



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 22, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works; Carrie Houston, Village of Machesney Park; David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Paula Hughes, RMTD; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development; Stacy Bernardi, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development Department; Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works; Emily Roen, Village of Roscoe; Ben Bushman, Village of Winnebago; Dana Carroll, RRWRD; Mick Johnston, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District; Diana Dykstra, Village of Poplar Grove.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Loves Park Public Works, Village of Cherry Valley, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Paul Diipla, Steve Ernst, Michael Hren, Colleen Hoesly, Colin Belle, Christina Washington, RMAP Staff; Thomas Bona, RAEDC; Mark Rice, McClure Engineering; Bill Hoyt, Chastain & Assoc.; Ralph Hoesktra, Blackhawk Bicycle Club.

With a quorum present Mr. Diipla called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2014 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the November 20, 2014 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve Mr. Dave Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport, 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 IL-2 Roscoe the trees have been removed and ready to seed when the weather breaks. North Main project is on track and the plans are at 98% and it is anticipated to be submitted to Springfield in about a month.

2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk reported that their Baxter improvement project design continues.

They anticipate on going out to bid on their second well project next month.

Design continues on DeGamo Trailhead project and it is anticipated to go out to bid this spring.

Cunningham Road Bridge project have encountered wetlands in their Phase I process so this will be questionable for this year.

Continue on the Phase I process for large Bell School Road project by State Street and has been pushed back to a June letting.

Design continues on Forest Hills/Pepper Lane HSIP project for next year.

Reapplied for funding for the Perryville Road Bridge over the UP Railroad but have decided that once they get the funding for that project they will wait for 2016 for a letting because of time constraints.

2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Carter reported that their CIP passed their City Council on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

They are gearing up for a lot of construction this summer.

2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Bruck reported that they are seeking bids for the Phase I of the Alpine project in mid-February.

2.05 Village of Machesney Park:

No report.

2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Mr. Lindberg reported that they have completed the last phase of Runway 119 rehabilitation project.

Rock Valley College is working through the winter on their facility. They are anticipating on holding winter classes for 2015 in the new facility.

The MRO will be going out to bid shortly for the two existing hangers that are on that site. If everything continues to go well, construction is anticipated to start in the spring.

The three (3) phase terminal expansion should also start sometime this year. They are still waiting for FAA funding.

Thanks to our partners the City of Rockford and Winnebago County, Falcon Road has been completed and opened in December. The 2nd Phase on Airport Drive will start sometime this year.

The Annual Airfest is scheduled to be held on June 6-7, 2015 and this year they are featuring the US Navy Blue Angels.

2.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Ms. Hughes reported that they have awarded the design build for the unfinished space at the RMTD Eastside Transfer Center. This spring they anticipate to go out to bid for the storage building and the path.

Ms. Hughes stated that they are receiving six (6) bus shelters for the West State Street project and two (2) shelters on South Main Street. RMTD is still looking for ideas where to place shelters so if members have any ideas or request, please contact Ms. Hughes at RMTD.

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:

No report.

2.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:

No report.

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:

No report.

2.15 Village of Roscoe:

No report.

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:

Mr. Anthony reported that their annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2015 at 10:00a and held at Klehm Arboretum.

They will be holding their Spring Soil Erosion Control Workshop on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at NIU. Mr. Anthony will provide more information as event date approaches.

2.22 Village of Poplar Grove:

No report.

Mr. Diipla welcomed and introduced Ms. Diana Dykstra who is the new Village Administrator for the Village of Poplar Grove.

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:

Not present.

2.31 Rockford Area Economic Development Council:

Mr. Bona reported that RREDD had their US Economic Development Administration Regional Representative in town the last of couple of days and he has been touring and meeting with people in the two counties about potential next EDA funding opportunities. They visited Falcon Road which they helped fund and were impressed with the project. RREDD is working with the two partners in the two counties to look for other infrastructure possibilities but also programming possibilities they can help us with.

2.32 Growth Dimensions:

No report.

2.33 Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not present.

2.34 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Diipla reported that Governor Rauner has appointed Mr. Randy Blankenhorn as the new Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary. RMAP is looking forward to working with the new Secretary. There has been a Notice of Proposed Rule Making for Air Quality Standard released and there is a ninety (90) day comment period. RMAP is preparing a response. Mr. Hren reported that at the Federal level they are looking to lower the ozone standard and there is a range that they are looking to reduce it to. The upper end of the range, RMAP would remain in-conformity with the current ozone levels we have. The lower end of the range, basically the entire state and any major urbanized areas would all be in non-conformity including the RMAP region. RMAP has written a letter stating that RMAP supports reduction in the change to promote overall health and healthy communities but that we would prefer to be on the other end of the spectrum as we think dropping the levels too radically will not be a supportive measure.

Mr. Hren reported that TIP project #1-15-1 which was an IDOT IL-76 resurfacing project is no longer in advance construction.

Mr. Hren stated that TIP project #1-15-3, IDOT I-39 resurfacing project is now in the advance construction state and RMAP has made an administrative modification to the TIP.

Mr. Diipla stated that the 2015 RMAP Technical Committee meeting schedule has been published and copies are available.

Mr. Diipla reported that RMAP's phone numbers will be changing and will be in effect starting January 29, 2015. RMAP has provided a memo listing RMAP's new office numbers as well as each individual staff member's direct telephone line.

3. TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2015-1:

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP Resolution 2015-1 is a TIP amendment at the request of Winnebago County Highway Department and asked Mr. Hren to provide details.

Mr. Hren stated that project 2-06-06 is the Perryville Road Bridge project over the UP Railroad for a bridge replacement. 2-14-1 is the Baxter Road Intersection Improvements project at Lindenwood Road for an intersection reconstruction. 2-14-3 is the Harrisville Road project at Baxter Road Intersection and South for a roadway reconstruction. 2-15-2 is the Baxter Road project at I-39 to Mulford Road for widening and resurfacing. 2-15-3 is the Forrest Hills Road project at Pepper Drive for an intersection improvement.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2015-1. The first motion was made by Mr. Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; second motion was made by Mr. Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport. Motion carries.

4. FY2016 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):

Mr. Diipla stated that it is that time of year again where RMAP is developing their annual Unified Work Program (UWP) for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16). Mr. Diipla provided a list of planning areas/issues that is involved in our daily and yearly planning activities. Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary on the thirty one (31) transportation planning related topics. During this development process if there are any upcoming projects that a member of the organization feels that it would be important to add in the work program, please contact RMAP to discuss further and potentially incorporate those projects included within the document.

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP is looking to have a draft of the UWP in March-2015 for the Technical Committee to review and the final document itself will be available in May-2015 and will be tentatively adopted by the RMAP Policy Committee at that time.

We have not received our planning marks for this year. RMAP has spoken to IDOT central office and we should be hearing something in the next couple of weeks and we will then have a better idea of where our budget stands for FY2016. Mr. Diipla stated he will keep members posted as more information becomes available.

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

Mr. Diipla stated that the RMAP staff is currently working on completing the draft document of the 2040 LRTP update. Mr. Diipla stated that the original scheduled date was a January-2015 release date but it has taken a little more time to make sure we have perfected some of the chapter information. Mr. Diipla anticipates on having a first draft available prior to the next RMAP Technical Committee meeting in February which will be made available on RMAP's website. There will be a round of LRTP Open Houses scheduled and the details are still being worked out. Mr. Diipla thanked members for the feedback RMAP has received.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

6.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis:

Mr. Ernst stated that with the new appointment of Mr. Randy Blankenhorn as the new Illinois IDOT Secretary is good news. Mr. Ernst feels that this recent appointment will bode well for projects like the Amtrak implementation who understands the needs of transit. A brief discussion took place among members regarding the future of rail for the region.

6.02 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area:

See agenda item 6.01.

6.03 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:

No report.

6.04 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:

Mr. Diipla reported that the next RMAP Mobility meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 10:00a and held at the RMTD Eastside Transfer Center.

6.05 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs):

Mr. Bona reported that they will be scheduling their first meeting with their Strategy Committee which consists of a three (3) county area.

6.06 Regional School Planning:

No report.

6.07 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:

No report.

6.08 Boone & Winnebago Greenways Plan:

Mr. Belle stated that he and Ms. Hoesly will be meeting with the planning committee in the next couple of weeks and they will provide a report next month. Mr. Belle stated that this is the fourth edition and there will be a different look and feel to the map.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipala entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Lundin, Chicago/Rockford International Airport and seconded by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.