

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, March 19, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Tim Hinken, City of Rockford Public Works; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Carrie Houston, Village of Machesney Park; David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development; Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Emily Roen, Village of Roscoe; Dana Carroll, RRWRD; Tom Hartley, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Village of Cherry Valley, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development Department, City of Belvidere Public Works, Village of Winnebago, Boone County Conservation District, Poplar Grove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colin Belle, Christina Washington, RMAP Staff; T.J. Nee, SLATS; John Donovan, FHWA; Mark Rice, McClure Engineering.

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

Mr. Diipla introduced Mr. Michael P. Dunn, Jr., who is the new Executive Director of RMAP.

Mr. Dunn stated that he is excited in his new role as Executive Director of RMAP and looks forward to working with all of the RMAP members.

1. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2015 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the February 19, 2015 Technical Committee minutes.

First motion made to approve Mr. Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works, second motion made by Mr. David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that US-20 Bridge project has started up. The eastbound bridge will be used this summer. Try to avoid as much as possible.

The interchange at IL-2 and US-20 has half of it closed down.

North Main project has been submitted to Springfield and is on target for the June letting.

South Main start up is April 1st.

IL-2 to Roscoe Road is a safety project and is scheduled to start April 1st.

IL-173 Mitchell Road is closed and the main line work will start April 1st or 2nd.

2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk reported that they have sent down the 4th rendition of the Phase I report for Bell School/State Street intersection project. They are anticipating a June letting.

The four (4) projects on Baxter Road from Lindenwood east to Mulford are somewhat up in the air but they are ready to go with three (3) of the four (4) projects.

Later this summer after the school year session has ended; they are planning a small improvement at the intersection of Bell School and Guilford Road in hopes to alleviate some of the traffic issues around Rockford Christian School.

2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Hinken reported that they just opened bids on arterial and collector resurfacing and commercial, industrial and neighborhood resurfacing. They have gone out to bid for Springbrook Road from Mulford to Perryville.

They have three (3) packages for the neighborhood streets. They anticipate work to start in April.

Harrison Avenue Corridor reconstruction is still targeted for a June letting. They are currently finishing up some land acquisition.

The contractor Stenstrom continues the work on the Downtown Sports Complex. The completion date of May-2016 is still on schedule.

Falcon Road and Airport Drive construction should start up again in the next couple of weeks. Anticipating a November-2015 completion date.

The 3rd Street Bridge over 6th Street will be closed indefinitely due to deterioration and unsafe conditions of the bridge.

This summer they anticipate on closing down the Jefferson Street Bridge for a couple of months for repairs.

2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Jacobson reported that Alpine Road on April 6th from Riverside Blvd. to Revington Road will be closed for a resurfacing project. This also includes some work on the bridge that Winnebago County owns on Alpine Road. The project is anticipated to last until August-2015. There will be access provided to local businesses during the project.

Mr. Jacobson stated that they are completing engineering on their local resurfacing projects for this year.

2.05 Village of Machesney Park:

No report.

2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Mr. Lindberg reported that ComEd has been out re-locating utilities for the Airport Drive project.

Now that all of the remaining funding for the MRO has been completed they will be going out to bid for the demolition of two existing building and construction is anticipated to begin in May.

RVC's new facility is almost enclosed and they are a couple months behind schedule but they are still close to their timeframe for opening their facility next to it.

The Chicago/Rockford Air Show is scheduled for June 6-7, 2015 and the Blue Angels and F22 Raptor Demo Team are some of the featured acts. All of the sponsorships and chalets for this year's Air Show have been sold out since March-2015.

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:

Not present.

2.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:

Mr. Capovilla reported that last week they went to their 30 day comment period for the City of Rockford's update to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. David Sidney is the lead on the update for the Comprehensive Plan.

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 they are closing Garden Prairie Bridge at Kishwaukee River the first part of May and is anticipated to re-open by September-2015.

Mr. Lundin their projects are scheduled to be let the first part of April.

2.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

Not present.

2.15 Village of Roscoe:

No report.

2.16 Village of Winnebago:

Not present.

2.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

Mr. Carroll reported that their 11th Street/Harrison project has been awarded to Stenstrom and notice to proceed and pre-con meeting notices will probably go out this week. The intersection will be closed for a week.

2.18 Forest Preserves of Winnebago County:

No report.

2.19 Boone County Conservation District:

Not present.

2.20 Rockford Park District:

Mr. Bragg reported that they have reconvened the discussions with the City of Rockford for the Harmon Park storm-water retention project. They anticipate in finalizing the intergovernmental agreement but their understanding is that it will probably be a 2016 project. Park District public meetings will be held this fall for neighborhood input. They have seven different projects that are partially funded by DNR funds so they are waiting to hear from Springfield about funding for those projects.

2.21 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:

No report.

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:

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:

No report.

2.30 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:

Mr. Donovan reported that MAP-21 expires the end of May-2015 and they will probably be looking at more continuing resolutions.

Mr. Donovan stated that there has been a lot of questions about Governor Rauner's Executive Order which ended up freezing many of the state contracts. FHWA understanding is that the additional review is limited to seven (7) large projects. The seven projects are; three high speed rail projects, the Illiana expressway, South suburban airport, I-74 Bridge in the Quad Cities and the CREP program. Governor Rauner feels those projects need additional review due to the large investment by the state.

Mr. Donovan stated that FHWA/FTA released planning emphasis areas for FY2016. The three items that identify this transition to performance based planning and programming which is the hallmark of MAP-21. The other two ensure regional approach to planning and programming by promoting cooperation and coordination across transit agencies, MPO's and state lines. And lastly is Secretary Fox's initiative of Ladders of Opportunity.

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 Boone/Winnebago County Regional Transportation Maps are now available. Members were provided the maps. Mr. Colin Belle asked members to let him know who would like maps and he would be able to assist in their request.

Mr. Belle stated that the Greenways Committee will be reconvening in the next couple of weeks to discuss a time line of events that will be discussed at that time.

Mr. Hren reported that there are a few administrative modifications he wanted to notify members of; Project 3-15-43, Rails to Trails Bridge Conversion over the Rock River. It is the City of Rockford's project using ITEP funds, that project is now in advance construction status. Mr. Hren stated there is a second administrative modification; Project 5-15-21, Alpine Road Path, has a change in total funding from \$840,000 to \$844,948. This funding change is reflected in the Federal Revenue Source, TAP monies, having increased to \$624,948 from the previously listed \$620,000. The local allocation of \$220,000 has not changed.

3. RMAP FY2015-2018 TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2015-3:

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP Resolution 2015-3 is a request from the Ogle County Highway Department for the Mulford Road resurfacing project from the Ogle/Winnebago County line to Lindenwood Road. Mr. Hren provided funding amounts regarding the project; 2.3 million dollar project using 1.84 million STP-Rural funds which is the part that needs to be included in the TIP.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2015-3. The first motion was made by Mr. Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works Department; second motion was made by Mr. Scot Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department. Motion carries.

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

Mr. Diipla reported that the RMAP staff is currently reviewing the document and he thanked members for participating in the LRTP open houses and the comments that were received. The formal comment period for the first draft of the plan started on February 24, 2015 and will end April 3, 2015. Mr. Diipla stated that after the comment period has ended modifications will be made to the plan and another set of open houses will be scheduled for the final review of the document. Mr. Diipla stated that the LRTP document is federally required to be updated every five (5) years.

5. RMAP FY-2016 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):

Mr. Diipla stated that the FY2016 UWP document is available for review on RMAP's website. The final FY2016 UWP document is anticipated to be brought forward to the RMAP committees in May. Any comments or concerns regarding the FY2016 UWP can be forwarded to Mr. Gary McIntyre at RMAP.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

6.01 Amtrak and Passenger Rail Service:

No report.

6.02 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:

No report.

6.03 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:

Mr. Diipla reported that the next scheduled RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 10:00a and held at the RMTD Eastside Transfer Center. Mr. Diipla stated that the Mobility Subcommittee will be discussing FTA 5310 monies that have been designated for the RMAP region.

6.04 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):

Mr. Diipla reported that RREDD has contacted numerous agencies to participate in the Strategy Committee regarding the update of the CEDS document which is required to be updated every five (5) years.

6.05 Regional School Planning:

No report.

6.06 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:

No report.

6.07 Boone & Winnebago Greenways Plan:

Covered under agenda item 2.34.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Vlk asked about RMAP's new office phone numbers. Mrs. Washington stated she would resend out the list of RMAP's office and staff new phone numbers which changed in February-2015.

Mr. Hren stated that he will be contacting agencies in the next couple of months to start the TIP process.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport and seconded by Mr. Lundin, Boone County Highway Department. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.