



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 17, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Frank Hodina, Winnebago County Highway Dept.; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works; Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Carrie Houston, Chris Dopkins, Village of Machesney Park; Jim Johnson, RMTD; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development Dept.; Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Dept.; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Dept.; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works; Ben Bushman, Village of Winnebago; Tom Hartley, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District; Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chicago/Rockford International Airport, Village of Cherry Valley, City of Rockford Community Development Dept., Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development Department, Village of Roscoe, RRWRD, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, Village of Poplar Grove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway; Doug DeLille, IDOT Urban Program Planning; T.J. Nee, SLATS; Steve Ernst, Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, RMAP; Chris Baer, McClure Engineering; Billy Hoyt, Chastain & Assoc.; Matt Cerutti, Citizen.

With a quorum present Mr. Diipla called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 22, 2014 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the May 22, 2014 Technical Committee minutes as amended. First motion made to approve Ms. Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Dept., second motion made by Mr. Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development Dept. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that US-20 over the Rock River bridge reconstruction has driving piling this week for the eastbound structure. Anticipating that work will go all the way through the rest of the year. Continue to use alternate routes.

IL-173 from Alpine to Rock Cut is currently working on Stage I. The utility conflicts put the project behind one month. It is anticipated that mainline pavement will be poured in August.

US-20 Westbound under Perryville Road July 28, 2014 will be the startup and last about a week. The Tollway will be doing work at the same time so they will be using IDOT's traffic control to coordinate this event.

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IL-2 from Elmwood to Latham punch list items should be completed by the end of the month.

West State Street has work being done on the sidewalks and path and it is anticipated to have all the lanes open by the end of August. There will be some lane closures to do the landscaping.

I-90 punch list items should be done by the end of the month.

IL-2 South Main pavement pouring is underway.

BUS-20 from Fairview to American Drive: 2/3 of it is built but still have about a 1/3 to go. It is anticipated that surface will be laid by mid-August. Pretty close to being on track but the weather has not been cooperating since it is night work being done. There has only been three (3) nights where they have been able to work all night.

Alpine Road Harrison to American Road is complete.

I-39 the southbound ramp over US-20 project was completed but one (1) of the patches failed so sometime in August the patch will be removed and replaced.

US-20 Bonus Avenue to Lawrenceville Road is pretty much completed. There are still some seeding and punch list items being completed but the lanes are open.

2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Hodina reported that Baxter Road east of I-39 the water and sewer system should be going in soon and they are currently working on design for widening and resurfacing from I-39 to Mulford.

Baxter Road at Lindenwood Road that is under contract and waiting for utility relocation.

Tipple Road Bridge starts in mid-August.

Telegraph Road is completed.

Bell School Road at Guilford signals are completed and waiting to put in the turn lane.

Cunningham Road Bridge is under negotiating with Hanson for the design.

2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Carter reported that their commercial resurfacing project out on the Eastside around the Target shopping center should be completed this week.

There is some downtown resurfacing happening down at Elm, Avon and Rockton.

The residential resurfacing project continues throughout the summer.

The City is continuing to remove traffic signals that have served their usefulness, traffic patterns have changed and are no longer needed. The City has received very favorable response from the public.

2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

No report.

2.05 Village of Machesney Park:

Mr. Dopkins gave credit to IDOT and William Charles in looking for ways to make IL-173 project go a little quicker, (the project is currently behind).

Next week Forest Hills Road between IL-251 and IL-173 will be closed for the installation of a box culvert. We also have relocated some staging for this project to save some days.

Colonial Ramona between Elm and IL-251 is slated for reconstruction for this year and contracts have been awarded. Contractors will be on-site next week.

The Village of Machesney Park resurfacing program has been awarded and contractors are out doing curb removals and paving should be complete by the end of September.

RRWRD is putting in sanitary sewers at Queen Oaks Drive. RRWRD contractors have not been able to work the last two (2) weeks due to high ground water which has set the project behind.

2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Not present.

2.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Mr. Johnson reported that the elevator at RMTD Administrative Building has been updated to specifications. RMTD is installing an electronic digital display at their Downtown Passenger Center which will provide information to passengers.

September 3-5, 2014 RMTD will be hosting the Illinois Public Transit Association Fall Conference in Rockford.

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:

No report.

2.13 Boone County Highway Department:

Mr. Lundin reported that the southeast on-ramp at Irene Road interchange is almost completed. The land has been purchased for the northwest quadrant and has transferred that to the Tollway. They are negotiating with property owners of southwest quadrant (Myers Kennel) and discussions are still taking place. Hopefully by 2015 all four ramps will be in place for the Irene Road Interchange. The Tollway has gone out for bids for Genoa Road for a new ramp on the south side of the bridge.

The Orth Road Bridge is open.

The Garden Prairie Bridge project is proceeding and hopefully will have a November letting with construction starting in the first part of 2015.

Pearl Street, Town Hall and Shaddock should be open the first part of August. Johnson and County Line is anticipated to open in September.

2.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

No report.

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:

No report.

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 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:

Not present.

2.23 Illinois Tollway:

Ms. Anderson reported that the western segment of I-90 from Elgin toll plaza to Route I-39 is on schedule for completion for the end of this year. The traffic westbound has been shifted to the new pavement on the eastbound. Involved in this reconstruction are two (2) interchanges that is of interest for this region; Irene Road interchange at I-90 has the westbound exit is scheduled to open early August. The new ramp being put in at Irene Road which is the eastbound entrance will be open in early August and temporarily lighting solution is being worked on. The second location is Genoa interchange which has been reconstructed and widened and this project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2015.

Ms. Anderson stated that the traffic is moving well and the project is moving along.

2.24 IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:

Not present.

2.25 IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:

Mr. DeLille reported that the 2014 IDOT Fall Planning Conference is scheduled for October 9-10, 2014 and held in Bloomington, IL.

Ms. Erica Borgren is the new Acting IDOT Secretary.

2.26 Ogle County Highway Department:

Not present.

2.27 Boone County Council of Aging:

Not present.

2.28 State Line Area Transportation Study:

No report.

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 RMAP received an approval letter from FHWA approving RMAP's Functional Classification System and the Metropolitan Planning Area and Adjusted Urbanized Areas. RMAP will be providing those GIS files to WinGIS and these files area also available to members at their request.

Mr. Hren reported that there have been a few Advanced Construction notifications which have created an Administrative Modifications to the TIP. IL-6 resurfacing from the Wisconsin state line to US BUS-20 which is project #151 and has begun advance construction. Two projects had begun advance construction have now ended and that is IL-2 intersection of Roscoe Road and Rockton Road at the Dry Run Creek are IDOT and Winnebago County projects and are no longer in advance construction and the 2014 TIP has been administratively modified.

Mr. Diipla referred to a handout containing a listing of LRTP chapter material and the RMAP Technical Committee meeting dates for the next year. This is related to the update process of the RMAP 2040 LRTP. The RMAP 2040 LRTP will need to be updated by July-2015 to stay aligned with the required five (5) year update cycle. Mr. Diipla provided details on what areas RMAP will be looking at for the 2040 Plan update.

Mr. Diipla stated that in conjunction with the update of the LRTP, RMAP will also be updating Title VI and Environmental Justice documents for the MPO.

Mr. Ernst reported that the section of IL-2 from the roundabout on N. Main Street to Riverside Boulevard has had a CAG leading and reviewing this reconstruction project. IDOT presented the draft final design for this particular project which is slated to begin June-2015 and is anticipated to be a two (2) year project.

3. RMAP TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) – RMAP RESOLUTION 2014-7:

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary regarding the projects that were submitted for RMAP TAP funds. The two (2) final projects that were reviewed and discussed are the City of Rockford's Downtown Sports Complex Riverwalk and the Village of Machesney Park Alpine Road Shared Use Path. During the conversations with the RMAP TAP Review Subcommittee it was recommended that the original application amounts for the Village of Machesney Park be awarded for the full amount applied for and the remainder be awarded the City of Rockford. At the May 22, 2014 Technical Committee meeting it was recommended that the item be laid over and that the RMAP TAP Review Subcommittee be reconvened to discuss both projects with respective applications. Through the discussions the RMAP TAP Review Subcommittee recommended that the full TAP amount of \$620,432 be awarded to the Village of Machesney Park. Mr. Diipla provided a brief detail of the discussions that took place in regards to the RMAP TAP Review Subcommittee decision to recommend awarding the full TAP funds to the Village of Machesney Park.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of RMAP Resolution 2014-7. The first motion was made by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford; second motion was made by Ms. Houston, Village of Machesney Park. Motion carries.

4. RMAP FY 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – RMAP RESOLUTION 2014-8:

Mr. Diipla stated that the draft TIP document was available in June and was provided to all members for their review and comments. Since then RMAP has received feedback from our partner organizations regarding the changes, projects and tables within the document. Mr. Diipla stated that today RMAP is looking for recommendation from the Technical Committee.

Mr. Hren stated that he's received quite a bit of input and thanks everyone for their time and comments. Mr. Hren noted a change which is on the second to last page of the document. Some of the maps were updated to include a slightly better labeling. A number of projects were added and a number of projects were updated to better represent better funding totals. The advanced construction has been removed or added to the projects that has changed since the last Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Hren stated that since recommendation has been approved for Resolution 2014-7 he would like to include updating that project into the TIP.

A brief discussion took place regarding the TIP FY2015-2018 document.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2014-7. The first motion was made by Mr. Long, IDOT District 2; second motion was made by Ms. Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Dept. Motion carries.

5. RMAP COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT:

Mr. Diipla referred to the draft copy that was provided to members previously and stated that RMAP is not looking for a recommendation today, this is more so for discussion purposes. As a result of MAP-21 it is required that the Rockford Mass Transit District be added to the RMAP Policy Committee. As such RMAP has had to revise the cooperative agreement and the document now reflects RMTD participation on the RMAP Policy Committee. RMAP has also taken this opportunity to revise other language within the document. Mr. Diipla provided a few examples of the language that has been changed.

Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP would like to get approval of the Cooperative Agreement at the August RMAP meetings.

A brief discussion took place among members regarding the revised Cooperative Agreement.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

6.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis:

No report.

6.02 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area:

Mr. Ernst reported that the City and RMTD is still working on the process of getting a consultant agreement/inter agency agreement with IDOT.

Mr. Johnson reported that there was a meeting held yesterday and anticipates on moving forward on what he scope is and how we want to address it.

6.03 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:

No report.

6.04 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:

Mr. Diipla reported that the Mobility Subcommittee has a meeting scheduled on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 10:00a at the RMTD Eastside Transfer Center. At this meeting the LRTP update will be discussed and the Mobility Subcommittee will be key in updating the public transit, work force and mobility component of the plan.

6.05 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs):

No report.

6.06 Regional School Planning:

No report.

6.07 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:

Mr. Diipla reported that he has in been contact with Priscilla Tobias, IDOT Safety Division and we are looking at holding a workshop Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at the Regional Design Center. IDOT will be presenting some information on the US Road Assessment Program they have been working on. Details are still being worked out and Mr. Diipla will keep the Technical members apprised.

6.08 Boone & Winnebago Greenways Plan:

Ms. Hoesly reported that this is a new item added to Progress Reports. Yesterday we reconvened our Greenways Subcommittee to begin discussion of updating the Greenways Plan. Ms. Hoesly provided a brief synopsis on the history of the Greenways map. Ms. Hoesly stated that they do have a fairly ambitious timeline by trying to complete the Greenways Plan by this fall. Ms. Hoesly stated that the updated Greenways Plan will be incorporated into the Long Range Transportation Plan.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Diipla stated that the RMAP telephone numbers will be changing in the near future since RMAP utilizes the City of Rockford's IT department for telecommunications. The City is going through a city wide restructuring of their telephone system and as a result various city departments will be getting new numbers. RMAP will be impacted as well. RMAP will keep members and other partners apprised of the changes. There will be a transition period in transferring to the new lines.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Works and seconded by Mr. Lundin, Boone County Highway. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.