



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 20, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford Public Works; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Jim Johnson, RMTD; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere; Rob Wilhelmi, Village of Winnebago; Dana Carroll, RRWRD.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Village of Machesney Park, Chicago/Rockford International Airport, Village of Cherry Valley, City of Rockford Community Development, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development, Village of Roscoe, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, Boone County Conservation District, Rockford Park District, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District, Village of Poplar Grove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, Christina Washington, RMAP Staff; Matt Gerutti, Citizen.

At 10:09 a.m. without a quorum present Mr. Diipla proceeded with a discussion.

1. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 23, 2014 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:
Due to a lack of a quorum the Technical Committee could not approve the January 23, 2014 Technical Committee minutes.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that IL-173 from Alpine to Rock Cut was awarded February 4, 2014 to William Charles. Anticipated to start in the spring.

IL-2 to Roscoe Road is scheduled for the February 28, 2014 letting assuming land acquisition is cleared by then.

2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk reported that design continues on the Bell School/E. State Street project.

The Winnebago County received good bids on their Tipple Road project which is a township bridge project.

The Telegraph Road bridge project is on the February letting.

The Perryville Road bridge replacement is a major bridge project south of Harrison and is on the April letting.

The County is planning on shoulder maintenance resurfacing project along Perryville Road from Harrison up to State Street. This project will be advertised in the IDOT bulletin today. The County is anticipating this project to be predominantly night work to keep issues at a minimum.

Working on several parking lot designs for the downtown area.

Mr. Vlk stated that he's 90% sure that the Baxter/Harrison intersection project will be delayed one (1) year. But that the Baxter/Lindenwood intersection improvement should still be a go for some time later this spring.

During Spring break at Rockford Christian they are working on change over the signal phasing and will be doing some signal rehab work at Bell School/Guilford intersection followed up later in the spring by adding north bound and east bound right turn lane.

2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Zuroske reported that they have three (3) neighborhood arterial packages that are being assembled and anticipates those to be out on the street over the next 4-5 weeks.

The Railroad Avenue bridge project is on IDOT's letting later this spring.

The City will be taking out the Harrison bridge deck replacement project sometime in March and it is their intent to coordinate this work with the South Main intersection as part of IDOT's larger project.

The Harrison Avenue Corridor project is in land acquisition phase. The Phase II design is well underway and shooting for a late 2015 letting.

Mr. Zuroske stated that he met with the construction folks on the Phase I on West State Street last week and worked on some of the final landscaping and multi-use path issues. Mr. Zuroske stated he assumes that it should resume once weather allows and probably only 35% left to be done on this project.

2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Jacobson reported that the City of Loves Park has a 1% Sales Tax referendum question on the ballot for March 18, 2014.

2.05 Village of Machesney Park:

Not present.

2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Not present.

2.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

No report.

2.08 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:

Mr. Bruck reported that the Forest Hills TIF District should be completed within the next three (3) months.

The APA IL State Section Spring Conference will be held in Rockford and scheduled for April 10-11, 2014 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. Conference registration information is coming soon.

There is a Webinar scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2014 from 1:30-2:30p regarding The Fiscal Calculator: Estimating the Fiscal Impacts of Development in the Greater Peoria Area.

2.09 Village of Cherry Valley:

Not present.

2.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:

Mr. Zuroske reported that the City is working on updating their Comprehensive 2020 Plan and anticipates to officially kick-off in March. There will a series of community engagement sessions.

The City is anticipating within 30 days to kicking-off public engagement sessions of the Whitman Interchange Project.

The City is currently in the early stages in assembling an RFP for their Downtown Master Plan which will coincide with their 2020 plan.

On Monday night the Auburn TIF District was established. This is a pay as you go TIF.

There are two (2) RFP that are under consideration:

1. Redevelopment of a couple of downtown properties located on Main Street.
2. 134 North Main

These two (2) RFP have been out on the street and have received some proposals that are under review.

There is also a RFP out for the redevelopment of the remaining property at North Main & Auburn which is leftover from the round-about project.

2.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:

Not present.

2.12 Belvidere/Boone County Planning and Economic Development Department:

No report.

2.13 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

No report.

2.14 Boone County Highway Department:

Mr. Lundin reported that they had representatives from the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Representative Sosnowski, Growth Dimensions and Steve Ernst meet with the Illinois Tollway and IDOT on Thursday, February 13, 2014 in Downers Grove about completing the interchange at Irene Road and Route 20 intersection. Mr. Lundin stated that the meeting went well and the Boone County Board met last night and approved the agreement with the Tollway to complete the two (2) ramps on the west side of Irene Road. The Tollway is supposed to construct the south eastside this year and they want to have all of their work done by 2015.

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:

Not present.

2.19 Boone County Conservation District:

Not present.

2.20 Rockford Park District:

Not present.

2.21 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:

Not present.

2.22 Village of Poplar Grove:

Not present.

2.23 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:

Not present.

2.24 Illinois Tollway:

Not present.

2.25 IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:

Not present.

2.65 IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:

Not present.

2.67 Ogle County Highway Department:

Not present.

2.28 Boone County Council of Aging:

Not present.

2.29 State Line Area Transportation Study:

Not present.

2.30 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:

Not present.

2.31 Rockford Area Economic Development Council:

Not present.

2.32 Growth Dimensions:

Not present.

2.33 Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not present.

2.34 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Diipla reported that the performance measures stemming from MAP-21 rule making for the safety element should be released by the end of this month with a tentative comment period ending in May. RMAP is working with IDOT to secure the most recent information on this topic and as further information becomes available it will be shared with members.

RMAP is working with RMTD to update their TITLE VI and Environmental Justice document. It is near completion of that document. This document needs to be updated every three (3) years and it looks at minority populations as well as low income populations to ensure that service provided by the transit district is equitable throughout the region. As the result of 2010 Census data and the new circulars being published for TITLE VI and Environmental Justice RMTD and RMAP have had to go back and do a complete re-write of the document. The next step is to take the document to RMTD's Board in March and then it will be transmitted to FTA for their final approval.

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP received three TAP applications which are as follows:

- Joint application from the City of Rockford and the Rockford Park District for the amount of \$620,422.00.
- Joint application from the City of Loves Park and the Rockford Park District for the amount of \$536,000.00.
- Village of Machesney Park for the amount of \$307,500.00.

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP is currently in the process of reviewing these applications. RMAP would like to line up the awards shortly after IDOT releases the ITEP awards.

Mr. Diipla reported that the Kishwaukee River EcoSystem Partnership has released the Executive Summary for the Kishwaukee River Corridor Green Infrastructure Plan (Winnebago County) and copies are available.

3. TIP AMENDMENT – RMAP RESOLUTION 2014-3:

Mr. Diipla stated that due to the lack of a quorum the Technical Committee is not able to make a recommendation of RMAP Resolution 2014-3. A brief discussion took place among members regarding the projects that IDOT and Winnebago County requested be amended into the TIP FY 2014-2017.

Mr. Hren stated that the FY 2015-2018 TIP is under development and asked members to contact him if they had any projects that needed to be included.

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

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP is developing the draft of FY2015 UWP and is anticipated to be available for review sometime in March and will be posted on the RMAP website. RMAP is anticipating recommendation from the Technical Committee and Policy Committee adoption in May.

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 Mobility Subcommittee:

Mr. Diipla reported that the next RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 10:00am and held at the RMTD Eastside Transfer Center. There will be a brief discussion/presentation regarding RMTD's new routes and how they are doing.

5.05 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):

No report.

5.06 ComEd Smart Grid/Smart Meters:

Mr. Diipla stated that this agenda item will be coming off of future agendas for the RMAP Technical Committee.

5.07 HUD Sustainability Grant:

Mr. Diipla reported that the closeout period is coming to an end and RMAP should have everything submitted to HUD in the next few weeks. RMAP will also be making the final plan available within that timeframe. RMAP anticipates to introduce the document to the Technical and Policy Committee for recommendation and approval shortly after that.

5.08 Regional School Planning:

Mr. Diipla reported that RMAP has received a second set of data from School District #205 and RMAP is currently working on mapping the new set of data.

STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

Mr. Diipla stated that a new item has been added to the Technical Committee meeting agenda for progress reports – Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Mr. Diipla stated that a year ago IDOT had requested some meetings within the region to coordinate with local jurisdictions and emergency providers to talk about accident/crash data that they have pulled.

Originally as part of the program IDOT identified ten (10) counties that had over representations of types A and K crashes (serious and fatal type crashes). IDOT worked with a consultant to develop a draft strategic safety plan for each individual county. As part of that process IDOT requested that the MPOs become involved and RMAP requested that Boone County also be included. In December IDOT released the draft final document for Winnebago County and the draft final tables for Boone County. IDOT would like to hold another meeting with the regional partners to discuss these findings. There is a conference call scheduled next week to discuss further when the next meeting will be held. Mr. Diipla is hoping Ms. Priscilla Tobias and her staff would be able to come and present to an RMAP Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Diipla stated that IDOT is hoping to have these documents finalized in the next several months and then basically give the information to the MPOs and the counties. It would then be a working document on a regional level. The intent of the document right now is to be a general guide on possible counter measures that could be implemented based on certain types of accidents.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Diipla stated that RATS/RMAP 50th Anniversary Commemoration will be held after the RMAP Technical Committee meeting on May 22, 2014 and both the RMAP Technical Committee meeting and commemoration will be held at the Regional Design Center (315 North Main Street, Rockford).

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Discussion ended at 10:45am.