



Alternative Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

127 N Wyman St, Rockford, IL 61101

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Carol Erickson at 2:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: North Central IL Council of Governments; Rockford Mass Transit District; Rockford Park District; SwedishAmerican Health Care; Winnebago County Housing Authority; University of Illinois – Extension; Workforce Connection.

Members Absent: Boone County Health Department; I Bike Rockford; Rockford Road Runners; Stateline Mass Transit District; Winnebago County Health Department.

Others Present: Richard Rundall, Eliminate Racism 815; Eric Brown, RAMP; Dave Simmons, Ride Illinois; Rob Bates, Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2; Alex Rosander, Melisa Ribikawskis, and Sydney Turner, Region 1 Planning Council.

3. Approval of the January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sink entertained a motion to accept the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes. First motion made by Ms. Lau, North Central IL Council of Governments; seconded by Mr. Merino, SwedishAmerican Health Care. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the Committee.

5. Items Presented for Information or Discussion:

- a. **FTA 5310 Program:** Ms. Rosander presented on Section 5310 funding program. The presentation included information on the program, including its purpose, allocation of the program funds, eligible project types and eligible sub-recipients. She also presented information on the project selection process, beginning with a call for projects, followed by the development of a program of projects, discussion and recommendation for the program of projects by the approval of the ATC, and finally the recommendation and adoption of the MPO Policy Committee. This Call for Projects will be using a new application format and subrecipients will need to register for an account on the Illinois Grant Accountability Act portal. The FY 2019 and FY 2020 funding allocations will be available during the upcoming Call for Projects, which will be announced within the next couple of weeks.

b. **Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP):** Ms. Rosander provided an update on the HSTP, including the results of the Strategy Priorities Survey, sent out to the ATC in January 2021. The results of this survey will be included in the final document. The final report is currently in development and will be released for a 30-day public comment period. The anticipated adoption by the MPO Policy Committee is June 2021.

6. Progress Reports:

a. **RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis:** Ms. Turner informed committee members that the RFP was released at the end of December for the Implementation Plan. There were no proposals submitted, as a result RPC is working with a consultant for the services.

7. Agency Reports:

Boone County Health Department

Not present.

I Bike Rockford

Not present.

North-Central Illinois Council of Governments

Ms. Lau reported that there has been conversation on potential providing public transit services for the rural portions of Winnebago County, not currently served by Rockford Mass Transit District.

Rockford Mass Transit District

No report.

Rockford Park District

No report.

Rockford Road Runners

Not present.

Stateline Mass Transit District

Not Present.

Swedish American

No report.

The Workforce Connection

Not present.

Winnebago County Housing Authority

No report.

University of Illinois-Extension

Ms. Erickson reported that the University of Illinois Online tool "Find Food Illinois" being develop – food pantry, grocery stores, school meal programs and summer meal sites.

Eliminate Racism 815

Mr. Randall report that Eliminate Racism has been assisting individuals to register for the COVID-19 vaccine in Winnebago County/City of Rockford.

8. Other Business

No other business.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Sink asked for a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mr. Priddy to **adjourn** at 2:36 pm. Motion approved unanimously.