



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 21, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Carrie Houston, Village of Machesney Park; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Jim Wise, Village of Cherry Valley; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Emily Roen, Village of Roscoe; Mick Gronewold, Village of Winnebago; Dana Carroll, RRWRD; Tom Hartley, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chicago/Rockford International Airport, RMTD, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development Department, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department, City of Belvidere, 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; Doug Delille, IDOT Urban Program & Planning; Mark Rice, McClure Engineering; Bill Hoyt, Chastain & Associates; Lew Moon, Cottonwood Airport; Tim Muldowney, First Rockford.

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

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

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the July 17, 2014 Technical Committee minutes as amended. First motion made to approve Mr. Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development Department, second motion made by Mr. Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Department. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that US-20 over the Rock River is setting the steel this week as Stage I progresses and travelers are urged to use alternative routes.

IL-173 Alpine to Rock Cut Burden Road is open and Forest Hills Road is closed. It is anticipated to open next week as Stage I continues. Due to utility conflicts they are a little over a month behind.

IL-2 from Elmwood to Latham is complete.

IL-2 at Roscoe Road is a safety project. The pre-con meeting is scheduled for next week. This fall they will be moving some dirt as well as tree removal. This project has been moved to the fall due to environmental concerns.

West State Street is wrapping up. The traffic lanes are complete and they are still pouring some sidewalks.

I-90 is complete.

IL-2 South Main project most of the northbound pavement is in place. The sidewalks and bike path is in place along the north bound pavement. The traffic should be switching over in the next few weeks.

BUS-20 from Fairview to American Drive is a night work project. The detector loops and utilities have been adjusted and surface course was started last night. The rain has slowed them down a lot but they are anticipating to be completed in a month.

I-39 southbound ramp over US-20 has some patches that failed but it will be replaced. A press release will be sent out when a construction dates has been confirmed.

IL-75 is a culvert about 3 tenths of mile west of Winslow Road should start this week and is anticipated to be completed in a couple of weeks.

IL-251 from Harrison Avenue to Kishwaukee Street the pre-con was held last week and will not start until after the Labor Day holiday. The resurfacing is using polymer so it is temperature dependent.

BUS-20 from Springfield to Day Avenue is a resurfacing project that just started this week. There is traffic control up and maybe some miscellaneous items and some curb and gutter to be replaced. The milling and resurfacing is anticipated to start next week.

Mr. Long reported that IDOT projects in Boone County has been completed.

2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk reported that they are opening bids this afternoon for their traffic signal maintenance contract.

Opening bids tomorrow for Baxter Lindenwood intersection for resurfacing and new turn lanes.

The Baxter Road Water System improvement design continues as well as Baxter Road and Harrisville Road intersection improvements. It is anticipated to start intersection relocation/reconstruction for Baxter Road at Harrisville in 2015.

Tipple Road Bridge over Rock Creek is closed for bridge replacement and it is anticipated to open mid-fall.

The Memorial Parking Lot downtown continues.

Traffic signal improvements/right turn lane at Bell School at Guilford has been completed. They will be assessing the traffic patterns over the next several weeks.

Design continues on the De Gamo Trail Head which is near the Pecatonica Prairie Path by US-20 at Hoisington Road for a bike trail head construction.

Design will be starting for Cunningham Road Bridge over West Crossing South Branch Kent Creek for a bridge replacement in 2015

Mr. Vlk stated they will be re-applying for major bridge funding for Perryville Road over the UP Railroad.

2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Carter reported that their residential street projects continue to move forward.

There was a package of commercial streets done around the East State Street area which is close to being completed.

Work continues on a plan for a new parking deck for the Gorman Hotel.

Mr. Carter stated that they had to condemn one of their small parking deck downtown where the City Market is held due to structural issues.

2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Jacobson reported that they just awarded a contract for city wide resurfacing at a cost of a little over \$800,000 and uses referendum dollars. The city made a decision to hold off on repairs to Alpine Road until next year. Engineering work will proceed and they anticipate on a letting at the end of winter.

They have completed their EDP funded project around Woodward.

2.05 Village of Machesney Park:

Ms. Houston reported that on Ramona Terrace there is some storm sewer work being done between Elkhorn and Elm Street.

There will be some hydrant removal and replacements around 3rd Street and 4th Street and some residents will lose water but they have been notified of the upcoming project.

Queen Oaks Drive storm sewer work is still on going.

Last week resurfacing work has started in Timberlyne Hallow and Saddle Ridge sub-divisions.

2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Not present.

2.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Not present.

2.08 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:

No report.

2.09 Village of Cherry Valley:

Mr. Jim Wise is the new Village Administrator for the Village of Cherry Valley and introduced himself to the Technical Committee members.

Mr. Wise reported that the resurfacing project on Mill Road and Lyford Road is completed.

The intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Cherry Valley and Rockford Park District has been completed. This agreement will utilize some of the area between Swanson Park for the new construction of the Cherry Valley Public Works building which also includes the trailhead on the Swanson Park trail and the connection to the Perryville Trail southeast connection.

2.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:

No report.

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 they received a notice that the Illinois Tollway will begin construction on ramps for Genoa Road. They will be adding an eastbound on-ramp and eastbound off-ramp on the south side of the bridge and will eliminate the crossover bridge. Construction work begins on September 2, 2014. The road will remain open to traffic during construction.

Mr. Diipla reported that he received an update from Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway that the anticipated opening of the new ramp eastbound entrance to Irene Road will be next week.

2.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

Not present.

2.15 Village of Roscoe:

Ms. Roen reported that they are wrapping up their 2013 MFT projects.

They are kicking off their sewer water roadway extension project up in the Willowbrook Rockton Road area.

2.16 Village of Winnebago:

No report.

2.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

Mr. Carroll reported that their annual main line repair and main line lining projects will be starting after Labor Day and it will be area wide.

2.18 Winnebago County Forest Preserve District:

Mr. Hartley reported that the Canadian National Railroad will rebuild the bridge over what is known as the Blue Hole down in the Cherry Valley/Kishwaukee area. It is anticipated to start sometime in 2015. This area is totally surrounded by the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District.

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:

Mr. Diipla reported that the I-90 western segment from the Elgin Toll Plaza to IL Route 39 is on schedule for completion by late Fall this year.

2.25 IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:

Not present.

2.26 IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:

No report.

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:

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 IDOT Boone and Winnebago County Safety Workshop were held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at the Regional Design Center. Ms. Priscilla Tobias and other IDOT Bureau of Safety Engineering staff were in attendance and discussed the Strategic Highway Safety Plan particularly for Boone and Winnebago County. Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary on what IDOT Bureau of Safety Engineering presented and discussed.

3. RMAP COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – RESOLUTION 2014-9:

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP Cooperative Agreement was brought forth to the RMAP Technical Committee last month in response mandates required by MAP-21 to add the Rockford Mass Transit District to serve and participate on the RMAP Policy Committee. Mass public transportation representation is a requirement for all transportation management areas within the nation. The current agreement which was structured in 2008 does not include public mass transit representation (RMTD) so RMAP has updated the document to reflect RMTD's position on the RMAP Policy Committee. RMAP took the opportunity to update the language in the document so that if there are mandates in the future from Federal Transportation Law requiring other agencies to serve on the Policy Committee, those members could be added without having to go through each of the Policy Committee members agencies provided that there is a unanimous vote by the RMAP Policy Committee.

A brief discussion was held among technical members regarding RMTD being added to RMAP Policy Committee due to MAP-21 regulations.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of RMAP Resolution 2014-9. The first motion was made by Mr. Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works Department; second motion was made by Mr. Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department. Motion carries.

4. RMAP 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE:

Mr. Diipla stated that the current Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is due for an update by July-2015. As parts of this LRTP update process, RMAP has provided an outline to the Technical Committee which highlights some of the chapter material that RMAP would like to discuss with all of the Technical Committee members. As part of the update process one of the items through MAP-21 that has moved to the forefront is Performance Measurements. Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary on what Performance Management encompasses.

Mr. Diipla referenced that MAP-21 Performance Measure National Goals Topic Areas:

- Safety
- Infrastructure Condition
- Congestion Reduction
- System Reliability
- Freight Movement and Economic Vitality
- Environmental Sustainability
- Reduced Project Delivery Delays

The time frame for Performance Measures Development:

- MAP-21 requires State DOT's to establish statewide targets not later than one (1) year after the effective date of final rule for each performance measure category.
- MPO's are required to establish targets for their entire Metropolitan Planning Area in coordination with the State DOT not later than *180 days* after the date the respective STATE DOT establishes their safety targets.
 - Proposed Rulemaking provides flexibility to the MPO to establish targets for their Metropolitan Planning Area by either supporting the State DOT targets or defining a target unique to its metropolitan area.

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary of what has been worked on thus far pertaining to Performance Measures. A brief discussion took place among technical members regarding what proposed rules are being looked at for Performance Measures. RMAP is still awaiting the USDOT final rules for each of the performance measures categories. These will assist in determining what specific elements will need to be explored for each topic.

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 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee will begin discussions regarding the public transit section of the LRTP.

5.05 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):

Mr. Diipla reported that RREDD is updating the existing CEDS document and this time around they are incorporating McHenry County into the CEDS document.

5.06 Regional School Planning:

No report.

5.07 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:

See agenda item 2.34.

5.08 Boone & Winnebago Greenways Plan:

Ms. Hoesly reported that they have been meeting with the land conservation organizations for the last few weeks in terms of updating the document. RMAP staff will be reaching out to each of the municipality to provide a status of what's been completed so far and to receive feedback.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Department and seconded by Mr. Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.