



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 25, 2014

(Village of Machesney Park, Village Hall – 300 Roosevelt Road, Machesney Park)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park, Mayor Darryl Lindberg, City of Loves Park; Chairman; Mr. Rich Lundin, Boone County; Mr. Jim Ryan, City of Rockford.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: IDOT District #2.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, Michael Hren, RMAP Staff; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway; Doug DeLille, IDOT Program & Planning; Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Pankaj Mahajan, First Rockford Group; Steve Nailor, Better Roads.

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. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. COMMUNICATIONS: None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 28, 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve the August 28, 2014 and September 17, 2014 minutes was made by the Village of Machesney Park, seconded by City of Belvidere. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

5. REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF ROCKFORD TO AMEND THE U.S.BUSINESS 20 (E. STATE ST.) ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN – RESOLUTION 2014-10:

Mr. Ernst stated that in 1988 RMAP worked with IDOT to develop an Access Management Plan for E. State Street from Easton Pkwy. to the Winnebago/Boone County line to the Eastern Parkway. The access management plan was based on full access spacing at ½ mile intervals and right-in/right-out spacing at ¼ mile intervals. In 1988 much of the land along the corridor was undeveloped. The parcel of land at the southeast corner of East State Street & Mulford Road (the old Royal Dragon restaurant) was one of the few developed parcels in the corridor and its access was restricted to Mulford Road.. Mr. Ernst stated that recently First

Rockford Group purchased the Royal Dragon parcel, demolished the building and removed the billboard. Mr. Ernst stated that First Rockford Group has a redevelopment proposal that requires a new access point to East State Street. Mr. Pankaj Mahajan reviewed the proposed site plan for the Policy members and stated that the design of the buildings and parking area will allow a future connection to the Forest Plaza shopping center, aligned with the access driveway that is in front of the Outback Steak House restaurant. At this point in time First Rockford Group has not been able to negotiate the terms to allow this aisle connection, but will continue to do so. Mr. Ernst stated that the City of Rockford has provided a letter of support for the new access point and the Technical Committee had recommended approval of the request. After brief discussion a motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2014-10 was made by the City of Loves Park, seconded by the City of Rockford. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

6. TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2014-11:

Mr. Ernst stated that IDOT has requested an amendment to the TIP to increase funding to a paving project on I-39 from the Winnebago County line to the Lee County line. The project was originally budgeted at roughly \$27 million. The pavement design for this section of I-39 has been increased to accommodate the large volume of truck traffic, and the funding amount has to be increased accordingly. Mr. Ernst stated that the Technical Committee recommended approval. A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2014-11 was made by the Village of Machesney Park, seconded by the City of Rockford. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

7. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

7.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis & Amtrak Service:

Mr. Ernst reported that a public meeting was held for the downtown Rockford Amtrak station. The design team captured feedback from the stakeholders using a visual preference survey. Ninety one (91) comments were received at the meeting.

7.02 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: No report.

7.03 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: No report.

7.04 Strategic Highway Safety Plan: No report.

7.05 Regional School Planning: No report.

7.06 Boone & Winnebago Greenways Plan: No report.

8. TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE ILLINOIS CAPITAL PROGRAMS:

Mr. Ernst referred to a handout summarizing discussion points for future capital programs of the State of Illinois, and a legislative calendar for the Illinois General Assembly. A discussion was held regarding the regional alignment of capital projects. The Better Roads book has historically been focused on IDOT investment in State highways within Winnebago County and the City of Rockford. A discussion was held on the options to expand the Better Roads book to include (a) Boone County projects and (b) local infrastructure projects.

9. OTHER BUSINESS: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE

Mr. Ryan referred to a handout regarding regional solid waste issues, focused on household hazardous waste and electronic waste. Mr. Ryan stated that household hazardous waste and electronic waste are not allowed in landfills pursuant to State law. There are two permanent household hazardous waste collection sites located in

Northern Illinois: the City of Naperville and the City of Rockford. Under these programs, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regulates the sites and the disposal of the items collected. The City of Rockford has been the sole local financial sponsor of the household hazardous waste collection site located at the Rock River Water Reclamation District. Mr. Ryan stated that it continues to be a popular program however Rockford taxpayers are paying the entire local share of the program.

Mr. Ryan stated that since January 1, 2012, the State of Illinois has banned electronic waste from Illinois landfills, and established a statewide system for recycling the electronic items from residences by requiring electronic manufacturers to participate in the management of discarded and unwanted electronic products. In 2013, the City of Rockford worked with Universal Recycling Technologies to locate two E-waste disposal sites at Kelley-Williamson Mobil stations on East State and Lyford Road and on South Main Street and Southrock Drive. This was done at zero cost to the City, as the manufacturer's allocation was to pay for the costs associated with its operation. These are un-manned collection facilities, and as such, they are open to the public regardless of local governmental jurisdiction. The program has been hugely successful and has been a benefit to both City and regional residents. Unfortunately the large E-waste volumes have exceeded the manufacturer's allocation to provide the service, and they have notified the City that they would have to discontinue the program unless there was some local financial participation. Mr. Ryan stated that dealing with household hazardous waste and electronic waste is a regional issue, and requests that the Policy Committee discuss a regional funding solution. A discussion was held among the Policy Committee members regarding the household hazardous waste and electronic waste issue and the possible options or solutions of the costs to run these facilities.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS RENEWABLE ENERGY SUMMIT & EXPO

Chairman Christiansen stated that there is a Northern Illinois Renewable Energy Summit & Expo scheduled for October 9 & 10, 2014 to be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Rockford.

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION

Mr. Ernst stated that the advance construction status on three (3) projects have been removed; Railroad Avenue Bridge #3-14-38, US BUS-20 from Springfield to Day #1-14-14, IL-251 resurfacing from Kishwaukee Street just east of 9th Street #1-14-12. A new administrative modification was added to increase funding for project #2-15-1 De Garmo Trailhead at the intersection of US-20 and Hoisington Road.

RMAP REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MAP

Mr. Ernst provided a brief summary of a new RMAP product (the Regional Transportation Map) and indicated that RMAP will make copies available to its members.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Not held.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the Village of Machesney Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the City of Loves Park. Approved unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 P.M.