



Alternative Transportation Committee

MEETING MINUTES / Tuesday, January 14, 2020
(Regional Design Center, 315 N. Main Street, Rockford)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Sink, The Workforce Connection; Dylan Schroeder, I Bike Rockford; Carol Erickson, Veronica Skaradanski, University of Illinois-Extension; Izzy Mandujano, Boone County; Tim Bragg Rockford, Park District; Amanda Mehl, Boone County Health Department; Julie Sterling, Winnebago County Health Department; Ed Barsotti, Ride Illinois; Mike Stubbe, RMTD.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Rockford Road Runners, Stateline Mass Transit, WCHA,

OTHERS PRESENT: Margaret Campbell, Brandon Geber, Chuck Klutho, Sydney Turner, Jon Paul Diipla, R1PC; Michael Smith, Gary Anderson Architects; Dick Rundall, Eliminate Racism 815; Eric Brown, RAMP; Jason Holcomb, Transform Rockford; Kerry Lin, City of Rockford.

1. Call to Order:

With a quorum present, Ms. Erickson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 15th, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Erickson entertained a motion to accept the minutes. First motion was made by the Workforce Connection; second motion was made by Rockford Park District. Approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None.

4. Committee Overview

Update provided by Ms. Campbell on the role of the committee, tasks that the committee is involved in, and how the functions of the ATC influence decisions and how those functions may be changing in the new year.

5. Items presented for information or discussion:

Boone County Walking Audit: Presentation provided by Amanda Mehl, Izzy Mandujano, and Veronica Skaradanski about food security issues in Boone County and the importance of having a walkable community so individuals are able to access healthy foods. They discussed the most vulnerable populations, what puts them at risk of being food insecure, and how they formed goals and strategies to address the needs of Boone County residents. A part of the discussion included their plan for carrying out walking audits in the City of Belvidere and Boone County. Walking audits were a previously discussed ATC meeting topic requested by ATC members.

Following the presentation, there was discussion between the committee on the process so far, how engagement with the public has been, and how information and related materials about the effort could be accessed. The presenters also welcomed assistance and input from the committee members.

6. Progress Reports:

a) MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update:

Ms. Turner provided an update on the development of the MTP by the MPO. Items noted include the results of public engagement carried out in the fall and the beginning phases of writing the plan itself. Ms. Turner also outlined the next steps for the MPO.

b) RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis Update:

Mr. Geber gave an overview of efforts that were undertaken since the last ATC meeting. Of note is a webpage with documents and interactive maps produced for the study, available on the R1Planning.org website. Meetings with partners have continued with discussion focusing on the analysis.

c) Transportation Alternatives Program:

Mr. Diipla provided an update on the TAP project selection process. Following the recommendation of the ATC, discussion occurred at the October 2019 MPO Technical and Policy Committees which led to funding allocation decision being postponed until December 2019. At the December 2019 MPO Policy Committee meeting, funding was allocated to the Boone County Conservation District for the Piscasaw Creek Connection project and the remaining balance and FY2021 TAP apportionment was allocated to City of Rockford's Spring Creek Road to U of I College of Medicine Connection project.

7. Agency Reports

Voting

- BCHD – None
- I Bike Rockford – None
- North-Central Illinois Council of Governments – None
- RMTD – Reported that RMTD is purchasing multiple hybrid buses as replacements for their fleet. RMTD has also introduced a new fare paying option for users.
- Rockford Park District – Noted R1PC's efforts to help create an online map; noted that the Rockford Park District is working on a therapeutic transit program with partners.
- Rockford Road Runners – Not present
- Stateline Mass Transit District – Not present
- Swedish American – Not present
- Winnebago County Health Department – None
- WCHA – Not present
- The Workforce Connection – On January 15th, 2020, the Workforce Connection will be hosting a meeting on their recently completed study on the needs and opportunities in the region's workforce.
- University of Illinois – Extension – None

Non-Voting

- Barbara Olson Center of Hope – Not present
- Belvidere Park District – Not present
- Boone County – None
- Boone County Council on Aging – Not present
- Boone County Public Transportation – Not present
- Mercy Health – None
- OSF Healthcare – Not present

- RAMP – None
- Ride Illinois – Provided an overview of the development process for the 10-Year Bike Plan for the City of Rockford. Details on the work that has been done were given and next steps were outlined. They also announced a Bicycle Summit being held in Palatine, IL in September 2020.
- Transform Rockford – Gave an update on the recent release of data collected for Rockford school districts and how it pertains to food deserts in the city.
- Wesley Willows – Not present
- YWCA – Not present

8. Other Business:

a. ATC Meeting Schedule

Mr. Geber and Ms. Campbell reminded the committee of the meeting schedule change from 2019 to 2020; moving from four quarterly meetings to six bi-monthly meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Erikson entertains a motion to adjourn. First motion made by RMTD and seconded by The Workforce Connection. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes approved by action of the Committee: March 10th, 2020