



MPO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES / Thursday, October 18, 2018
(City of Loves Park, Public Works Conference Room, 100 Heart Blvd., Loves Park)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Bates, IDOT District 2; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway Department; Tim Hinkens, City of Rockford Public Works Department; Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Paula Hughes, RMTD; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department; Ashley Spohr, Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department; Justin Krohn, Boone County; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere; Chris Baer, RRWRD; Tom Hartley, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Village of Machesney Park; Chicago Rockford International Airport; Village of Cherry Valley; Village of Roscoe; Boone County Conservation District, Village of Winnebago; Village of Poplar Grove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug DeLille, IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning; Colin Belle, Jon Paul Diipla, Brandon Geber, Sydney Turner, Margaret Campbell, Dhawal Kataria, Christina Washington, Region 1 Planning Council.

With a quorum present Mr. Diipla called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2018 MPO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:
Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the June 21, 2018 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve by Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County and seconded by Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2. COMMUNICATIONS:
No communications

3. AGENCY REPORTS:

3.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Bates reported that the North Main project was wrapping up; one main paving day, median and curbing to clean up and the traffic signal poles should be up this weekend. All lanes are anticipated to be open by Thanksgiving.

East State addition lane by I-90 will have the pave poured this week and all lanes are anticipated to be open by Thanksgiving.

3.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vanderwerff reported that the Baxter/Lindenwood project is in its final stages and is anticipated to be completed by November 15th.

3.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Hinkens reported that they are finishing up their CIP for this year. City of Rockford has applied for special bridge program funds through IDOT District 2 to replace the 15th Avenue Bridge over the Rock River.

Mr. Hinkens indicated he's working with City of Rockford City Council to get the CIP 5 Year Plan passed this year.

City of Rockford is working with the ICC and the UP Railroad to get a solution on how to replace the 1st or the 2nd Street Bridge over the UP by Haight Village.

On Monday, October 22nd they will be introducing to City Council the final draft of their ADA Transition Plan.

3.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Thompson reported that their Pike Road reconstruction is about 85% complete.

3.05 Village of Machesney Park, Public Works:

Not Present.

3.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Not Present.

3.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Ms. Hughes reported that they have some medium duty paratransit vehicles coming in next week using 5310 funds.

The Downtown Transfer Center reconstruction is 75% done of phase 1. Phase 2 has been awarded and is 25% of the way into phase 2. RMTD is planning on having the downtown Transfer Center open during winter months.

RMTD is working on a Route Study with Brandon Geber, RIPC Transit Planner.

3.08 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:

No report.

3.09 Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department:

Not Present.

3.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:

No report.

3.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:

No Report.

3.12 Boone County Planning Department:

No report

3.13 Boone County Highway Department:

Mr. Krohn reported that all the planning construction completed. They had one NBIS structure wash out 4 weeks ago. The structure is anticipated to be finished this week (Blain Road in LeRoy Township). Mr. Krohn stated they did submit for the special bridge program to replace the structure over the Piscasaw Creek on Mill Road and they also plan on submitting an application to the Safe Routes to School Program.

3.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

No Report

3.15 City of Belvidere, Planning Department:

No Report

3.16 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

Mr. Baer reported that Fuller Creek Trunk project is wrapping up. The next big project for RRWRD is to replace Force Main from Cherry Valley Pump Station all the way to the plant.

3.17 Forest Preserves of Winnebago County

Mr. Hartley reported that they have budgeted to repair the Hononegah Forest Preserve in 2019.

3.18 Boone County Conservation District:

Not present.

3.19 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:

No report.

3.20 Rockford Park District:

Mr. Bragg reported that they are working with District #205 regarding Neighborhood Parks/School Playgrounds in particular Walker School, White Swan and Thompson School. This will be of a bigger project the Park District is working on regarding land holding and inventory. Depending on the sites, the Park District might be reaching out to the other municipalities to see if they have any interest in acquisitions or land exchanges.

3.21 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:

Not Present

3.22 Illinois Tollway:

Not Present

3.23 IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:

Not Present

3.24 IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:

Mr. DeLille reported that the Safe Routes to School application period is open and the deadline is November 19th.

FHWA & ASHTO has an agreement in place which basically allows access to a portfolio of training courses (TC3 Library). www.tc3.transportation.org You will need an ASHTO account to access.

Tier 2 Transit Asset Management (TAM) State targets deadline is October 31st.

Mr. DeLille indicated they are still working on some stakeholder meetings on their ITS Strategic Plan update.

IDOT Transportation Asset Management Plan is available online for review.

October 30, 2018 there will be a Safety Summit; Mr. DeLille indicated he doesn't have any other information but he will forward to members as more information comes in.

IDOT released a notice of funding opportunity for FY2019 and FY2020 Local Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program. Application deadline is November 9, 2018.

IDOT Economic Development Program (EDP) started accepting applications on October 1, 2018. For more information contact Todd A. Smith at todd.a.smith@illinois.gov.

IDOT provided a Notice of Funding Opportunity on October 1, 2018 for the FY2020 Truck Access Route Program (TARP). IDOT anticipates the funding will be available for this program beginning in July 2020. Application deadline is November 5, 2018. Project award notifications are anticipated to be announced during the week of December 3, 2018.

3.25 Ogle County Highway Department:

Not Present

3.26 Boone County Council of Aging:

Not Present

3.27 State Line Area Transportation Study:

Not Present

3.28 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:

Not Present

3.29 Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not Present

3.30 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Diipla introduced Margaret Campbell and Dhawal Kataria who joined RIPC in August-2018 as Metropolitan Planners.

Advanced Construction Notice

Mr. Diipla provided the following Advanced Construction Notices:

- #1-18-5 US 20/IL-2 S. Main Street Rockford Bypass
- #1-19-2 Bridge Deck Sealing

Alternative Transportation Committee

Mr. Turner reported that the Alternative Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 4:00pm and there were 7 members and 2 citizens that attended the ATC meeting. The topics covered consisted of the RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis and the LRTP Update.

RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis

Mr. Gerber reported that RMTD and RIPC were recently awarded Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds from IDOT to complete a Comprehensive Mobility Analysis for RMTD's service area and to purchase automated passenger counters (APCs) for RMTD's fixed-route buses. Mr. Geber provided a brief summary of the 4 steps that will be taken regarding the RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis:

1. Market Analysis
2. Service Evaluation
3. Alternatives Analysis
4. Implementation Plan

Strategic Highway Plan

Mr. Vanderwerff stated that he and Jon Paul have had conversations regarding the concept of creating a Strategic Highway Plan through the MPO that could assist in addressing and improving safety concerns on a regional basis which would include Winnebago County, Boone County and possibly Ogle County. Mr. Vanderwerff and Mr. Krohn stated that the HSIP paperwork is very challenging and is very data driven. A brief discussion took place regarding safety concerns and possible ways on how to address these issues. Mr. Diipla stated that the MPO will research and provide a report at the next MPO Technical Committee meeting in November-2018.

4. MPO FY2019-FY2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT – MPO RESOLUTION 2018-15:

Mr. Diipla stated that MPO Resolution 2018-15 is an amendment to the FY2019-FY2022 TIP at the request of the City of Rockford and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding the following projects:

- IDOT Project #1-18-5 / Reconstruction project at US20/IL-2 S. Main Street Rockford Bypass (US20: Simpson Rd to Rock River & IL-2 S of Southrock Drive to S of US20 interchange).
- City of Rockford Project #3-19-18 / Resurfacing & Safety project at 20th Street Railroad Crossing (20th Street Railroad Crossing with the CN Railroad: Resurfacing, Traffic Signal Updates, Warning Device Modifications).

Mr. Bates indicated that a correction needed to be made on the City of Rockford total project amount. Total cost should read \$233.189. Mr. Diipla stated correction noted.

With no further comments, Mr. Diipla asked for a recommendation from the MPO Technical Committee. First motion made to approve by Mr. Bates, IDOT and seconded by Mr. Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development. Approved unanimously.

5. MPO PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR PAVEMENT & BRIDGE CONDITION (PM2) AND PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM, FREIGHT MOVEMENT OF THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM – MPO RESOLUTION 2018-16:

Mr. Geber provided a brief summary/presentation regarding PM2 and Mr. Belle provided a brief summary/presentation regarding PM3. Mr. Diipla stated that on September 12th the MPO held a working group meeting which consisted of the MPO County Highway and Public Works partner organizations where the data that has been analyzed for PM2 and PM3 targets were discussed. There was a consensus among the County Highway and Public Works partner organizations on the PM2 & PM3 targets.

With no further comments, Mr. Diipla asked for a recommendation from the MPO Technical Committee. First motion made to approve by Mr. Vanderwerff, Winnebago County and seconded by Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere. Approved unanimously.

6. MPO TITLE VI & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONSIDERATIONS:

Ms. Campbell referred to the Rockford MPO – Title VI & EJ Program survey hand out and stated that the MPO is federally required to survey the committees and boards on the racial/ethnic composition. Ms. Campbell asked members to take a moment to fill out the survey and submit to her when completed. Ms. Campbell provided an overview of the requirements of the Title VI & EJ program as well as Limited English Proficiency and the analysis currently underway to update both documents.

7. LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE:

Ms. Turner stated that the MPO is wrapping up phase 1 and is entering phase 2 of updating the LRTP document. Ms. Turner provided a brief summary on what the next steps are in phase 2. Community engagement sessions are anticipated for the first week of November. A public survey will be rolled out shortly. Ms. Turner stated that they would like to also look at providing LRTP presentation to smaller groups. Scenario planning will be examined and incorporated into the MPO's planning process.

8. PROGRESS REPORTS:

Safety Measure Targets

Mr. Diipla reported that the MPO recently received State Performance Measure Targets regarding Safety Targets.

Interactive TIP

Mr. Diipla stated that the MPO started looking at an Interactive Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Kataria stated that he's been working on taking the TIP document and formatting it so that it's in an interactive format that partner agencies or the public can easily access and use. Updates will be provided to the Technical Committee as the project further develops.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

GATA/MFT

Mr. Krohn and Mr. Vanderwerff brought up the possibility of GATA being applied to MFT and suggested that it might be a good idea for the MPO to look into further and possibly support that GATA not be applied to MFT. A brief discussion took place among members regarding GATA.

BUILD Grant

Mr. Krohn asked if there were any updates on BUILD Grant awards? Mr. Diipla stated there has not been any specific announcement date but he will keep members apprised.

Current Census

2020 Census Participant Statistical Area Program (PSAP) is underway. RIPC was contacted with regard to being involved. RIPC will be analyzing current census geography and making modifications as necessary prior to the decennial census.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Rob Bates, IDOT District #2 and seconded by Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development Department. The Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.