



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, RMAP Staff; Dan Jacobson, Loves Park Public Works; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Patrick Zuroske, Rockford Public Works; Joshua McClusky, IDOT Transit & Metro Planning; Matt Cerutti, Citizen.

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

2. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Ernst referred to the Illinois Tollway I-90 Reconstruction updates that were handed out at last week's Technical Committee meeting.

Mr. Ernst referred to the correspondence he received from the Office of Management and Budget regarding the Agency Responsibilities for Implementation of Potential Joint Committee Sequestration.

Mr. Ernst referred to a copy of article from the Daily Herald regarding Congressman Duckworth: Western O'Hare access tough sell, but doable.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 24, 2013 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve the January 24, 2013 minutes was made by the IDOT District 2, seconded by City of Loves Park. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

4. **TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2013-3:** Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP Resolution 2013-3 TIP Amendment is for an IDOT resurfacing project and Winnebago County Highway Department's Bell School Road project which need to be programmed into the FY2013-2016 TIP. Chrisman Christiansen thanked Mr. Ernst and IDOT for getting the Bell School Road project programmed. Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend the amendment at their February 21, 2013 meeting. A motion to approve Resolution 2013-3 was made by the City of Loves Park, seconded by Winnebago County and approved unanimously (7-0).

5. FAIR HOUSING EQUITY ASSESMENT AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE:

Mr. Ernst provided members a copy of the Rockford Region Vital Signs flyer regarding Fair Housing Engagement Sessions scheduled for March 12-14, 2013. J-Quad Planning Group will be holding four sessions; the first session on Tuesday, March 12th from 3:00-5:00p is basically for practioners and professional staff; the second session on Wednesday, March 13th from 5:30-7:30p will for Elected and Appointed Officials; the third session on Thursday, March 14th from 11:00-1:00p will be held in Belvidere and targets residents and interested parties from Boone County; the last session from 5:30-7:30p will be held in Rockford Regional Planning & Design Center and targets residents and interested parties from Winnebago County. The consultant team will be reviewing each municipality's implementation of fair housing such as ordinances and zoning processes. The consultants will identify any remedial actions and detail best practices. A profile will be created for each municipality. A fair housing index will be created for the entire region. Lastly they will be looking at the Rockford Housing Authority in particular and providing a housing de-concentration plan for RHA which is being paid for separately by RHA.

6. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES FUNDING FROM MAP-21:

Mr. Ernst stated the new Federal Transportation bill, known as MAP-21, changed the ITEP program to Transportation Alternatives. MAP-21 includes a separate sub-allocation to each of the urban areas over 200,000 population which includes the RMAP area. RMAP will have small amount of funds to award to projects related to bikes, trails, transit and schools (Safe Routes to Schools). There will be a very short turn around and a call for projects. There is approximately \$620,000 available to RMAP to award for local projects. IDOT will likely continue a statewide call for projects similar to what they've done in the past for ITEP funds. The total allocation to Illinois in MAP-21 is less than previous years. A committee will need to be created to review and score the applications, rank them by priority, and then submit the list to the Policy Committee to awards. A minimum local match is required (80/20 match). Mr. Ernst suggested that smaller projects should be submitted for the local funds and the larger projects for the state funds. Policy members had a brief discussion on the new process for MAP-21 funds for the Boone/Winnebago County regions.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

7.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis & Amtrak Service: No report.

7.02 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: No report.

7.03 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: No report.

7.04 ComEd Smart Grid/Smart Meters: No report.

7.05 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: No report.

7.06 HUD Sustainability Grant: Mr. Ernst reported that the Social Report is completed and has been released to the public and is available online.

7.07 Chicago/Rockford International Airport Part 150 Noise Study: No report.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Christiansen mentioned that he'd like to make sure we don't lose sight of TIFIA and how proceeding with the process would be good for the region. Policy Members agreed to have RMAP research the TIFIA process on the region's behalf.

Mayor Lindberg thanked Mayor Brereton on his many accomplishments as Mayor of Belvidere and as the inaugural Chair of RMAP. Mayor Brereton has created a great legacy and a will be greatly missed.

Mr. Savage asked if the RMAP work for School District 205 could be listed on the progress report as an item for monthly updates to the Policy Committee. Mr. Ernst stated it would be a good idea and agreed to add it to the Progress Reports section of the agenda. Mr. Ernst stated that currently RMAP is mapping attendance boundaries and student assignment.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the City of Loves Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the City of Rockford. Approved unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 P.M.