



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES / Tuesday, June 12, 2018
(Regional Design Center)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Meredith Stoll, Wesley Willows; DJ Wilson, I Bike Rockford; John Strandin, The Workforce Connection; Deb Alfredson, Winnebago County Housing Authority; Kelley Peterson, Barbara Olson Center of Hope; Julie Sterling, Winnebago County Health Department; Mike Mapes, Rockford Road Runners; Sharon Hecox, SMTD; Paul Logli, United Way (arrived at 2:25PM).

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works; Sydney Turner, Jon Paul Diipla, Colin Belle, Brandon Geber, Anna Ma, Christina Washington, RIPC; Kim Zimmerman, NCICG.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Ms. Turner, with a quorum present at 2:03pm.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None provided.

3. **ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION**

a. **Transportation Alternatives Program Discussion of the Transportation Alternatives Program process and the project applications submitted to the MPO from the recent TAP call for projects. The call for projects was from April 5-2018 through May 11, 2018.**

Ms. Turner provided a brief overview of the TAP process the MPO has in place and she stated that the goal of TAP is to allocate resources to well-planned projects that provide and support alternate modes of transportation, enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources and improve the quality of life for members of the communities.

Ms. Turner provided a brief overview of the three (3) projects that the RMAP Technical Committee will be recommending to the RMAP Policy Committee which are as follows:

- City of Rockford
 - East State Street Sidewalk Gaps / Alpine Road to Newtowne Drive
 - West State Street/Pierpont Sidewalk Gaps
- Rockford Park District
 - Jefferson Street Bridge Underpass Approaches

Ms. Turner stated that the three projects have been reviewed and gone through the scoring matrix and the MPO will be recommending all three projects be approved for funding since there are enough funds to do all three projects.

- b. **FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program:** Discussion regarding the funding program and project identification process. RMTD and IDOT are co-designated recipients of the apportioned regional funding.

Mr. Diipla referred to the handout he provided (FTA Fact Sheet: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Chapter 53 Section 5310)).

The program purpose is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas – large urbanized (over 200,000), small urbanized (50,000-200,00), and rural (under 50,000). Eligible projects include both traditional capital investment and nontraditional investment beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

- c. **Future Committee Meetings: Discussion on the schedule and structure of future ATC meetings.**

Ms. Turner stated that the ATC Committee as a whole will be meeting quarterly. The proposed dates for ATC Committee as a whole are as follows:

- Tuesday, July 10, 2018
- Tuesday, October 9, 2018

ATC and the Working Groups will follow the Open Meetings Act and there will be staff liaison for each individual working group. Ms. Turner indicated that at the ATC July 10, 2018 meeting up for discussion are the bylaws, nominations and election of Chair and Vice Chair.

4. **WORKING GROUP SESSION: Introduction of the working group, including overviews of the planning documents and activities each group will have a role.**

Members broke into their working groups to discuss their individual working groups topics for discussions at their respective future meetings.

- Active Transportation
- Mobility
- Accessibility

5. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None provided.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, Mr. John Strandin, The Workforce Connection made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Julie Sterling, WCHD. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 PM.