



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Village President Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park, Mr. Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Mr. Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford; Mr. Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park; Ms. Kris Tobin, IDOT District 2.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, Michael Hren, RMAP Staff; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Mark Lynch, Village of Poplar Grove; Jarid Funderburg, Congressman Kinzinger's Office; Matt Cerruti, citizen.

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 on Thursday, July 25, 2013 IDOT will hold Illinois Bicycle Transportation Plan meetings at the Regional center for Planning & Design. The first meeting, for transportation professionals, will be held from 3:00-5:00p. The second meeting, for the general public, is scheduled from 6:30-8:00p. Ms. Tobin stated that if you can't attend the meetings this afternoon you can still provide your comments via surveys available through IDOT's website under Illinois Bike Plan.

Mr. Ernst stated that the 2013 IDOT Fall Planning Conference is scheduled for September 25-27, 2013 to be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights.

Mr. Ernst introduced Mr. Jarid Funderberg, Field Representative for Congressman Adam Kinzinger, 16th District-Illinois. Mr. Funderberg stated he handles community outreach for Boone, Winnebago and Ogle Counties. If there are ever any questions regarding the Congressman or his office please contact Mr. Funderberg by phone at 202-450-0547 or by email at jarid.funderburg@mail.house.gov.

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3. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 30, 2013 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

A correction to the minutes for May 30, 2013 was introduced. Ms. Kris Tobin attended for IDOT District #2 and not Mr. Dan Long. Motion to approve the May 30, 2013 minutes, as corrected, was made by the Boone County, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

4. RMAP FY 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – RESOLUTION 2013-7:

Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP has been working on the draft TIP document for the last several months and all members have made their submission. The draft TIP has been posted and is available on RMAP's website for review. Mr. Ernst passed around copies of the draft FY14-17 TIP for members to review and provided a brief description of the content of the document. A list of changes is summarized toward the end of the document. Mr. Ernst reported that an administrative modification for advance construction projects has been made by staff. Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption at their June 18, 2013 meeting. A motion to approve Resolution 2013-7 was made by Boone County, seconded by the City of Loves Park and approved unanimously (7-0).

5. RMAP HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (HSTP) AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2013-8:

Mr. Ernst stated that the Mobility Subcommittee meets to analyze and determine transportation gaps and needs within the region. As part of the ongoing RMTD Route Study it has been determined that a future north-south route connecting the RMTD East Side Transfer Center to certain destinations is necessary, such as the new Cancer Care facility. Mr. Ernst stated that the specific route has not yet been determined this has been identified. Policy Committee members had a brief discussion regarding RMTD's fixed routes. Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend the amendment at their June 18, 2013 meeting. A motion to approve Resolution 2013-8 was made by Boone County, seconded by the City of Loves Park and approved unanimously (7-0).

6. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE VOTING MEMBERSHIP – RESOLUTION 2013-9:

Mr. Ernst stated that a few months ago the Village of Poplar Grove submitted a letter of request for membership to RMAP. Mr. Ernst stated that staff has reviewed the Cooperative Agreement and it has been determined that the Village qualifies for Technical Committee membership. At the present time the Village does not qualify for Policy Committee membership. Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption at their June 18, 2013 meeting. A motion to approve Resolution 2013-9 was made by Boone County, seconded by the City of Loves Park and approved unanimously (7-0).

7. IL ROUTE 173 ACCESS PLAN – RESOLUTION 2013-10:

Mr. Ernst stated that there was a need for IDOT to purchase property between Wimbledon Road and Mitchell Road that will be preserved as open space in order to secure an EPA permit. The property acquisition will allow Wimbledon Road to be relocated approximately 150 feet to the west, which will improve the intersection with IL 173 by removing the curvilinear alignment. The realignment will create an outlot on the east side of the Wimbledon Road right-of-way. The proposed change will also remove a right-in/right-out access drive between Wimbledon Road and Chandan Blvd. Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption at their June 18, 2013 meeting. A motion to approve Resolution 2013-9 was made by Boone County, seconded by the City of Loves Park and approved unanimously (7-0).

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Ernst stated that since RMAP was reformulated in 2008 the standing policy is to allow the Chair and Vice Chair to hold those offices for a two-year period. The current RMAP Chair and Vice-Chair have been in these positions for one year. RMAP staff recommends that we continue with the same officers for the new fiscal year (July 2013-June 2014). A motion was made to retain the current officers by the City of Belvidere, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park and approved unanimously (7-0).

9. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

9.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis & Amtrak Service: No report.

9.02 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: Mr. Ernst reported that the I-Fiber Board will be asking for an extension through the end of the calendar year to complete the construction. This will allow the fiber to be energized to serve the anchor institutions by the end of the year.

9.03 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: No report.

9.04 ComEd Smart Grid/Smart Meters: No report.

9.05 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:

Mr. Ernst reported that the Rockford Area Economic Development Council has hired Dana Hoefle as the new RREDD Executive Director. Chairman Christiansen complimented Ms. Hoefle and encouraged members to reach out for assistance. Mr. Zuroske stated that design comments for Falcon Road have been received from IDOT and other design review agencies. It is doubtful that the Falcon Road construction will be completed this year. The EDA is requiring a more comprehensive review and is requiring all of the property to be acquired before they release their funding. Mr. Zuroske stated that the design has progressed quite well but hopes to break ground in the spring of 2014.

9.06 HUD Sustainability Grant:

Mr. Ernst reported that the Vital Signs Topic Teams have been formed and will be meeting during July - September. The Topic Teams are the final step in the strategic planning process before the final plan can be drafted. There is a great list of people that have volunteered their time to join these teams – there are about 70-75 people in total. Mr. Ernst stated that if members know of anyone who would like to join the Topic Teams they can contact Mr. Ernst directly.

9.07 Regional School Planning:

Mr. Ernst reported that RMAP has successfully integrated all of the student data and the boundary data for School District 205 into the WinGIS system. The GIS-based data layers will allow analyses to be completed that will assist school administrators and staff. RMAP would like to initiate dialogue with other school districts as the new school year starts.

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

10. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by the Village of Machesney Park and seconded by the City of Rockford and was approved unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 P.M.