



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

## RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

(Boone County/Administration Building – 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere – Board Room)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Darryl Lindberg, City of Loves Park; Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Ms. Kris Tobin, IDOT District #2.

Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park arrived at 1:30p.

Mayor Larry Morrissey, City of Rockford arrived at 1:39p.

**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; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Doug DeLille, IDOT Program Planning; Justyn Miller, Boone County; Mick Gronewold, Fehr-Graham; LoRyane Logan, Michael King, Workplace.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Walberg with a quorum present at 1:19 PM.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Ernst stated that on May 7, 2014 IDOT held a Public Informational Open House regarding the proposed reconstruction of IL Route 2 from IL-72 in Byron to Beltline Road south of Rockford.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 24, 2014 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the April 24, 2014 minutes was made by the City of Belvidere, seconded by Winnebago County. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**5. FY2015 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM – RESOLUTION 2014-4:**

Mr. Ernst stated that the FY2015 Unified Work Program (UWP) is the technical work that RMAP staff will be providing to all its members in the upcoming fiscal year that will start on July 1, 2014. For the most part it is a status quo budget from previous years. Mr. Ernst stated that the number one priority is the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which is updated every five (5) years and is due in 2015. Performance Measures will be a priority in the LRTP update as federal guidance from MAP-21 emerges. Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP will increase the staff time for environmental screening of future transportation projects per new federal guidance. Mr. Ernst indicated that greenway and bicycle analysis will look at partnering with the health community to advance “active transportation” projects. RMAP is required to have the Chair of the Policy Committee sign a Self-Certification Document which states that RMAP certifies itself in compliance with all Federal regulations. Mr. Ernst requested that the Policy Committee take action to (a) adopt Resolution 2014-4 and (b) authorize Chairman Walberg to sign the RMAP Self-Certification document. A motion was made by the City of Belvidere and seconded by the City of Loves Park. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**6. 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 offices for a two-year period, with the Vice-Chair rotating into the Chair spot. The current RMAP Chair and Vice-Chair are in their second year and new elections are recommended. Current Vice-Chair Scott Christiansen would be in line to take over the RMAP Chair for the next two-year term. A motion was made by the City of Loves Park to approve Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County as the RMAP Policy Committee Chairman and Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere as the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Boone County and approved unanimously (5-0). Mr. Ernst stated the new slate of officers would be effective July 1, 2014.

**7. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:**

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

Mr. Ernst reported that the host freight railroad (Union Pacific) continues their analysis of the tracks and anticipates completion by the end of July with a scheduled start of construction sometime in August. Mr. Ernst stated that there is some internal work being done by the City of Rockford, RMTD and IDOT staff in regards to downtown Rockford train station.

**7.02 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:**

Mr. Ernst reported that a presentation was given by the Tri-Rivers organization at the Tri-State Alliance Summit on May 16, 2014.

**7.03 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:**

Mr. Ernst reported that the four-county application that was submitted for the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership did not receive an award in the first round. Many thanks to the RREDD and other partners for the hard work in preparing the application.

**7.04 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:**

Mr. Ernst reported that the IDOT Bureau of Safety will be scheduling a half-day workshop to meet with all the organizations involved in public safety and highway safety. Jon Paul Diipla of the RMAP staff will be coordinating that event to move that highway plan forward.

**7.05 Regional School Planning:**

No report.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**RMAP 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Chairman Walberg stated that RMAP is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and congratulated RMAP on the milestone event. RMAP was created in 1964 and has been in continuous existence since that time.

**ROCK-39**

Chairman Christiansen provided a brief statement on FedEx moving its ground operations to the Rock 39 Industrial Park and positioning the Rock River Valley as one of Illinois' high-value locations for logistics. The project is expected to see an investment of more than \$20 million and bring more than 150 jobs.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Tobin stated that IDOT would choose to abstain from RMAP personnel matters and excused herself from the meeting.

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

Closed session was called to order by Chairman Walberg with a quorum present at 1:50pm. Closed session was held in regards to a personnel matter. No action was taken in closed session.

A motion to adjourn closed session was made by Winnebago County, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion approved (6-0). Closed session was adjourned at 2:21pm.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, Winnebago County made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Approved unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 P.M.