



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kris Tobin, IDOT District #2; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere PW; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park PW; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford PW; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Dana Carroll, RRWRD; Jim Johnson, RMTD.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Village of Machesney Park, Chicago/Rockford International Airport, Village of Cherry Valley, City of Rockford Community Development, Winnebago County Planning/Economic Dept, Belvidere/Boone County Planning Dept, Village of Roscoe, Village of Winnebago.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colin Belle, Colleen Hoesly, Christina Washington, RMAP Staff; Josh McClusky, Tom Kelso, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway; Brian Leaf, Rockford Register Star.

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

**1. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2012 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the June 21, 2012 Technical Committee minutes. First motion to approve by Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway, second motion made by Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works. Motion carried.

## **2. AGENCY REPORTS:**

**2.1 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:** Ms. Tobin reported that IL-251 at Springcreek Road is on schedule and anticipated to be completed by Labor Day.

IL-2 at Latham the utilities have been relocated and contractors are back to work.

IL-251 at IL-173 there is closure at Alpine for pavement replacement and is on schedule.

I-90 is still on schedule.

I-39 over Kishwaukee River the lane closure have begun and repairs are ongoing on the structure.

### **2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:**

Mr. Vlk reported that the safety project for upgrading retro-reflectivity is still suspended due to material issues.

Downtown parking lot project is progressing and is anticipated to be done within the month.

Montague Road Bridge over Mill Creek is ongoing.

Bids have been received to the Perryville/Broadcast/Nimtz traffic signal installation project. We have one bidder (William Charles) that came with the low bid and should be awarded July 26th.

Condon Road has some in-house work done next week and anticipated to resurface later this summer.

Holverson Road Bridge project continues.

Last Thursday, July 19, 2012 the Pecatonica Prairie Path Groundbreaking was held.

Pre-con will start shortly for various guardrail safety projects.

Design work continues for Rockton Road between Il-251 and Willowbrook Road for a bridge replacement.

Design work continues on the southeast connection for the bike path and will be starting soon on land acquisition.

Work continues on the design efforts on extending the Perryville Bike Path.

Water tower erection project is starting in September/October.

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

Mr. Zuroske reported that the Morgan Street Bridge project is progressing and on schedule.

The Riverwalk ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, July 20, 2012 at 10:00a.m.

West State Street project land acquisition is progressing and there is some lighting design to be done; the project is on track for a 2013 construction start.

All of the neighborhood and arterial projects are underway. We expect a couple additional neighborhood contracts to let but have gotten through the vast majority we had planned to do.

The Broadway project (20th Street through 11th Street) is scheduled to be kicked off in the next couple of weeks.

Working cooperatively with Rockford Township on a resurfacing the piece of Springbrook Road (Highcrest from Chelsea all the way to Alpine). Work is anticipated to start in August.

Airport Infrastructure Project (Falcon Road & Airport Drive) has received final approval a week ago and conversations with the airport have begun on some of the design issues and we anticipate a public announcement within the next 30-45 days.

Whitman Interchange Project is kicking off a public process of engaging the neighborhood and stakeholders around the area within the next 2-3 months.

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

No report

**2.05 Village of Machesney Park:**

**2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:**

Not present.

**2.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:**

Ms. Hughes reported that the Route Study is progressing.

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

No report

**2.09 Village of Cherry Valley:**

Not present.

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

Not present.

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

Not present.

**2.12 Belvidere/Boone County Planning and Economic Development Department:**

Not present.

**2.13 Boone County Highway Department:**

Mr. Lundin reported that no new construction has started.

The Boone County Board unanimously voted to approve entering into an MOU with the Illinois Tollway to work at the southeast ramp at Irene Road/I-90 and to hire a consultant to begin the engineering work and right of work. Just waiting for the City of Belvidere to their part.

The Board also approved the engineering agreement with the Village of Timberlane to work at the bridge that's closed on Orth Road. Timberlane is supposed to vote tonight.

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

No report.

**2.15 Village of Roscoe:**

Not present.

**2.16 Village of Winnebago:**

Not present.

**2.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:**

Mr. Carroll reported that their annual sewer reading app is underway.

The emergency repair at Main/Jefferson should be completed this week.

The City is doing intersection improvement at Rockton/Halsted next year and we're going in this year to do some sewer improvement and should be done before winter.

The Fuller Creek Trunk extension to the Village of Winnebago is just waiting on EPA funding.

**2.18 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:**

Not present.

**2.19 Illinois Tollway:**

Ms. Anderson reported that the major construction in the I-90 corridor on widening mainline from the Elgin Toll Plaza to Route 39 will be underway next spring. This year we are widening the shoulders. Major construction of adding a lane will begin March 2013.

Route 47/I-90 Interchange excavation in the northwest quadrant is well underway and preparation for the electronic tolling ramp that will be in place for this interchange. This excavation will be done this construction season.

Route 47 Bridge over I-90 we are currently building new bridge piers and new traffic configuration will be in place for another 2-3 months. This interchange is anticipated to be completed by June 2013.

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

Not present.

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

Mr. Dipla introduced Mr. Tom Kelso and Mr. Josh McClusky from IDOT Division of Urban Planning.

Mr. Kelso stated that Mr. McClusky is the new Metro Manager for this area.

Mr. Kelso reported that the new Map21 might have a little extra planning money in it.

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Mr. McClusky reported that they are starting to schedule the multi-year plan outreach. They are doing fewer large scale meetings and focusing on smaller topic focus driven meetings. We use this for the Long

Range Outreach and found it to be more successful to bring stakeholders together in providing input. We have asked the MPOs to assist in the coordinator of these focus groups. More information will be coming out in September/October.

The IDOT Fall Planning Conference is scheduled for October 25-26, 2012 in Peoria, Illinois.

**2.22 Ogle County Highway Department:**

Not present.

**2.23 Boone County Council of Aging:**

Not present.

**2.24 State Line Area Transportation Study:**

Not present.

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

Not present.

**2.26 Rockford Area Economic Development Council:**

Not present.

**2.27 Growth Dimensions:**

Not present.

**2.28 Stateline Mass Transit District:**

Not present.

**2.29 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:**

Mr. Diipla reported that the recently passed new transportation bill (Map21) is currently being reviewed by RMAP staff. There are a lot of details yet to be released and once more information becomes available, RMAP will update Technical Committee members.

RMAP will be hosting the Boone/Winnebago County Regional Safety Workshop and Ms. Priscilla Tobias, IDOT Division of Traffic Safety will be providing the presentation. Currently the dates being looked at for the Safety Workshop are August 1st, 15th and 22nd, 2012 from 10:00-3:00p and held at the RMAP Planning & Design Center.

RMAP has worked with the League of Illinois Bicyclist to produce a new bicycle map for the area. These bicycle maps have been distributed throughout the area. (Maps were provided to members).

**3. RMAP FY 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP):**

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP has been working on the FY 2013-2016 TIP document for the last few months. The draft document was provided at last month's meeting and is also hosted on RMAP's website. The TIP Open House was held on Monday, July 9, 2012. We received comments from our partner agencies and will be looking for a recommendation today from the Technical committee for Resolution 2012-9. The document is tentatively scheduled to be adopted at the Policy Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2012.

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Mr. Hren stated that the copy being sent around is the list of modifications to the TIP since the original draft was released at last month's Technical Committee meeting. There are graphical improvements that have been made. Mr. Hren thanked members for their assistance on providing information for this years' TIP.

A brief discussion took place among members regarding the format for easier reading for future TIP's.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve recommendation of Resolution 2012-9. First motion made by Mr. Zuroske, City of Rockford CIP; Second motion made by Mr. Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works. Motion carries.

#### **4. URBANIZED AREA BOUNDARIES:**

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP has met with SLATS and has determined the area planning boundaries for both MPO. RMAP has approached Ogle County to see if they would like to be included on the Technical Committee and we are currently waiting to hear back from Ogle County.

#### **5. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:**

##### **5.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis:**

No report.

##### **5.02 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area:**

No report.

##### **5.03 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:**

No report.

##### **5.04 RMAP Regional Freight Study:**

No report.

##### **5.05 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:**

No report.

##### **5.06 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):**

No report.

##### **5.07 ComEd Smart Grid/Smart Meters:**

No report.

##### **5.08 HUD Sustainability Grant:**

No report.

#### **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

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

Mr. Zuroske stated that the City of Rockford was fortunate to receive additional funding which as part of an HSIP project for Sandy Hollow. Mr. Zuroske stated the City of Rockford petitioned IDOT for some additional dollars and IDOT is providing dollars to resurface Sandy Hollow Road between Alpine Road and Sandy Hollow Golf Course next year.

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

Mr. Dipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Lundin, Boone County Highway and seconded by Mr. Zuroske, City of Rockford Public Works. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.