



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Mayor Fred Brereton, City of Belvidere; Mayor Larry Morrissey, City of Rockford; Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Mr. Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park; Ms. Kris Tobin, IDOT District 2; Mr. Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, RMAP Staff; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Joshua McClusky, IDOT Transit & Metro Planning; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford Public Works; Steve Frerichs, Chaistain & Associates; Brian Leaf, Rockford Register Star.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Walberg with a quorum present at 1:20 PM.

2. COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP has received a request from the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District to be a voting member of the RMAP Technical Committee. They are aware of the changes we have recently made at the Technical Committee level and have expressed interest in joining the committee. Mr. Ernst stated that this will be discussed at a future Technical meeting.

Mr. Ernst stated that he provided members a copy of a letter RMAP received from IDOT to submit candidate projects for federal funding and the deadline is January 11, 2013.

Mr. Ernst stated that he provided a copy of a recent guest editorial from Ken Ramsey concerning agricultural preservation and other issues of a land use nature.

Mr. Ernst stated that the 6th Annual Lipinski Symposium is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2012 to be held at Northwestern University. Registration is open for any interested participants. This years' topic is Private Money for Public Infrastructure: Promises, Pitfalls, and the Path Forward.

Mayor Morrissey stated that on October 15, 2012 he was asked to participate in a letter that went out to Governor Quinn and Tollway Executive Kristie Lafleur from mayors along I-90 titled The Northwest Illinois Mayors for Passenger Rail.

The letter discussed the new law that went into effect this year allowing the Tollway to participate in rail infrastructure. Mayor Morrissey stated that this letter has been sent to the Governor and the Tollway Authority asking them to develop cost estimates for new passenger rail along I-90 between O'Hare Airport and the Rockford region. Mayor Morrissey stated that he wanted to inform members as IDOT is in the process of developing a new State Rail Plan. The Policy Committee directed staff to follow up with both IDOT and the Tollway.

3. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

A motion to approve the September 27, 2012 minutes was made by the City of Belvidere, seconded by the City of Rockford. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

4. RMAP FY13 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2012-12:

Mr. Ernst stated that the TIP is being amended to incorporate Winnebago County Highway Department's Capital Improvement Program which was approved recently by the Winnebago County Board. RMAP staff also found a Scribner error in one of the other projects and will be corrected with this amendment. Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend the amendment at their November 15, 2012 meeting. A motion to approve Resolution 2012-12 was made by Winnebago County, seconded by the City of Belvidere and approved unanimously (7-0).

5. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING (RMAP/RMTD/RRTC) – RESOLUTION 2012-13:

Mr. Ernst stated that the Mobility Subcommittee has been programming JARC and New Freedom funds for several years now. This year the Rock River Training Corporation was awarded a small amount of JARC funding to be used for a software purchase for ride matching of participants in various workforce training programs. This is the first time RMAP has awarded JARC funding to a sub-recipient. Resolution 2012-13 outlines the roles and responsibilities of RMAP, RMTD and Rock River Training for this expenditure of funds. Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval at their November 15, 2012 meeting. A motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 was made by the City of Rockford, seconded by the City of Belvidere and approved unanimously (7-0).

6. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT #205 – RESOLUTION 2012-14:

Mr. Ernst stated that the Rockford School District #205, the City of Rockford and RMAP staff have worked to craft an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that would provide a framework for participation in regional planning. The IGA outlines several areas of planning work related to the school district's "5 Readiness Rocks" initiative. RMAP staff will provide planning services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$40,000.

The IGA allows the school district to have a seat on the Policy Committee but the seat will be non-voting for the transportation-related work of the MPO. Mr. Ernst provided members a copy of the agreement to members for their review.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to coordinate and integrate long-term cooperative planning, operations, reporting and review related to education between the District and RMAP in order to improve education outcomes for the community.

TERM

The term of this Agreement shall be from the date that this Agreement is given final approval by the District's Board and RMAP, through December 31, 2013, unless sooner terminated or canceled as provided herein. This Agreement is annual renewable for four additional one-year terms.

RMAP SERVICES

RMAP shall provide the following core planning and data analysis services for the District in furtherance of the District's goals and objectives and in furtherance of improving educational outcomes for the Rockford metropolitan area:

- Demographic & Data Analysis
- Comprehensive Capital Planning and Career Academy Partnership Planning
- Transportation Planning
- Government & Legislative Affairs Services

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

- RMAP policy Board Designation
- RMAP Technical Committee Designation
- RMAP Program Management
- Rockford Regional Sustainability Plan

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

- Base Annual Payment of \$40,000 annually
- Contractual Services

Mayor Morrissey provided some comments regarding the lack of a shared planning table and how this agreement with School District #205 is the first step in creating a cohesive regional planning table. Mayor Morrissey stated that he fully supports the resolution and agreement. Discussion took place among members to answer questions and express concerns.

Mayor Brereton had concerns on whether other school districts, such as District 100, would be provided an opportunity for an intergovernmental agreement with RMAP. Chairman Christiansen asked how the payment for services was being measured and would a formula be created to allow other regional members to join in the same fashion. Policy members agreed to lay over this item and to reschedule the December 2012 Policy meeting to Thursday, December 20th at Loves Park City Hall.

7. URBANIZED AREA BOUNDARIES: No report.

8. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

8.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis & Amtrak Service: No report.

8.02 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: No report.

8.03 RMAP Regional Freight Study: Dr. Lee Hutchins provided the Rockford Regional Freight Study Executive Summary and led a discussion on the final results of this freight related planning work.

Project Background and Purpose

- Making recommendations to invest in a series of projects to operatively improve the northern Illinois freight network
- Recommend supply chain enhancements critical to maintain current, as well as attract future industrial development for the RMAP study area
- Locational advantages and resources remain despite recent economic distress Transportation investment will lead to industrial supply chain attraction and operability, as well as multiplier effects for the regional economy.

Dr. Hutchins provided some details on the following:

- ❖ Transportation Modes
- ❖ Role of the Private Sector
- ❖ Management
- ❖ Freight movement factors
- ❖ Policy and Program Recommendations

8.04 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: No report.

8.05 ComEd Smart Grid/Smart Meters: No report.

8.06 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: No report.

8.07 HUD Sustainability Grant: No report.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Joshua McClusky provided members a copy of Pension Impacts to IDOT for their review.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, IDOT District #2 made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the City of Belvidere. Approved unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M.