



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 26, 2015  
(City of Belvidere, City Hall – 401 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere)

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

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** RMTD.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Colin Belle, Michael Hren, RMAP Staff; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway Department; Doug DeLille, IDOT Program & Planning; 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 1:13 PM. City of Rockford arrived at 1:20 PM.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Chairman Christiansen introduced and welcomed Mr. Michael P. Dunn, Jr. who was selected by the RMAP Policy Committee as the new Executive Director of RMAP.  
Mr. Dunn thanked Chairman Christiansen for the introductions and stated he looked forward to working with all the members, RMAP staff and other agencies and is ready to tackle the challenges.

Mr. Dunn stated that there are a few administrative modifications he wanted to notify members of; Project 3-15-43, Rails to Trails Bridge Conversion over the Rock River. It's the City of Rockford's project using ITEP funds, that project is now in advance construction status. Mr. Hren stated there's a second administrative modification; Project 5-15-21, Alpine Road Path, has a change in total funding from \$840,000 to \$844,948. This funding change is reflected in the Federal Revenue Source, TAP monies, having increased to \$624,948 from the previously listed \$620,000. The local allocation of \$220,000 has not changed.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 27, 2015 AND JANUARY 29, 2015 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**  
Motion to approve the January 27, 2015 and January 29, 2015 minutes was made by the City of Loves Park, seconded by City of Belvidere. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

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Boone County

Deputy Director Paul Loete  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Region 2

**5. RMAP TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2015-3:**

Mr. Dunn, Jr. stated that RMAP Resolution 2015-3 is a request from the Ogle County Highway Department for the Mulford Road resurfacing project from the Ogle/Winnebago County line to Lindenwood Road. Mr. Hren provided funding amounts regarding the project; 2.3 million dollar project using 1.84 million STP-Rural funds which is the part that needs to be included in the TIP.

A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2014-3 was made by the Village of Machesney Park, second motion was made by the City of Belvidere. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**6. FY2016 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):**

Mr. Dunn, Jr. stated that the FY2016 UWP document is now available for review on RMAP's website. Mr. Dunn provided a brief summary on the work elements that RMAP will be working on for FY2016.

The final FY2016 UWP document is anticipated to be brought forward to the RMAP committees in May.

**7. BETTER ROADS:**

Mr. Dunn, Jr. stated that he and staff has been working with Mr. Nailor on updating the Better Roads booklet. Mr. Dunn, Jr. indicated that staff has provided numerous hours on the Better Roads booklet. Mr. Dunn, Jr. provided a brief summary on the projects that are currently in the Better Road booklet and asked members to open the floor up for discussion and members to provide direction on how to move forward with finalizing the Better Roads booklet. A brief discussion took place among members regarding what information collectively as a region should be in the Better Roads booklet. The document should have a regional significance.

Members feel that more technical work still needs to be done and once more information has been gathered it can be presented back to Policy for review.

Mr. Dunn asked if the Chairman Christiansen would support a special meeting of the Technical committee to discuss the better roads booklet further.

Chairman Christiansen and the other Policy Committee members agreed and supported in scheduling a Better Roads meeting with the Technical members to discuss and review the projects further.

Better Roads will be re-discussed at the RMAP Policy Committee's April 30, 2015 meeting.

**8. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:**

**8.01 Amtrak and Passenger Rail Service:**

No report.

A brief discussion was held among members regarding the State reviewing major rail projects and the possible funding cuts that are being discussed and how it could affect all statewide projects.

**8.02 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:**

Mr. Dunn, Jr. reported that the City of Rockford requested that Mr. Glenn Trommels and Mr. John Lewis to provide an I-Fiber update at the next RMAP Policy Committee meeting scheduled for April 30, 2015.

**8.03 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:**

Mr. Dunn, Jr. reported that RMAP is participating in the CEDS Strategy Committee and providing assistance as needed.

**8.04 Regional School Planning:**

No report.

**8.05 Boone & Winnebago Greenways Plan:**

Mr. Dunn Jr. reported that the RMAP staff is currently working on finalizing the update version of the Boone & Winnebago Greenways Plan.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

Per Section 2 (c) (1), Section 2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act; a motion was made by the City of Loves Park to go into closed session for the purpose of 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees 2) the purchase or lease of real property; seconded by the City of Belvidere.

IDOT District #2 opted out of closed session.

Roll call vote carried unanimously 6-0 (Winnebago County – Aye, City of Loves Park – Aye, Village of Machesney Park – Aye; Boone County – Aye; City of Belvidere – Aye; City of Rockford – Aye).

After discussion a motion was made by the City of Loves Park to go back into open session, seconded by the City of Belvidere. Motion approved unanimously (6-0). No action was taken in closed session.

**II. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, City of Loves Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the City of Belvidere. Approved unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.