



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 30, 2015

(Chicago/Rockford International Airport, Executive Board Room – 60 Airport Road, Rockford)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park, Chairman; Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Mr. Jim Ryan, City of Rockford;

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** RMTD, IDOT District #2.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Colin Belle, RMAP Staff; Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Jason Anderson, City of Rochelle; Michael Dunn, Sr., Jeff Polsean, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Brad Miller, Channel #23; Isaac Guerrero, Chuck Sweeny, Rockford Register Star.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Christiansen with a quorum present at 11:12 AM.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**  
None.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 18, 2015 AND JUNE 19, 2015 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the May 18, 2015 and June 19, 2015 minutes was made by the City of Belvidere, seconded by City of Loves Park. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**4. RMAP YEAR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – RESOLUTION 2015-8:**

Mr. Dunn, Jr. congratulated RMAP staff Jon Paul Diipla and Colin Belle on the hard work they’ve put into updating the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) submission to the FHWA/FTA and IDOT. Mr. Dunn, Jr. stated that the main changes are to the public comment section; May-June there were sixteen (16) different open houses held, 180 signatures have been collected and technical corrections provided by the members have been corrected in the document. Mr. Dunn, Jr. stated that the RMAP Technical Committee unanimously approved recommendation at their July 23, 2015 meeting.

A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2015-8 was made by the City of Loves Park, second motion was made by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**5. TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2015-9:**

Mr. Dunn, Jr. stated the RMAP Resolution 2015-9 is for the programming of FY-2014 5310 funds that are allocated to the region. Mr. Dunn, Jr. stated that on July 14, 2015 the RMAP Mobility Subcommittee unanimously endorsed the application for RMTD to receive two (2) vehicles and Boone County receive two (2) vehicles. The RMAP Technical Committee unanimously approved recommendation at their July 23, 2015 meeting.

A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2015-9 was made by the City of Loves Park, second motion was made by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**6. RMAP FY2015 YEAR END UPDATE:**

Mr. Dunn, Jr. referred to the DRAFT of RMAP's FY15 performance. Mr. Dunn stated that RMAP ended the FY15 close to \$110,000.00 in the black.

**7. TECHNICAL FEED BACK:**

Mr. Dunn, Jr. stated that at last week's RMAP Technical Committee meeting there were a lot of concerned voices regarding the IDOT pilot program for flashing yellow left turn arrow. The Technical Committee discussed the merits and the safety concerns surrounding that initiative. Both IDOT and FHWA were present at the meeting and weighed in briefly. The RMAP Technical Committee asked Mr. Dunn, Jr. to inform the RMAP Policy Committee of the conversation and to get approval from the Policy Committee to continue to discuss the project in further detail at next month's Technical Committee meeting.

Chairman Christiansen stated that it was a good idea to continue the discussion.

**8. PROGRESS REPORTS:**

None.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Christiansen indicated that the agenda is a little different this month as he'd like to hold a County Regional meeting where other counties and municipalities have the opportunity to address regionalism.

Mr. Dunn, Jr. provided a brief overview of the draft Regional Commission model would look like in an organizational chart.

The group held a discussion on the pros and cons of a Regional Commission.

Mayor Lindberg stated that he supports the initiative and that it will provide a better concise direction regionally. Everyone realizes that we need to combine our efforts regionally in order to make a bigger impact both federally and state.

Mayor Chamberlain stated that this has been a long time coming. Mayor Chamberlain stated that for him that it makes the process simple and clear cut. It will eliminate redundancy and it will allow the region to move forward towards regional success.

Chairman Walberg stated that he supports the initiative of a Regional Commission.

Mr. Ryan stated that we're the largest in the region in the state of Illinois that doesn't have this model and looking at this from a regional perspective the federal government is looking for regional models that will better serve the region.

Mayor Bolin congratulated Mr. Dunn, Jr. on the excellent work he's provided in presenting a regional model

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, 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 11:30 A.M.