



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 23, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works; Andrew Quintanilla, City of Loves Park Public Works; Carrie Houston, Village of Machesney Park; Jim Johnson, Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department; RMTD; Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Mick Gronewold, Village of Roscoe and Village of Winnebago; Dana Carroll, RRWRD; Mick Johnston, Boone County Conservation District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chicago/Rockford International Airport, City of Loves Park Community Development Department, Village of Cherry Valley, Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department, City of Belvidere Public Works, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, Rockford Park District, Village of Poplar Grove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, Christina Washington, RMAP Staff; Doug DeLille, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; Thomas Bona, RREDD; Mark Rice, McClure Engineering; Ralph Hoesktra, Blackhawk Bicycle Club; Bev Moore, Citizen.

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 18 2014 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the September 18, 2014 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve was made by Mr. Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department, second motion was made by Mr. Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that the bridge reconstruction project for US-20 over the Rock River is pouring the second deck today and they should be opened by November 30, 2014.

IL-173 from Alpine to Rock Cut is going to continue to work as long as the weather holds and they anticipate opening up by Thanksgiving.

IL-2 Roscoe Road has the startup scheduled for November 1, 2014. There will be tree removal and temporary widening done.

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Region 2

West State Street is complete and a ribbon cutting was held in September-2014.

IL-2 South Main has a portion that will remain two lanes over the winter and it is anticipated for the rest of South Main to open by the end of November.

BUS-20 from Fairview to American Drive is working on pavement markings and they should be pretty close to completion by next week.

IL-251 Harrison Avenue to Kishwaukee Street has the east/west legs resurfacing today and the striping should be done by the end of October. They will start the north/south legs in the spring.

BUS-20 Springfield to Day Avenue resurfacing project is complete.

IL-251 Harlem Road, Forest Hills to IL-173 Perryville to McFarland milling and resurfacing project is complete.

2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk reported that construction is winding down and they are finishing up the Perryville Bike Path along Bell School Road and Argus. The traffic signal/pedestrian crossings were put in yesterday on Harrison.

The Winnebago County Highway Department has received a notice that the funding agreement for DeGarmo Trailhead at Bypass 20 and Hoisington Road northeast corner and it is anticipated to be done next spring.

They have also received a notice of HSIP approval for the Forest Hills, Pepper Drive and River Lane intersection improvements that will include adding turn lanes and putting up new traffic signals and is also anticipated to be done in 2016.

Mr. Vlk stated that the design work continues for next year for the following projects:

- Baxter Road area down by Route-39
- Water system improvements
- Bell School Road project.

2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Carter reported that two days ago the City of Rockford demolished a small parking deck in the downtown area. The area will be filled in with back stone and first layer of asphalt for a temporarily parking lot while they finish up plans for the full blown lot which will include canopy parking for the City Market.

The Falcon Road project is winding and was completed on October 15, 2014.

Most of the pavement neighborhood projects such as Auburn Street will be wrapped up by next week.

2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

No report.

2.05 Village of Machesney Park:

Ms. Houston reported that Ramona Terrace and Colonial Drive is wrapping up and pavement is scheduled for next week.

Queen Oaks Drive is wrapping up and it looks very nice.

Talmadge Avenue paving could be pushed back a little bit.

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:

Not present.

2.09 Village of Cherry Valley:

Not present.

2.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:

Mr. Capovilla reported that they have reached a milestone in their Comprehensive Plan update. Two of the big goals that they are trying to achieve are as follows:

1. Strategies to fulfill the goals and objectives that they have had in the previous plan.
2. Align more closely their plan with the Consolidated Plan and their CIP program.

Public hearings and presentations have been led by Mr. David Sidney all this week. Mr. Sidney is holding public hearings today at 1:30pm and held at the Northwest Community Center and at 5:30-7:00pm tonight and held at Rolling Greens School.

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:

No report.

2.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

Not present.

2.15 Village of Roscoe:

Mr. Gronewold reported that the annual MFT projects are complete. Resurfacing work continues north of Rockton Road along Willowbrook and is on schedule to be completed by November.

2.16 Village of Winnebago:

No report.

2.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

Mr. Carroll reported that the pre-stage work for the City of Rockford's Harrison project the RRWRD will be doing a structure reconstruction in the middle of Harrison Avenue and 11th Street which will be a complete intersection shut down and is anticipated to happen in April-2016.

2.18 Winnebago County Forest Preserve District:

Not present.

2.19 Boone County Conservation District:

Mr. Johnston reported that they are working with McHenry County Highway Department and McHenry Conservation District Open Lands on a project at County Line Road regarding a piece of property on the north side of the Kishwaukee River. Boone County Conservation District will be allowing some trading of lands so that a bridge can be constructed and in return McHenry County will be reopening the river access and installing a canoe landing for the Boone County Conservation District

Mr. Johnston reported that Boone County Conservation District is celebrating their 50th Anniversary on November 1, 2014 and encourage members to attend the dinner celebration held at the Apollo. Tickets are available at the Boone County Conservation District office.

Mr. Johnston stated that the Autumn Pioneer Festival this year was a great success with over 20,000 in attendance.

2.20 Rockford Park District:

Not present.

2.21 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:

Mr. Anthony reported that they are working with the EPA on a MS4 workshop scheduled for December 10, 2014 and held at the Woodward Technology Center in the am.

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.

2.26 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:

No report.

2.30 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:

Not present.

2.31 Rockford Area Economic Development Council:

No report.

2.32 Growth Dimensions:

Mr. Bona reported that they are working on an enterprise zone application to effectively renew their enterprise zone and it is being expanded to include Poplar Grove and the Village of Capron. Mr. Bona stated that Mr. Jared Funderburg is the new Executive Director for Growth Dimensions.

2.33 Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not present.

2.34 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Diipla reported that the Regional Transportation Map has received some feedback from the last meeting in September and has asked Mr. Belle to provide more details.

Mr. Belle stated that he will be sending out an email with a link to the Regional Transportation Map. He is asking partners to review and provide and questions, comments or suggestions. RMAP is anticipating on sending the final map to the printers in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Diipla reported that RMAP is currently reviewing the comments that were received at the RMAP 2040 LRTP Open Houses held in September-2014.

Mr. Diipla announced that Mr. Steve Ernst, RMAP Executive Director is retiring and a retirement party is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2014 from 2:00-4:00pm and held at the Regional Design Center (315 N. Main Street, Rockford). All members are invited to wish Mr. Ernst well as he enters retirement.

3. TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2014-12:

Mr. Hren stated that RMAP received a request from IDOT for a TIP amendment regarding IL-72 from .4 mile West of I-39 to DeKalb County line for a resurfacing and ADA ramps project in the amount of 1.850 million. Mr. Hren asked members if there were any questions or concerns, none given.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of RMAP Resolution 2014-14. The first motion was made by Mr. Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; second motion was made by Mr. Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway. Motion carries.

5. RMAP 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP):

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP is providing a presentation on the Highway, Transit, and Bicycle & Pedestrian Networks section of the 2040 LRTP update. RMAP staff has held several meetings with RMAP partners and they have reviewed and discussed these sections. Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary and discussed each of the following sections:

Highway Section

Current 2040 LRTP

- Details future capacity expansion, new links, and reconstruction projects put forward by local jurisdictions within the time horizon of the LRTP.
- Provides financial analysis for funding streams received for roadway projects in the region.
- Elaborates on modern design philosophy.

Revisions for the 2040 LRTP Update

- Update of the Future Roadway Improvement map and Funding Sources Table.
- Recent revisions to the functional classification system.
- Complete Streets framework.
- Listing of regionally significant projects that have been completed or are in-progress since last LRTP.
- Discussion of Regional infrastructure needs.

Public Transit

Current 2040 LRTP

- Details cooperative efforts between transit providers and other resource agencies.
- Provides financial information on expenditures and revenues (RMTD & BCCA) for the time horizon of the plan.
- Explores expansion of public transit services within the planning area.
- Explores the link between land use, the location of new job centers, and transit service.

Revision for the 2040 LRTP Update

- RMTD Route and Schedule analysis
- RMTD Route Modifications
- Completion of the RMTD East Side Transfer Center (linkages to Intercity Bus, etc.)
- FTA MAP-21 funding changes.
- Belvidere Fixed Route service.

Bicycle and Pedestrian

Current 2040 LRTP

- Details implementation of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.
- Provides a framework for the update of the Greenway Plan.

Revision for the 2040 LRTP Update

- Mapping of implemented bicycle & pedestrian facilities / amenities implemented since the last LRTP.
- Discussion of ITEP & TAP.
- Walkscore elements from the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (RPSD).
- Discussion regarding local inventories of assets and facilities (on street, shared-use paths, etc.)
- Updated Boone and Winnebago Counties Greenways Plan (2015 edition)
- Linkages to complete streets.

Mr. Belle stated that they have been meeting with all partner agencies regarding the update to the Boone and Winnebago Counties Greenways Plan and he has been focusing on the On-Street Routes.

Ms. Hoesly stated that once the LRTP update is all wrapped up, RMAP will be looking to update the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. Ms. Hoesly stated that if any Technical members have any files they can share on their own municipal On-Street Routes to please contact her.

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:

Mr. Diipla reported that the November RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting falls on Veterans Day Holiday so RMAP will be rescheduling the meeting for another date/time.

6.05 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs):

Mr. Bona reported that they are working on the CEDs five (5) year update. They have received a federal planning grant through the EDA to help them through this process. The big change is McHenry County will be added to the CEDs. Mr. Bona stated that the CEDs update will be developed over the next year and RREDD staff members will be reaching out to various communities in Boone and Winnebago Counties to get their input on projects that need to remain/added/deleted in the CEDs document.

6.06 Regional School Planning:

No report.

6.07 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:

Mr. Diipla reported that RMAP staff recently attended a Performance Measures meeting on September 29, 2014. IDOT District #2 is on board with assisting RMAP in developing a local Safety Subcommittee. IDOT is also collecting the data that is available in addition to the crash data that is presented in the document as well as the road assessment program.

6.08 Boone & Winnebago Greenways Plan:

Covered in agenda item #4

7. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned was made by Mr. Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Department and second motion was made by Mr. Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.