- Ms. Diana Connelly, Townships
- Mr. Gregg Wright, County Commissioner
- Mr. Steve Cook, Small Cities
- Mr. Frank Merchant, Townships
- Mr. Randy Schubring, Rochester City Council
- Mr. Dustin Morrow, School District #535

Members Absent:

- Mr. Brian Mueller, (Chair) County Commissioner

Public

- Karuna Ojanen

Staff Present via Conf. Room 109/110:

- Ms. Allison Sosa, ROCOG Executive Director
- Ms. Karlin Ziegler, Parks and Trails Director
- Mr. Jarrett Hubbard, Principal Planner
- Ms. Karli McElroy, Principal Planner
- Mr. Matt Tse, Principal Planner
- Ms. Beth Davis, Executive Support Supervisor
- Mr. Kurt Wayne, MnDOT
- Mr. Dillon Dombrowski, Rochester City Engineer
- Mr. Nick Sanford, County Traffic Engineer
- Mr. Sam Budzyna, Rochester Traffic Engineer

Others Present via Microsoft Teams:

- Mr. Greg Paulson, MnDOT District 6
- Mr. Randy Staver, Rochester Township
- Ms. Emma Diercks, Communications
- Ms. Sandi Goslee, Principal Planner
- Ms. Alison Bosco, Senior Planner
- Mr. Matt Lynch, Rochester-Administration
- Ms. Rachel Fautsch, Rochester Parking and Transit
- Ms. Heather Flynn, Senior Planner

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mr. Miller, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Mr. Iseminger moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Keane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

Olmsted County Trails Plan

Ms. Ziegler introduced the Olmsted County Trails Plan project, outlining its purpose to coordinate trail development across the county, involving multiple agencies and stakeholders, and emphasizing the need for a comprehensive inventory and prioritization of trail connections. Discussion ensued related to the project timeline, which is expected to span 12 to 18 months, and outlined a robust public engagement strategy including technical advisory committee meetings, stakeholder sessions, surveys, and pop-up events to gather input from diverse user groups and communities. Follow up tasks from discussions include stakeholder engagement, share examples of similar county wide trail master plans completed by SRF, send link of the project website for current status and upcoming engagement events; and coordinate with surrounding townships and cities for engagement.

**Next ROCOG Meeting – August 26, 2026 at PWSC, 1188 50th Street SE,
Rochester, MN**

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Iseminger seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Nick Miller, Acting ROCOG Chair

Allison Sosa, ROCOG Executive Director

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