



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works; Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Jim Johnson, RMTD; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Wayne Dust, City of Rockford Community Development; Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department; Mick Gronewold, Village of Winnebago; Michael Peterson, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Jessica Cocroft, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District; Mark Lynch, Village of Poplar Grove.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Village of Cherry Valley, Boone County Highway Department, City of Belvidere Public Works, Village of Roscoe, RRWRD, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Paul Diipla, Steve Ernst, Gary McIntyre, Michael Hren, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, Christina Washington, RMAP Staff; John Donovan, Jon Paul Kohler, FHWA; Mark Rice, McClure Engineering; Bill Hoyt, Chastain & Associates; Ralph & Carol Hoeskra, Blackhawk Bicycle Club; Mike Maddox, Matt Cerruti, Citizen.

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 17, 2014 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the April 17, 2014 Technical Committee minutes as amended. First motion made to approve Ms. Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department, second motion made by Wayne Vlk, City of Rockford Community Development. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that the West State Street project is going well and is anticipated to open mid-July. The lanes are all in and some side roads are being paved and still working on bike paths.

US-20 over the Rock River overlaying of the bridge starts this week and head-to-head traffic will start at the end of the week or beginning of next week.

IL-173 from Alpine to Rock Cut reconstruction and add lanes still is in the pre-stage utility work and temporary widening continues.

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IL-2 from Elmwood to Latham four (4) lane re-construction is now doing the seeding, tree planting and punch list items.

I-90 is the same way and has some sign issues that need to be worked through.

IL-2 South Main Beltline to Harrison reconstruction two week closure will be done by the end of the week.

BUS-2 from Fairview to American Drive resurfacing project is to start up June 9, 2014 and it will be night work.

Alpine Road Harrison to American Road intermittent milling and resurfacing started Tuesday night and should only take about a week.

I-39 southbound ramp over US-20 milling and resurfacing project is scheduled to start June 2, 2014. The ramp will be closed for a week with the detour traffic using the IL-251 ramps. The Alpine Road ramp will be closed to force traffic to use the detour.

Mr. Long reported that in Boone County US BUS-20 Bonus Avenue to Lawrenceville Road is 80% complete and the concrete median barrier is in place and work continues on the new eastbound lanes.

2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk referred members to last month's agency report as there is not much new to report.

Mr. Vlk stated that the Governor Quinn announced that Winnebago County Highway Department a \$151,000 RTP funds for Degamo Trailhead project.

2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Carter reported that the Harrison Bridge deck project started last week.

It is anticipated for the Elm/Avon resurfacing and water main project to start next week.

Resurfacing projects start next month projects for Broadway between Ninth and Eleventh Street; Kishwaukee Street; Auburn Street, Kilburn Avenue and Central.

Later this summer there is a Commercial Street package on East State Street around the shopping centers.

Mr. Carter reported that there is an RFP out for a Parking Deck Consultant to look at designing a 500 space parking deck as part of the Amerock Hotel Conference Center.

2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

No report.

2.05 Village of Machesney Park:

No report.

2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Mr. Lindberg reported that the Chicago/Rockford International Airport Air Show is scheduled for June 7-8, 2014 and tickets are available.

The 3rd phase of the north south runway begins on June 9, 2014.

Mr. Lindberg indicated that they are still waiting for the 1st phase of their terminal expansion.

2.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

No report.

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:

Mr. Dust reported that the West State Street at the Central intersection has a development proposal that is being worked on after decades of no activity.

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 Boone County Highway Department:

Not present.

2.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

Not present.

2.15 Village of Roscoe:

Not present.

2.16 Village of Winnebago:

No report.

2.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

Not present.

2.18 Winnebago County Forest Preserve District:

Not present.

2.19 Boone County Conservation District:

No report.

2.20 Rockford Park District:

No report.

2.21 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:

No report.

2.22 Village of Poplar Grove:

Mr. Lynch reported that the Village of Poplar Grove Board recently approved their FY15 Budget which included funding for their grinding/resurfacing on Whiting Road.

The Mayor of the Village of Poplar Grove wrote a letter to IDOT requesting to reduce the speed limit around County Side Mall Road as there are concerns of safety for pedestrians.

2.23 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:

Not present.

2.24 Illinois Tollway:

Not present.

2.25 IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:

Not present.

2.26 IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:

Not present.

2.27 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:

Mr. Donovan reported that the balance of the Highway Trust Fund continues to decrease. Current projections are that the balance will reach four (4) billion at the end of July. The FHWA are looking at cash management techniques and strategies to slow reimbursement funds.

Mr. Donovan stated that as MAP-21 is set to expire at this Federal fiscal year there has been three (3) re-authorizations proposals that have been released. The administration has released the GROW AMERICA Act (Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America). The GROW AMERICA Act offers the kind of job creation and certainty that the American people want and deserve. It represents a number of proposals that have historically attracted bipartisan support.

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 Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary has been submitted to IDOT and there have been a review of the boundaries and there are a few modifications that were proposed. RMAP has forwarded a letter of concurrence stating that the proposed modifications are acceptable by the MPO as well as having that letter serve as an Administrative Modification to the two (2) resolutions that were submitted (RMAP Resolution 2014-1 for the boundaries and RMAP Resolution 2014-2 for functional classification system).

IDOT has released their 5310 grant application. The RMAP Mobility Subcommittee has reviewed the applications submitted:

- Barbara Olson Center of Hope / replacement of one (1) super medium-duty paratransit vehicle at the cost of \$100,000.
- RMTD / replacement of twelve (12) medium-duty paratransit vehicles and two (2) super-medium duty paratransit vehicles. At a cost of \$956,000.
- Wesley Willows / requesting funding for one (1) mini-van with an accessible ramp at a cost of \$41,000.

At the May 13, 2014 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting the three applications were discussed and unanimously endorsed. These applications will be forwarded to IDOT-DPIT along with a letter from RMAP endorsing these applications. Mr. Diipla stated that as a result of MAP-21 the 5310 category has a direct allocation now made available to all the Transportation Management Areas in the nation. RMAP has received a pool funding for FY13 and FY14. In conversations with IDOT-DPIT it has been advised that RMAP wait for IDOT's determination of vehicle awards and then RMAP can carry out a local process. Mr. Diipla stated that no action is needed by the Technical or Policy Committee on this item.

Mr. Hren reported that there has been a few Administrative Modifications to the TIP:

- Two (2) Advance Construction Status / 1) Project #1-14-12 IL-251 Resurfacing of Harrison Avenue from Kishwaukee Street to east of 9th Street and 2) Project #1-14-14 US BUS-20 West State Street resurfacing from Springfield Avenue to Day Avenue.

- RMAP Resolution 2014-5 there was a scrivener's error / Project #3-14-34 was incorrectly listed, in the breakout of the funding sources, as having \$200,000 in monies from the Rockford Retail Sales Tax. In actuality the project has \$250,000 in Retail Sales Tax monies. The total project funding was listed correctly as totaling \$400,000.

Mr. Diipla stated that USDOT, FHWA & FTA have released the FY15 Planning Emphasis Areas.

- **MAP-21 Implementation** – Transition to Performance Based Planning and Programming.
- **Models of Regional Planning Cooperation** – Promote cooperation and coordination across MPO boundaries and across State boundaries where appropriate to ensure a regional approach to transportation planning.
- **Ladders of Opportunity** – Access to essential services – as part of the transportation planning process, identify transportation connectivity gaps in access to essential services.

Mr. Ernst invited members to stay for the luncheon directly after the Technical Committee meeting to celebrate RMAP's 50th Anniversary.

3. RMAP FY2015 DRAFT UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP) – RESOLUTION 2014-4:

Mr. Diipla stated that as discussed in previous meetings, RMAP has been in the development of the annual Unified Work Program (UWP) for FY-2015. A draft was released to our prior Technical Committee meetings. The final draft was posted last week on RMAP's website and members were notified.

Mr. Diipla mentioned that on page 37 there is a list of changes that occurred between the draft and the final document.

Mr. Diipla thanked the members for their input and information provided to RMAP in the development of FY2015 UWP and that RMAP is looking for a recommendation from the RMAP Technical Committee for RMAP Resolution 2014-4 as well as a recommendation on the Self-certification Process letter within the UWP.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2014-4. The first motion was made by Mr. Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; second motion was made by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Works. Motion carries.

4. RMAP TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) – RESOLUTION 2014-7:

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary of the projects submitted for TAP. RMAP formed a TAP Review Subcommittee which eligible applications were reviewed, discussed and a recommendation was provided. The TAP Review Subcommittee felt both projects were very well put together and favored the Machesney Park project in the amount of \$307,500 with a 50/50 match. The City of Rockford requested the full amount of \$620,432 with an 80/20 match. If both project are funded the Village of Machesney would be funded \$307,000 and City of Rockford \$312,932. Since the application process and the TAP Review Subcommittee meetings, the Village of Machesney Park has amended their request to an increase of funding for an 80/20 funding instead of the 50/50 they initially requested.

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary of the projects and opened up the floor for discussion.

Mr. Carter provided a brief comment on the City of Rockford's project.

Mr. Savage provided a brief summary regarding on the Village of Machesney Park project and the reasoning for the amended request to increase funding.

A discussion incurred among the RMAP Technical Committee members regarding the projects.

After a discussion period, Mr. Savage, Village of Machesney Park motioned for approval of an 80/20 funding for the Village of Machesney Park's project and Mr. Lynch, Village of Poplar Grove seconded.

Ms. Miller stated that it might be best if this item be laid over and re-discussed by the RMAP TAP Review Subcommittee. Mr. Diipla concurred.

Mr. Savage, Village of Machesney Park withdrew his motion for an 80/20 funding for the Village of Machesney Park's project and Mr. Lynch, Village of Poplar Grove seconded.

Ms. Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Planning Department motioned for the RMAP TAP Review Subcommittee to discuss further and seconded by Mr. Vlk, Winnebago County Highway. Motion carried.

RMAP Resolution 2014-7 is laid over.

5. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

5.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis:

See Agenda items #5.02.

5.02 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area:

Mr. Ernst stated he would combine NICTI & Amtrak into one report. Mr. Ernst reported that after the Governor Quinn's announcement of the \$222 million Amtrak service from Elgin to Belvidere and Rockford the discussion has turned to the stationary development and the requirements to initiate service. Mr. Ernst provided a brief summary of original and temporary train station locations that are being discussed.

5.03 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:

Mr. Ernst reported that a presentation was given by the Tri-Rivers Organization at the Tri-State Alliance Summit last Friday, May 16, 2014.

5.04 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:

Mr. Diipla stated this item was covered under RMAP agency report agenda item #2.34. The next RMAP Mobility meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 10:00a and held at the RMTD Eastside Transfer Center.

5.05 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs):

Mr. Ernst reported that the RAEDC is working on a four (4) county joint application for IMCP status and provided a brief summary on the process.

5.06 Regional School Planning:

No report.

5.07 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:

No report.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Lynch, Village of Poplar Grove and seconded by Mr. Vlk, Winnebago County Highway. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.