



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

## RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 27, 2014

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Mayor Larry Morrissey, City of Rockford; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park; Ms. Kris Tobin, IDOT District 2; Mr. Steve Chapman, Winnebago County; Mr. Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** All present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, Michael Hren, RMAP Staff; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Joseph Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway; Doug DeLille, IDOT Program Planning; Matt Cerutti, Citizen; Jennifer Wheeler, Rockford Register Star.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Walberg with a quorum present at 1:13 PM.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Ernst stated RMAP received an announcement from the USDOT for a \$600 million round of TIGER funding (TIGER 2014). In addition to supporting capital grants, Congress has provided the DOT with the flexibility to use up to \$35 million for planning grants, the first time since the inaugural round. In addition to supporting the planning of innovative transportation projects, these funds can support regional transportation planning, freight and port planning and programmatic mitigation approaches that increase efficiency and improve outcomes for communities and the environment. Deadline for applications is April 28, 2014.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 30, 2014 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the January 30, 2014 minutes was made by the City of Belvidere, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**5. TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2014-3:**

Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP is amending the FY 2014-2017 TIP to add projects from Winnebago County and IDOT. The Winnebago County Board has recently approved their capital program so this amendment incorporates those projects. IDOT has several projects that are eligible for an early Spring letting, including:

IDOT

IL-173 (IL-251 to .6 miles east of Mitchell Road in Loves Park); Perryville Railroad Bridge (UP Railroad .5 miles south of Harrison Avenue in Rockford); IL-2 Intersection Reconstruction (at Roscoe Road); IL-251 Resurfacing-Harrison Avenue (Kishwaukee Street to east of 9th Street); IL-251 resurfacing-11th Street (south of Alton Avenue to 2 miles south of Sandy Hollow Road); US BUS-20-West State Street (Springfield Avenue to Day Avenue); US BUS-20-West State Street (Sunset Avenue to west of Kent Creek); I-29/US-51 (US-20 westbound to I-39 southbound ramp); I-39/US-51 (southbound under Perryville Road); S. Alpine Road (Harrison Avenue to American Road).

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Pecatonica Prairie Path Trailhead (Pecatonica Prairie Path); Perryville Road Bridge (over UP Railroad); County Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan (County-wide); Bell School Road (Lucky Lane to Argus Drive); Baxter Road Intersection Improvement (at Lindenwood Road); Tipple Road Bridge (over Rock Creek); Baxter Road Intersection Improvements (at Harrisville Road); Telegraph Road Bridge (over Coolidge Creek); Perryville Road Shoulders (Harrison to Walton); Perryville Road Intersection Improvements (at Spring Creek); Cunningham Road Bridge (over south branch Kent Creek).

Mr. Ernst stated that due to a lack of a quorum the Technical Committee was not able to provide a formal recommendation. A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2014-3 was made by Winnebago County, seconded by the City of Rockford and approved unanimously (7-0).

**6. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM:**

Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP has received four (4) local TAP applications as follows:

- Joint application from the City of Rockford and Rockford Park District for the “Reclaiming First” Downtown Sports Complex for a project amount of \$620,432.
- City of Loves Park application for the Willow Creek Extension for a project amount of \$240,130.
- Joint application from the City of Loves Park and Rockford Park District for the Willow Creek Extension for a project amount of \$536,000.
- Village of Machesney Park for the Alpine Road Multi-use Path for a project amount of \$307,500.

Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP is currently in the process of reviewing these applications. RMAP would like to recommend awards shortly after IDOT releases the ITEP awards. A brief discussion took place among members regarding the projects submitted and the possibility of when ITEP awards would be announced.

**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 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:**

Mr. Ernst reported that the RAEDC has taken the lead on a new program called “Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership”, or IMCP. Acceptance as an IMCP community could make millions of dollars available to assist projects that create jobs in manufacturing.

**7.05 HUD Sustainability Grant:**

Mr. Ernst reported that the final draft is anticipated to be done shortly and a news release is scheduled for Monday announcing that the draft is available. Mr. Ernst stated that he anticipates bringing the document to Policy for approval in March or April.

**7.06 Regional School Planning:**

No report.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Morrissey made comments regarding regional broadband as part of municipal capital planning. Mayor Morrissey would like to see some planning funds allocated to look at this possibility. Policy members asked Mr. Ernst to reach out to the other municipalities to gauge their interest in regional broadband planning.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, the City of Rockford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Approved unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 P.M.