



## Alternative Transportation Committee

MEETING MINUTES / Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 2019  
(Regional Design Center, 315 N. Main Street, Rockford)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** NCICG, Lisa Lau; The Workforce Connection, Amanda Sink; RMTD, Dennis Hendricks; OSF, Nathan Hamman; I Bike Rockford, Dylan Schroeder; University of Illinois-Extension, Carol Erickson; Boone County Planning, Izzy Mandujano; Rockford Park District, Tim Bragg; Winnebago County Housing Authority, Deb Alfredson and Amanda Wiseley; SwedishAmerican, Leo Medrano; Boone County Health Department, Amanda Mehl; SMTD, Sharon Hecox; Winnebago County Health Department, Cheryl Floyd;

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Rockford Road Runners

**OTHERS PRESENT:** R1PC, Margaret Campbell, Brandon Geber, Chuck Klutho, Sydney Turner, and Jon Paul Diipla;

### 1. Call to Order:

With a quorum present Ms. Alfredson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

### 2. Public Comment:

None.

### 3. Approval of the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Alfredson entertained a motion to accept the minutes. First motion was made by Rockford Mass Transit District; second motion was made by University of Illinois Extension. Approved unanimously. Stateline Mass Transit District abstained from vote.

### 4. Items presented for action:

#### a) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Mr. Diipla provided an overview of the program, what the process has been thus far, what information is requested from the committee, and what the process will be moving forward.

Ms. Turner presented on the five TAP projects submitted, providing an overview of their extents and other project details. Ms. Turner also provided an overview of the previously adopted scoring criteria for TAP projects and how each of the potential TAP projects scored based on these criteria.

Discussion occurred between Ms. Alfredson, RMTD, The Workforce Connection, OSF, Ms. Turner, Mr. Diipla, and Mr. Geber about the criteria and feedback they have heard regarding the different projects submitted. Mr. Diipla restated that the ATC is currently being asked to provide a recommendation or feedback to the MPO Technical Committee.

Discussion amongst committee members and RPC MPO staff took place concerning how projects could be selected and how funding could be divided among the projects. Ms. Turner explained that the ATC can decide if they would like to proceed with the current ranking system or use another for the recommendation. Mr. Diipla stated that the ATC has the option to move the list of projects forward, as ranked from the adopted scoring criteria and that additional comments from the ATC would be provided to the MPO Technical Committee.

Ms. Alfredson entertained a motion to recommend the projects ranked by the adopted scoring criteria. RMTD motioned. No one seconds. Motion fails.

The Workforce Connection proposes that the committee rank the projects prior to passing them on to the MPO Technical Committee. Ms. Alfredson asks for additional input. After hearing no objections, the committee moves forward with having members individually rank the projects, and tally the combined scores. Ms. Turner collected the rankings and compiled them for committee consensus.

*2:54 PM - OSF and SwedishAmerican left the meeting after providing their rankings of TAP projects.*

*-Item paused while votes tallied. Item taken up again after item 5 discussion-*

Ms. Turner presented the revised rankings to the committee

Ms. Alfredson entertained a motion to recommend the projects as ranked by the committee. University of Illinois-Extension motioned, The Workforce Connection seconded. Ms. Alfredson called for a voice vote. Approved unanimously.

**5. Items presented for information or discussion:**

a) Draft Online Regional Bicycle Facilities Map:

Ms. Campbell presented on the process to develop and potential uses for an online bicycle facilities map. She then provided a demonstration on how to use the map.

Discussion followed between members of the Alternative Transportation Committee on how the map would be maintained, the changes that could be made in the more detailed companion map, along with other topics.

**6. Progress Reports:**

a) MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update:

Ms. Turner presented on the role of the MPO in development and management of the region's transportation system, the process of developing the plan, where the MPO is at in the creation of the plan, and what the next steps will be.

b) RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis Update:

Mr. Geber provided an overview of the process undertaken to create the public engagement report created in conjunction of the analysis. Mr. Geber then provided a summary of the feedback heard during the process and how that input will be used to create recommendations for changes that could be made.

c) Agency Reports:

R1PC: Ms. Campbell reported on the status of the US Census Complete Count Committee which is running through R1PC and is being headed by Ivy Hood. Ms. Campbell stressed the importance of the Census and getting the word out for employees they will need once the time comes.

RMTD: Mr. Hendricks informed the committee of a bus route changes that will be occurring in the near future

**7. Other Business:**

a. ATC Meeting Schedule

Mr. Geber and Ms. Campbell started a discussion with the committee about potentially meeting bi-monthly rather than quarterly. The committee discussed the proposal and all members seemed in favor of the change.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Alfredson entertains a motion to adjourn. First motion made by I Bike Rockford and seconded Rockford Park District. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.