

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, April 23, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Tyler Nelson, City of Rockford Public Works; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Lucia Matlock, Village of Machesney Park; Jim Johnson, RMTD; Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Community Development; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development; Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department; Emily Roen, Village of Roscoe; Dana Carroll, RRWRD; Tom Hartley, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Dan Kane, Mick Johnston, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chicago/Rockford International Airport, Village of Cherry Valley, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development Department, Boone County Highway Department, City of Belvidere Public Works, Village of Winnebago, Winnebago County Soil & Conservation District, Poplar Grove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colin Belle, Christina Washington, RMAP Staff; Doug DeLille, Bruce Carmitchell, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning, T.J. Nee, SLATS; John Donovan, FHWA; Mark Rice, McClure Engineering.

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

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

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

First motion made to approve Ms. Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department, second motion made by Mr. Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that US-20 over the Rock River bridge project has traffic on the new eastbound structures as work continues on the westbound lanes. Anticipated to be completed in the fall.

IL-173 from Alpine to Rock Cut still has Mitchell Road closed and there are still lane closures to get median work done.

IL-2 Auburn to Riverside plans have been submitted to Springfield and is scheduled for a June letting.

IL-2 (South) South Main Beltline to Harrison is underway and anticipates a November-2015 completion date.

IL-2 (North) South Main Pond to Cedar will be closed for 4-6 weeks starting on May 4th as work gets underway.

IL-251 Kishwaukee to 9th Street and Alton to Sandy Hallow is anticipating a mid-May start due to the use of polymer and the weather not cooperating.

IL-76 Wisconsin to Belvidere is anticipated to start May 4th.

2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk reported that they have received a notice from IDOT that they are programming federal bridge funds for the Cunningham Road Bridge and should be under construction sometime next year.

Bell School Road project Phase I has been approved and they are aggressively pursuing ROW. WCHD anticipates they will meet the July letting for this project.

Baxter Road project is progressing with design and should be ready to go on a design stand point at any time. They are currently waiting on the funding package to be put together.

Bell School and Guilford intersection improvement is scheduled this summer after school is out.

Continued work on the design for their HSIP project Forrest Hills Road and Pepper Drive.

2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Nelson reported that they have two (2) projects on IDOT's letting; Rails to Trails and an HSIP project at Rockton and Custer.

For IDOT's June letting the City has the South Alpine box culvert reconstruction at the entrance of Alpine Park and another HSIP project at Rockton and Halsted.

Mr. Nelson stated for Harrison Avenue they are looking at a July letting; they are finishing up their land acquisition.

Local let projects has a large arterial resurfacing project of thirteen (13) streets throughout the City starts next Wednesday. They also have multiple neighborhood contracts that have already been bid out and will be starting up within the next couple of weeks.

Work at Airport Drive started back up four (4) weeks ago and Airport Drive is currently closed between Falcon Road and Kishwaukee Street until about mid-June when they will switch over to the eastside of the railroad tracks and reconstruct to 11th Street.

They are continuing design on some repairs to the Jefferson Street Bridge over the Rock River.

The Downtown Sports Complex continues and recently advertised the parking lot facility this week. On Friday, April 24th at 3:00p there is a tip off scheduled with the City of Rockford and the Rockford Park District and will be held on site.

2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Long reported that Alpine Road is continuing along. All of the underground work is almost done is looking to start paving shortly, they are very pleased with the progress.

2.05 Village of Machesney Park:

Mr. Diipla introduced Ms. Lucia Matlock, Community Development Coordinator for the Village of Machesney Park.

Ms. Matlock reported that work is still being done on IL-173.

2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Not present.

2.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Mr. Johnson reported that this summer they plan on completing the pedestrian/bike path extension from the RMTD Eastside Transfer Center to North Show Place Drive.

They are in the early stages for request of architectural services for an update on their downtown center.

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:

Not present.

2.12 Belvidere/Boone County Planning and Economic Development Department:

No report.

2.13 Boone County Highway Department:

Not present.

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 wanted to remind members of the work coming up in May at 11th Street at Harrison Avenue intersection. Work will have the twenty one (21) day notice going out in the next couple of days.

2.18 Forest Preserves of Winnebago County:

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:

Not present.

2.22 Village of Poplar Grove:

Not present.

2.23 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:

Not present.

2.24 Illinois Tollway:

Ms. Anderson reported that this is a major construction year for the Illinois Tollway. It will be 1.6 billion dollars of construction in one year for the Tollway. The majority work will be going into the I-90 corridors specifically the eastern segment from the Elgin Toll Plaza to I-294.

For the Boone/Winnebago County area they will be completing the two new interchanges. Irene Road Interchange will be completed by the end of this year. This year they will be finishing up the eastbound exit and the westbound entrance.

Genoa Road Interchange has the bridge over I-90 being reconstructed. This project will also be completed by the end of the year. This interchange will also have tolling and they will share more information as final details are known. Public meeting will be held and the Tollway will notify RMAP of those upcoming public meetings.

The majority of the work this year will be the eastern section of I-90 and Ms. Anderson provided a brief summary of what that work will consist of.

Ms. Anderson reported that the Illinois Tollway Board approved the first step to increase the speed limits and there is a process:

1. Engineering and traffic study needs to be completed on the segment of roadway that is being looked at for speed limit increase. The traffic study was approved by the Illinois Tollway Board in late March-2015.
2. Meet with IDOT for their review and approval of speed limit increase.
3. Meet with JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rule) in Springfield because there will have to be an administrative change to the Illinois Vehicle Code. With that approval then they go to the Secretary of State to change the rule and then they can post the signs.

The segment being looked at for speed limit increase I-355, I-88 and I-294.

With regard to the I-90 Corridor western segment the speed limit has already been increased in Winnebago County to 70MPH.

2.25 IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:

Not present.

2.26 IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:

Mr. Bruce Carmitchell reported that IDOT is launching a Statewide Listening Tour to discuss Illinois Infrastructure Needs, Priorities. The Rockford region is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 3:00p and held at the Regional Design Center, Rockford. The Acting Secretary through the order of the Governor along with the Capitol Development Board are holding a listening tour will they will a 2-3 hour session to discuss the infrastructure and strategy of doing that with the end game of having a Capital Plan.

Mr. DeLille stated that the IDOT Fall Planning Conference is scheduled for October 15-16, 2015 and will be held in St. Charles, Illinois.

2.27 Ogle County Highway Department:

Not present.

2.28 Boone County Council of Aging:

Not present.

2.29 State Line Area Transportation Study:

Mr. Nee reported that Wisconsin State DOT is working on some of the interchanges through Rock County between Beloit and Madison.

Expansion project is still unscheduled and anticipates it to be at least two years out.

2.30 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:

Mr. Donovan reported that Transportation Secretary Fox announced another round TIGER funding for 2015 for 500 million.

Within the next thirty (30) days there are a couple of notices of proposed rule makings where public comment expires in May-2015 for Pavement and Bridge Performance Measures and Highway Asset Management Plan.

Mr. Donovan also noted that MAP-21 expires the end of May-2015.

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. Hren reported that there are three administrative modifications

1. Project 3-12-90 City of Rockford city wide Local Bridge Program which has been brought into advanced construction status.
2. Project 27-15-1 Ogle County Mulford Road from Lindenwood Road to Ogle/Winnebago County Line has entered and left advanced construction status.

3. TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2015-4:

Mr. Diipla asked Mr. Hren to provided details on the RMAP Resolution 2015-4.

Mr. Hren stated that RMAP received a request from the City of Rockford, IDOT, the Winnebago County Highway Department, and the Boone County Highway Department for the amendment of existing projects as well as the addition of new projects.

1. IDOT Project #1-15-2 US 20 Business for a reconstruction project 0.3 & 0.4 miles of E. Meridian Road.
2. IDOT Project #1-15-6 Trail Groomer for an enhancement project for Tri-County Snowmobile Trails. This project is sponsored by IDOT on behalf of the Tri-County Snowmobile Alliance. This groomer's intended for use on Winnebago County, Lee County, and Ogle County Trails. The entirety of this project does not fall within RMAP's borders. It is noted here in full, rather than prorated.
3. WCHD Project #2-15-4 Trail Groomer for enhancement project for Roscoe Township Snowmobile Trails. This groomer's use is intended for Roscoe Township, which is served in part by both RMAP and SLATS. The entirety of this project does not fall within RMAP's border. It is noted here in full, rather than prorated.
4. Rockford Project #3-12-90 Local Bridge Program for a bridge project over the south branch of Keith Creek and Alpine Road Box Culvert.
5. BCHD Project #13-15-2 Traffic Sign Upgrade Program for a safety County-Wide project.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2015-4. The first motion was made by Mr. Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works Department; second motion was made by Mr. Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department. Motion carries.

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

Mr. Diipla stated that in the review and update of RMAP's 2040 LRTP; staff is in the process of placing several technical corrections to the document as well as formatting. RMAP will be holding several LRTP open house meeting in the month of May. RMAP will tag on to other events that are taking place in the area in hopes of getting more eyes on the LRTP document.

Staff will be working on the draft LRTP through June and will bring the document to the Technical Committee in July for a recommendation of adoption at the July Policy Committee meeting, at which time the LRTP document will then be transmitted to IDOT and FHWA for their review and approval.

Ms. Miller requested that RMAP provide an LRTP presentation at the Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6:00p and held at City of Belvidere City Hall.

Mr. Diippla stated that RMAP would be happy to provide a LRTP presentation and will get it on RMAP's calendar.

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

Mr. Diippla stated that the FY-2016 UWP Draft document was made available for review on RMAP's website several months ago. The FY-2016 UWP list the planning projects RMAP will be undertaking for FY-2016. RMAP will be requesting adoption of FY-2016 UWP in May-2015.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

6.01 Amtrak and Passenger Rail Service:

No report.

6.02 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:

Mr. Dunn reported that if any members are interested in attending that Mr. Glenn Trommels and Mr. John Lewis will be providing an I-Fiber update at the Thursday, April 30, 2015 RMAP Policy Committee meeting.

6.03 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:

Mr. Diippla reported that the next RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 10:00a and held at the RMTD Eastside Transfer Center. The Mobility Subcommittee will be discussing FTA 5310 funds as well as the CY 2015 IDOT CVP applications.

6.04 Boone & Winnebago Greenways Plan:

No report..

6.06 Regional School Planning:

No report.

6.07 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:

No report.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Jacobson wished Mr. Capovilla a 51st Happy Birthday. Also, the Technical Committee wished Mr. Donovan a Happy Birthday as well.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diippla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works Department and seconded by Mr. Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.