



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford Public Works; David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Jim Johnson, RMTD; Dan Jacobson, Andrew Quintanilla, City of Loves Park Community Development / Public Works; Sue Mroz, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Dana Carroll, RRWRD; Tom Hartley, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District; Dan Kane, Mick Johnston, Boone County Conservation District.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Village of Machesney Park, Village of Cherry Valley, City of Rockford Community Development, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department, City of Belvidere Public Works, Village of Roscoe, Village of Winnebago, Rockford Park District, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, Christina Washington, RMAP Staff; Josh McClusky, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning (By phone); David Almy, Hanson Professional; Mark Rice, McClure Engineering.

With a quorum present Mr. Diipla called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2013 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the March 21, 2013 Technical Committee minutes as amended. First motion made to approve Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works, second motion made by Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that IL-173 Alpine to Rock Cut is being moved to an August letting. All of the land acquisitions offer will be on the table.

The West State project pre-con is scheduled next week and should be moving to construction sometime next month.

I-90 project IL-2 to S. Main the Elmwood to Latham projects is all underway. There is some delay with all the rain the area has been receiving. There was a crash that occurred at the Elmwood/Latham construction zone yesterday and is currently being investigated.

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2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk reported that the Harlem Toll Bridge Plaza demolition is underway and is still on schedule to be re-opened under stage construction next Monday, April 22, 2013.

Rockton Road project bridge and roadway section; we're waiting for IDOT to award.

The Alworth Road EDP and TARP project is down at IDOT for review. Might be a little slower than anticipated; the County is waiting for design approval.

The Sign Upgrade project is being finished up and is on the April letting.

Pecatonica/Prairie Path project continues for completion later this year.

The South East Connection Bike Path is scheduled for the June letting. We're down to the wire for ROW acquisition.

We are looking for the township bridge replacement, Tipple Road over Rock creek sometime later this year.

Continuing on the design for the Bell School Road project next year from Lucky Lane to Argus.

The County has programming notification from IDOT for Telegraph Road bridge replacement over Coolidge Creek for next year and also the major bridge project of Perryville Road over the UP Railroad.

2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Zuroske stated that all projects are currently on hold due to the weather. The city is on alert for widespread flooding.

Morgan Street bridge project is 50% complete and is anticipated to be completed near the end of the year.

The West State Street bid looks like it will be acceptable and will start sometime in May. Pre-con is scheduled next week and should have an exact starting date at that time.

Working on 3rd and 4th Arterial Collector package and have some great numbers across the board on all the projects to date. There is a whole series of planning initiatives that will be rolling out in the next couple of months. Everything seems to on schedule and moving forward effectively.

2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Jacobson reported that they are moving forward with IDS's for all the improvements related to the Woodward project.

Mr. Jacobson asked RMAP staff if this project needed to be documented in the TIP due to the EDP funds being used. Mr. Hren stated he would look into and follow-up with Mr. Jacobson.

2.05 Village of Machesney Park:

Not present.

2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Mr. Lindberg reported that they are attempting to patch Falcon Road and they are eager for the resurfacing project to start.

Next week ComEd will be moving a trunk line and is anticipated to take two (2) weeks.

The Mass Casualty Drill is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2013 which is required every three (3) years by the FAA.

2.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Mr. Johnson reported they are continuing with the Route Study.

RMTD had a pre-con meeting for their roofing project for their main bus storage building.

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:

Ms. Morz stated that she recently met with Chicago representatives regarding the I-39 corridor regarding energy user development.

Ms. Mroz stated she is working with several companies which are in different levels of development.

2.12 Belvidere/Boone County Planning and Economic Development Department:

Not present.

2.13 Boone County Highway Department:

Mr. Lundin reported that they are still working with the Tollway in replacing three (3) major bridges in Boone County this summer. We purchased the land in the southeast quadrant on Irene Road so the Tollway can build the eastbound on ramp next year.

Bridges are still under design. Centerville Road will be on the June letting. Orth Road will be on the August letting.

2.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

Not present.

2.15 Village of Roscoe:

Not present.

2.16 Village of Winnebago:

Not present.

2.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

No report.

2.18 Winnebago County Forest Preserve District:

No report.

2.19 Boone County Conservation District:

No report.

2.20 Rockford Park District:

Not present.

2.21 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:

Not present.

2.22 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:

Not present.

2.23 Illinois Tollway:

Not present.

2.24 IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:

Not present.

2.25 IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:

Communication by phone; Mr. McClusky reported that the proposed MYP for FY14-FY19 was released yesterday and Mr. McClusky encouraged members to review on IDOT's website.

2.26 Ogle County Highway Department:

Not present.

2.27 Boone County Council of Aging:

Not present.

2.28 State Line Area Transportation Study:

Not present.

2.29 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:

Not present.

2.30 Rockford Area Economic Development Council:

Not present.

2.31 Growth Dimensions:

Not present.

2.32 Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not present.

2.33 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Diipla reported that the Tri-State Alliance Summit is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2013 from 8:30a-2:30p and held at the Eclipse Center in Beloit, WI.

The Illinois Tollway has scheduled the Earth Day Transportation Summit for Monday, April 22, 2013 from 8:30a-1:00p and held at Venue SIX10 at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago.

Mr. Hren provided members the Updated Air Quality Monitor Data for the RMAP Region and stated that our region is currently in attainment status.

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

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP was contacted by IDOT for the TIP Amendment on today's agenda and asked Mr. Hren to provide more details.

Mr. Hren stated that RMAP Resolution 2013-5 TIP Amendment is for IDOT's US Business 20 project for Bonus Avenue to Lawrenceville Road in Belvidere. It is an add lane and medium barrier project to prevent head on collisions. This project is scheduled for a June letting.

Mr. Long stated the letting could be sooner since this project is ready to start construction.

Mr. Hren stated that with the recent MYP release he indicated to members that he is currently working on developing next year's Transportation Improvement Plan and if any members have projects they would like reflected in the TIP to please contact him. Mr. Hren is anticipating to have a June approval on next year's TIP.

Mr. Long stated that the IL-2 Roscoe Road will be in the TIP for FY14 and will be another safety project. It will not be four lanes all the way through but the project will have turn lanes and it will be compatible to the four lane project, but it will not be the four lane project.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2013-5. The first motion was made by Mr. Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; second motion was made by Mr. Lundin, Boone County Highway. Motion carries.

4. FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND ADJUSTED UA BOUNDARIES:

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP has met with partners in the two county area to discuss the proposed changes to the UA and MPA. From the meetings and there is a level of acceptance and a good understanding of the boundaries sketched by RMAP based off of the 2010 Census UA. We discussed RMAP Resolution 2010-3 which previously was attempting to make additions, corrections, deletions to the functional classifications systems. Winnebago County and a number of projects in the City of Rockford, as we found out through some research, did not go through due to change over in IDOT. This list will serve as a starting point. RMAP will be looking at those roadway segments to add to the functional classifications systems. RMAP also met with Boone County; there have been a few additions and revisions that have been submitted. We are currently working on crafting a table of proposed additions, corrections and deletions which will be presented at the next Technical Committee meeting based on the feedback we have received. Afterwards we will then go in and make those changes in GIS. Mr. Diipla stated that this is an ongoing process and we will have additional meetings. Mr. Diipla anticipates in a few months to have the boundaries the functional classification completed.

5. RMAP FY2014 DRAFT UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP currently drafting the FY14 UWP. We have surveyed the Technical Committee for potential projects to add within that document. Projects have been added and the draft has been available for review since the last meeting. RMAP will be looking for a recommendation from the Technical Committee at next month's meeting to move that forward to the Policy Committee for adoption. A draft FY14 UWP was provided to IDOT last month. RMAP has not received any comments as of yet from members and asked that members review the document and submit any comments to Gary McIntyre at RMAP. The FY14 UWP is available on RMAP's website for viewing.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

6.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis:

No report.

6.02 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area:

No report.

6.03 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:

No report.

6.04 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2013 (10:00am) at the RMTD East Side Transfer Center. RMAP will be discussing the IDOT-DPIT CY 2013 CVP project applications. The current CVP application is using the remainder of the SAFETEA-LU funds and is only available to non-profits and 5311 recipients. The Mobility Subcommittee will review and make a recommendation to transmit applications to IDOT-DPIT for vehicle award. Applications are reviewed by RMAP and the Mobility Subcommittee to ensure that applicants are participants in the coordinated planning process.

6.05 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):

No report.

6.06 ComEd Smart Grid/Smart Meters:

No report.

6.07 HUD Sustainability Grant:

Mr. Diipla reported that RMAP hosted a data training session to discuss the WEAVE interface that has been developed for the HUD Sustainability Grant project. Data is continually being added to the database. More data training sessions will be held in the future.

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP is working on releasing the Economic Report. The Social Report was released a few weeks ago.

6.08 Regional School Planning:

Mr. Diipla reported that RMAP is working with District #205 and recently received GIS files for the school zones. RMAP is reviewing the data and dissecting it into the individual sub zones within District #205. Additionally, RMAP is coordinating with District #205 to determine what type of analysis they would like based off of that.

6.09 Chicago/Rockford International Airport Part 150 Noise Study:

No report.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Long stated that Mr. McClusky was excited about IDOT's Wrong Way Driving Initiative that is coming out of Springfield. There are a few spots in District #2 that will be reviewed for possibly more signage or pork-chops to keep wrong way driving out of the way and to reduce fatalities. This would fall under the district wide safety money which is already in the TIP.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport and seconded by Mr. Lundin, Boone County Highway. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.