



**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, July 20, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Long, Illinois Department of Transportation District 2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Department; Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works Department; Jim Johnson, Rockford Mass Transit District; Andrew Quintanilla, City of Loves Park Community Development Department; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department; Ashley Spohr, Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department; Zachary Gill, Village of Roscoe; Tim Hansen, Rock River Water Reclamation District; Tom Hartley, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Mick Johnson, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Rockford Mass Transit District arrived at 10:07 a.m.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Village of Machesney Park; Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Village of Cherry Valley; Boone County Highway Department; City of Belvidere; Village of Winnebago; Village of Poplar Grove.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Doug DeLille, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; Tim Hinkens, City of Rockford Public Works Department; Colin Belle, Jon Paul Diipla, Ivy Hood, Anna Ma, Ben Rohr, Sydney Turner, Christina Washington, RMAP; Walter Koch, McClure Engineering; Bev Moore, Citizen.

With a quorum present Mr. Diipla called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 19, 2017 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the May 19, 2017 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Department and seconded by Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department. The Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

No communications, petitions, or public comments presented.

**3. AGENCY REPORTS:**

**3.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:**

Mr. Long reported that at the North Main Street project traffic has switched lanes last week. The project is on schedule. A railroad crossing improvement located on US Business 20, west of Madison Street, and will require a detour route.

**3.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:**

Mr. Vlk reported that DeGarmo Trailhead project will be starting with pavement in the near future. The County will be closing Meridian Road at the Pecatonica River bridge for bridge improvements. Night work will be taking place on Riverside Road near Forest Hills Road for patching. The safety project for chevron signs at various curves around the county will begin in the end July. Later this summer, work is proposed on

Perryville Road to add a turn lane into the new school, south of Harrison. The county has received bids for projects at Baxter Road and Lindenwood Road and Lindenwood South, and should start later this summer.

**3.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:**

Mr. Carter reported that work is still being completed on Harrison Avenue and substantial completion is expected for the end of the year. The Mercy Way project, at the new Mercy Hospital location, had a preconstruction meeting and an anticipated plan completion by the end of this year. Work is being done to connect Trainer Road north to Shiloh Road. Neighborhood projects are moving ahead.

**3.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:**

Mr. Thompson reported that both Alpine Road and Riverside Bridge at Wantz Park projects are proceeding on schedule. There will be a bid letting in early August for road maintenance.

**3.05 Village of Machesney Park:**

Not Present

**3.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:**

Not Present

**3.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:**

Mr. Johnson reported that the designs for the renovation and expansion of Downtown Transfer Center are still being worked on.

**3.08 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:**

Mr. Quintanilla reported that the draft comprehensive plan has been distributed to city council for feedback. Several open houses are being planned to gain public comments on the Plan and it is anticipated that the Plan will be approved in September.

**3.09 Village of Cherry Valley:**

Not Present.

**3.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:**

Mr. Capovilla reported that the Madison Street Corridor Study is 99% complete and are waiting for final comments. The City will be presenting the Study to the Planning and Development Committee within next 30 days for approval.

**3.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:**

No Report.

**3.12 Not Assigned**

**3.13 Boone County Highway Department:**

Not Present.

**3.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:**

Not Present.

**3.15 Village of Roscoe:**

Mr. Gill reported that the Village awarded the bid for reconstruction of Frontage Road between Swanson Road and McDonald, east of IL-251.

**3.16 Village of Winnebago:**

Not Present.

**3.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:**

Mr. Hansen reported that Fuller Creek trunk is currently underwater but work is still being completed. Welden Road will be closed through November. The Spring Creek Road project is moving forward. Currently working on the intersection of Alpine Road and Spring Creek Road and are looking to complete the project before school year starts.

**3.18 Forest Preserves of Winnebago County**

Mr. Hartley reported that there is a concrete bridge that was built in 1925 and the agency is looking into ways to prolong the life of the bridge.

**3.19 Boone County Conservation District:**

Mr. Johnson reported that a tornado hit the Long Prairie Trail and several hundred yards of debris was on the trail. With help from the City of Belvidere, the trail has cleared. The District is still working with Boone county for the improvements to several of the bridges along the Long Prairie Trail.

**3.20 Rockford Park District:**

No Report.

**3.21 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:**

No Report.

**3.22 Village of Poplar Grove:**

Not Present.

**3.23 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:**

Not Present.

**3.24 Illinois Tollway:**

Not Present.

**3.25 IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:**

Not Present.

**3.26 IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:**

Mr. DeLille reported IDOT Fall Planning conference is scheduled for October 3-4 in Champaign, IL.

**3.27 Ogle County Highway Department:**

Not Present.

**3.28 Boone County Council of Aging:**

Not Present.

**3.29 State Line Area Transportation Study:**

Not Present.

**3.30 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:**

Not Present.

**3.31 Economic Development District of Northern Illinois (EDDNI):**

Not Present.

**3.32 Growth Dimensions:**

Not Present,

**3.33 Stateline Mass Transit District:**

Not Present.

**3.34 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:**

Mr. Diipla reported that Region I Planning Council, along with Representative Cabello's Office will be hosting IDOT Secretary Blankenhorn and Director Bedalov, Illinois Tollway Authority at a public open house on July 31<sup>st</sup> at Loves Park City Hall. The next cycle of IDOT's ITEP call for projects will be open from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicants now must be registered online through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) grantee portal to apply for funding. The Fiscal Year 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is under development and anticipate a draft being available for Technical Committee review in August and an adoption in September. Ms. Ma reported that there were to administrative modifications to the FY17 – FY20 Transportation Improvement Program for two projects – IDOT District-wide safety projects and Loves Park's Riverside Road bridge replacement at Wantz Park – have moved from advanced construction to current status.

**4. RMAP COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT – HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN – RMAP RESOLUTION 2017-6:**

Mr. Diipla reported that the draft 2017 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) was made available for public comment from April 21<sup>st</sup> until May 31<sup>st</sup>. Changes were made to the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

draft of the 2017 HSTP only included technical corrections including minor formatting, grammar corrections, and addition of appendix sections. With no further comments, Mr. Diipla asked for a recommendation from the RMAP Technical Committee. He entertained a motion to approve. First motion made by Jim Johnson, Rockford Mass Transit District and seconded by Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**5. RMAP FY2017-FY2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT – RMAP RESOLUTION 2017-7:**

Ms. Ma reported that there has be a request for an amendment to the at the request of the City of Rockford and the City of Loves Park for the purpose of updating the funding totals and details of existing TIP projects, as well as new projects. Mr. Diipla asked for a recommendation from the RMAP Technical Committee. He entertained a motion to approve. First motion made by Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works and seconded by Zachary Gill, Village of Roscoe. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**6. IDOT LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:**

Mr. DeLille provided the Committee a presentation on the development of IDOT's Long Range Transportation Update, including an overview on the following items: the federal and requirements of the plan, update of action items, the six goals developed via public comment, the performance metrics that will be used to measure LRTP implementation, project prioritization, and the coordination of state plans (asset management, freight, and rail plans). These coordinated plan are the Freight Plan will be released in November 2017; the rail Plan, related to passenger and freight, will be included in the December LRTP; and the Interim Asset Management Plan, which is due April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with final plan due to FHWA in 2019.

**7. RMAP BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN:**

Ms. Turner updated the committee on the status of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Rockford Metropolitan Area. Ms. Turner gave a short presentation on the elements that could be found in the Plan and the next steps. The draft document will be made available for public comment from July 20, 2017 to August 21, 2017. RMAP will be hosting three public open houses August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

**8. PROGRESS REPORTS**

No progress reports presented.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Carter discussed that there were 24-hour counters on several residential streets in Rockford.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department and seconded by Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works Department. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.