



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

## RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 24, 2014

(Winnebago County/Administration Building – 404 Elm Street, Rockford / Room 303)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park; Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Ms. Kris Tobin, IDOT District #2. Mayor Larry Morrissey, City of Rockford arrived at 1:32pm.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** City of Loves Park.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, RMAP Staff; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Doug DeLille, IDOT Program Planning; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford Public Works.

**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. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Ernst announced that IDOT is holding a Public Informational Open House for the proposed reconstruction of IL Route 2 from IL-72 in Byron to Beltline Road south of Rockford. The open house is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 1:00-6:00pm at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Byron, IL (226 E. Second Street).

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2014 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the February 27, 2014 minutes was made by the Village of Machesney Park, seconded by City of Belvidere. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

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

Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP Resolution 2014-5 is an amendment to the FY 2014-2017 TIP document for the City of Rockford Capital Improvements Program and awarded projects from the ITEP announcements from the State of Illinois.

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Region 2

The ITEP projects are for the City of Rockford Rails to Trails Bridge conversion over the Rock River (\$740,000); the Willow Creek Extension for the City of Loves Park (\$240,130) and the Willow Creek Trail Extension for the Rockford Park District (\$261,990) which is a joint project but awarded separately. Also included in the amendment is (a) an IDOT resurfacing project on IL-76 from the Wisconsin state line to US BUS-20 north of Belvidere and (b) the Winnebago County Highway Department's Bell School Road project (an adjustment in the total project cost). Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend the amendment at their April 17, 2014 meeting. A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2014-5 was made by the City of Belvidere, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park and approved unanimously (5-0).

**6. FTA 5307 URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM – RESOLUTION 2014-6:**

Mr. Ernst stated that for many years RMTD was the designated recipient of the FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program funds for the region. With MAP-21 there was a consolidation and restructuring of the transit dollars and as part of the MAP-21 requirements each urban areas must reaffirm their selection and transmit that selection to Governor. The RMTD Board took action in their meeting earlier in the week and approved the designated recipient status for RMTD. Mr. Ernst stated that today the RMAP Policy Committee is ratifying that decision to continue with RMTD as the designated recipient for our region. Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee voted unanimously to recommend the amendment at their April 17, 2014 meeting. A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2014-6 was made by Winnebago County, seconded by the City of Belvidere and approved unanimously (5-0).

**7. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:**

**7.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis & Amtrak Service:**

Mr. Ernst reported that Governor Quinn announced a \$223 million initiative for Amtrak service from Chicago to Rockford with service to start in 2015 and construction to start this summer. A brief discussion took place regarding future Amtrak Service from Chicago to Boone & Winnebago region.

**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 is working on a four (4) county joint application for the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Program (IMCP) and provided a brief summary on the process.

**7.05 Regional School Planning:**

No report.

**7.06 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:**

No report.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**TRI-STATE ALLIANCE SUMMIT**

Mr. Ernst stated that the 2014 Tri-State Alliance Summit is scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2014 from 7:30a-2:00p to be held at the Chicago/Rockford International Airport. RMAP would like to extend an invitation for Policy Committee members or their designated representative to attend and RMAP will cover the cost of registration.

**TAP**

Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP is intending on moving quickly in making the final decision for the awards of the local TAP funds. Since the City of Loves Park received ITEP funds the TAP funds would only be available to the other two (2) applicants for TAP funds which are the Village of Machesney Park and the City of Rockford. A TAP Review Committee is being formed and will be meeting in the next few weeks to review the remaining applications and assist in the final project recommendations. RMAP is anticipating on a recommendation by the May or June Policy Committee meeting.

**RAIL**

Mayor Morrissey began a brief discussion regarding rail to the region.

**9. CLOSED SESSION:**

Chairman Walberg asked for a motion to go into closed session. A motion was made by Winnebago County, seconded by the City of Belvidere. Motion approved (6-0).

Closed session was called to order by Chairman Walberg with a quorum present at 1:34pm. Closed session was held in regards to a personnel matter.

A motion to adjourn closed session was made by Winnebago County, seconded by the City of Rockford. Approved unanimously (6-0). Closed session was adjourned at 2:14pm.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, the Village of Machesney Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the City of Rockford. Approved unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 P.M.