



Alternative Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Regional Design Center, 315 N Main St, Rockford, IL 61101

1) Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Deb Alfredson at 2:03 pm.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: I Bike Rockford; North-Central Illinois Council of Governments; RMTD; Rockford Park District; Swedish American; Winnebago County Health Department; The Workforce Connection; University of Illinois – Extension.

Members Absent: Rockford Road Runners; Stateline Mass Transit; Boone County Health Department.

Others Present: Brandon Geber, Sydney Turner, Jon Paul Diipla, R1PC; Dick Rundall, Eliminate Racism 815; Jason Holcomb, Transform Rockford; Teresa Schryver, Todd Reuber, Northern Illinois Food Bank.

3) Approval of the January 14th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Alfredson entertained a motion to accept the minutes. First motion was made by the Workforce Connection; second motion was made by Winnebago County Health Department. Approved unanimously.

4) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

5) Items Presented for Discussion

a) Coordinate Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

Mr. Geber gave a presentation regarding the purpose, process, and next update cycle for the Coordinated Plan. Mr. Geber emphasized the benefits of having the ATC and public transportation providers work together to prioritize regional funding received to address the goals and strategies identified within the plan. Mr. Diipla mentioned that the existing Coordinated Plan and current planning initiatives, such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis, will play a role in the Coordinated Plan Update.

Following the presentation, there was discussion among the committee over the need for additional stakeholders to participate in the Coordination Plan update, with emphasis placed on seniors, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals. Ms. Sink mentioned potentially expanding the participation of mental health services. Along with organizations and contacts provided at the meeting, committee members were asked to prepare a list of potential stakeholders at the next ATC meeting

6) Staff Updates

a) MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update:

Ms. Turner provided an update on the development of the MTP by the MPO. Items noted include wrapping up writing of the plan narrative and a hope to have the draft plan out for public comment soon.

b) RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis Update:

Mr. Geber gave an overview of efforts that were undertaken since the last ATC meeting. Of note is the review team is currently discussing specific route alignments in relation to data collected. Any changes made to the route structure will be brought out for public comment. It is the goal to have the plan wrapped up by early summer.

7) Agency Reports

Boone County Health Department:

Not Present

I Bike Rockford:

Mr. Smith mentioned that the calendar of events should be updated on I Bike Rockford webpage as the biking season starts. Also mentioned was continuing work with the City of Rockford on potential bike rack locations and their 10-year bike plan.

North-Central Illinois Council of Governments:

None

Rockford Mass Transit District:

Mr. Hendricks mentioned that RMTD plans to purchase more hybrid-electric buses and has currently applied for grant funds to purchase fully-electric buses and associated facility updates.

Rockford Park District:

Mr. Bragg mentioned that work continues on the Jefferson Street Bridge pedestrian underpass, with potential completion by the summer season. Also mentioned was a request to their board to apply for a grant to improve bicycle facilities by SportsCore 1 and that the park district will look at reducing their real estate footprint as part of the last years of their strategic plan.

Rockford Road Runners:

Not present

Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not present

Swedish American:

No Report

Winnebago County Health Department:

No Report

Winnebago County Housing Authority:

No Report

The Workforce Connection:

Ms. Sink updated the committee on the status of their regional plan that is pending approval at the state. Also mentioned was an announcement of a recent update to their webpage.

University of Illinois – Extension:

Ms. Erickson mentioned that their organization is currently working with the public in regards to local gardening to improve food access. Ms. Skaradanski echoed that food access efforts are ramping up and that the Boone County walking audit has wrapped up and they plan to provide an update by the next meeting.

8) Other Business

No other business presented.

9) Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Erickson, University of Illinois-Extension, seconded by Ms. Sink, The Workforce Connection to **adjourn** at 2:46 pm.

Prepared by Brandon Geber.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: September 8th, 2020