



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, September 1, 2016

(Belvidere City Hall Chambers – 401 Whitney Blvd, Belvidere, IL)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park; Mayor Darryl Lindberg, City of Loves Park; Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Mayor Larry Morrissey, City of Rockford; Ms. Kris Tobin, IDOT District #2.  
Pastor Herbert Johnson, RMTD arrived at 1:31 PM.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Winnebago County.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Jon Paul Diipla, Colin Belle, Sydney Turner, Anna Ma, Marlana Dokken, RMAP; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Dept.; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Dept.; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Doug DeLille, IDOT Program & Planning; Jarid Funderburg, Growth Dimensions; Cathy Ward, Boone County Board Member; LaVonne Wundrow, Bill Pysson, Marion Thornberry, Boone County citizens.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 1:18 PM.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

Boone County citizens provided comments regarding their opposition of the Great Lake Basin Rail Road proposed route. Mr. Dunn stated that RMAP’s Position is to support an increase in the structure and capabilities of the National Freight Network. That was the strict basis of support offered and RMAP made a specific point not to endorse any one specific route. RMAP believes that before any route is considered much more data needs to be reviewed and discussed with decision makers. RMAP believes its position conforms to RMAP’s LRTP. In concept we support the idea to move freight with less congestion, however RMAP made a very specific point not to endorse the applicants proposed route, but to leave the question open for the feasibility of the project. That is what the Policy Committee wanted to get across to the Surface Transportation Board, in addition to making sure the chosen route is not in conflict with RMAP’s other planning documents.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 4, 2016 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the August 4, 2016 RMAP Policy Committee meeting minutes was made by the Village of Machesney Park, seconded by the City of Rockford. Motion carried unanimously (6-0)

**4. RMAP FY 2017-FY 2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – RESOLUTION 2016-8:**

Mr. Dunn circulated two memos outlining a number of Administrative Modifications which are now leaving advanced construction in the current status.

- City of Loves Park: Willow Creek Trail Extension/ TIP #4-15-1
- City of Rockford: Sandy Hollow Road Diet/ TIP #3-12-107

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- Winnebago County Highway Department: Forest Hills Road/ TIP #2-15-3
- Ogle County Highway Department: Macklin Road/ TIP #21-16-1

These modifications are reflected in the current TIP.

Mr. Dunn thanked Ms. Turner and the rest of the staff for completely reinventing the TIP. This reinvention allows the public to understand this program better.

A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2016-8 was made by the City of Rockford, second motion was made by the City of Loves Park. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

#### **5. HUMAN SERVICES PLAN PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Dokken stated that she is in the process of mapping Human Services as it relates to mapping. Ms. Dokken provided a quick snapshot of the available services in each of the surrounding community and pointed out the gaps of unavailable services within each community. The clusters and gaps shown on the map could possibly assist in prioritizing investment decisions by aligning services with those currently funded. If there is one organizations that needs funding or assistance, by looking at the map we can see if that organization is already being funded. This map could possibly assist in responding to any gaps and investment in the disadvantaged areas to better align humans services and bus services. This will help planning and transportation to connect services already being funded.

Mr. Dunn stated that this is a step in the right direction to provide solutions to allow government organizations requesting information or data in a fast efficient manner. Mr. Dunn mentioned this could be a huge asset to the work on the HSTP which is a yearlong update process and is required to be submitted; some of the work that you see today is in an effort to satisfy that overall mandate on the MPO.

A brief discussion took place among members regarding the Human Services map and how it could become beneficial to each community and its citizens.

#### **6. PROGRESS REPORTS:**

Mr. Dunn reported RMAP has received each municipalities STP-U projects and will internally reviewing the technical feasibility, financial feasibility, size to possibly create its own five (5) year program so smaller projects are not held up by larger projects, using the stable funding that is received. This all depends on available federal funds and local match. We believe this is a good start to a prioritization of projects that offers the best chance of selection, we will take the feedback and use it to guide and direct the process in the future.

#### **7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, City of Loves Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the City of Rockford. Approved unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 P.M.