



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 27, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Mayor Darryl Lindberg, City of Loves Park; Mr. Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere; Mr. Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Mr. Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Ms. Kris Tobin, IDOT District 2.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Rockford.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Colleen Hoesly, RMAP Staff; Wayne Vlck, Winnebago County; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park; Joshua McClusky, IDOT Transit & Metro Planning; Bev Moore.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Christiansen with a quorum present at 1:15 PM.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Ernst stated that he received communication from Mr. Joe Vanderwerff for funding for the Bell School Road project.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 26, 2012 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the July 26, 2012 minutes was made by the City of Loves Park, seconded by Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

4. **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE VOTING MEMBERSHIP:**

Mr. Ernst stated that at the previous Policy Committee meeting RMAP had received and approved a request from the Rock River Water Reclamation District (RRWRD) to become a full voting member on the Technical Committee. At the same RMAP was also working very closely with members of the environment and recreation community to look at potential membership. This was being driven by the work on bicycle, green way planning and storm water planning. RMAP has received a request from the Rockford Park District, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District and Boone County Conservation District to for full voting board membership on the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of RMAP Resolution 2012-11 which will add these three agencies as voting members of the Technical Committee. A motion to approve Resolution 2012-11 was made by the City of Loves Park, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park and approved unanimously (6-0).

5. URBANIZED AREA BOUNDARIES:

Mr. Ernst summarized previous discussion concerning the Metropolitan Area boundary of RMAP (the MPA). Urban growth in the southern part of Winnebago County suggests that good planning should include portions of Ogle County and the communities of Davis Junction, Stillman Valley, and Byron. Recently the Ogle County Board took action to recommend that RMAP extend the MPA boundary to include those communities along IL-72. RMAP has also had discussions with Rochelle but sufficient urban growth in the I-39 corridor is not anticipated to occur in the current planning horizon. RMAP staff are still working through the exact boundary between RMAP and SLATS in the northern part of Winnebago County and hope to present a final MPA recommendation soon. RMAP has until 2014 to submit final MPA boundaries to our federal oversight partners but staff prefer to submit the MPA recommendation as soon as possible. No action was required at this time.

6. MAP-21 UPDATE:

Mr. Ernst provided members a handout from T4America regarding MAP-21 funding to the State of Illinois. IDOT Secretary Ann Schneider and the executive staff of IDOT hope to have allocated amounts of federal funding to MPOs in January or February of 2013. This will allow RMAP to move forward with federally funded projects in our TIP.

RMAP has received a letter from Winnebago County requesting federal funding for a section of the Bell School Road project. After RMAP receives final amounts from IDOT from MAP-21 the staff will prepare a cash flow analysis and make a recommendation to the Policy Committee. In addition RMAP is analyzing a way to assist Boone County towards implementation of the Irene Road project. Boone County is pursuing an agreement with the Illinois Tollway to build some, or all, of the remaining ramps of the Irene Road interchange. Boone County will have some responsibility to secure right-of-way for any ramp improvements that occur as part of the Tollway's Jane Addams rebuild. Discussion was held and no action was required.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

7.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis & Amtrak Service:

Mr. Ernst reported that the proposals will be opened tomorrow (9/28/2012) for design teams for the Rockford Multi-Modal Transportation Center. Proposals will be scored and a short list developed for interviews. The goal is to have a design team under contract by the end of the year.

7.02 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:

I-Fiber work in Winnebago County is moving forward. Boone County is 100% complete. Most of the anchor institutions will be connected to the I-Fiber ring within the next three months. The first quarter of 2013 is the target date to energize the fiber and start broadband service.

7.03 RMAP Regional Freight Study:

No report.

7.04 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:

No report.

7.05 ComEd Smart Grid/Smart Meters:

No report.

7.06 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:

Mr. Ernst reported RREDD held their annual meeting on September 20, 2012 and Angelou Economics provided a presentation on the regional economic diversification plan for which RREDD received an EDA adjustment grant.

7.07 HUD Sustainability Grant:

Mr. Ernst reported that the next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2012 from 5:30-7:30p and held at the Rockford Association of Realtors (6776 East State Street, Rockford). A considerable amount of work has been done at the staff level and Mr. Ernst commented on how helpful WinGIS has been with the process.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY

Mr. Ernst stated that the annual travel statistic's report for the Illinois Tollway has been released. Overall traffic on the Jane Addams Tollway (I-90) has decreased slightly, most likely due to the construction activities and the recent toll increase. The three toll plazas in the Rockford region have all increased in annual traffic with the plaza at IL-173 up 13% over the previous year.

Mr. Ernst stated that the toll bridge on Harlem Road is anticipated to be completely removed by March 31, 2013.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the City of Loves Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Boone County. Approved unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 P.M.