



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 23, 2015

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; David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Paula Hughes, Ron Priddy, RMTD; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development; Troy Krup, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development; Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department; Ben Bushman, Village of Winnebago; Dana Carroll, RRWRD; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Jessica Cocroft, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Loves Park Community Development, Village of Cherry Valley, Boone County, City of Belvidere, Village of Roscoe, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County, 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; Doug Delille, IDOT Urban Planning Programming.

With a quorum present Mr. Diipla called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23 AND MAY 21, 2015 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the April 23 and May 21, 2015 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve Mr. Dave Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport, second motion made by Mr. Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works. Motion carried.

2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

None.

3. AGENCY REPORTS:

3.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that US-20 over the Rock River is a little behind but on schedule to finish this year. IL-173 from Alpine to Rock Cut; Mitchell Road is still closed and slated for August 10th opening. A temporary connection is being evaluated.

IL-2 at Roscoe Road east of IL-2 is still closed to traffic and is expected to re-open in mid-August. The culverts and dirt work is pretty much done and they should be putting stone down this week.

IL-2 (South) South Main Beltline to Harrison; all lanes are open but utility relocation needs to happen before the retaining wall and bike path can be finished.

IL-2 (North) South Main; Route 2 will be closed until November.

IL-251 Kishwaukee to 9th & Alton to Sandy Hallow; the binder course is down and they should be laying surface course this week.

I-39 Baxter Road to I-88; construction is underway. All lanes are open on the weekends.

IL-72 west of Davis Junction over DME Railroad is underway and started July 6th.

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IL-76 Wisconsin to Belvidere is about half done with three (3) days of binder course left before they start on the surface course. They plan to be off the road for the County Fair.

3.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk reported that Bell School was on the July letting and received a fast track award and could start in late August. Design continues on the Baxter Road group of projects.

Bell School Road/Guilford is under construction.

Funding is in place for Cunningham Road and Perryville Road bridge replacement projects for next year.

The joint transfer agreement for the Prairie Hill Road Bridge will go before the County Board in August.

3.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Carter reported that the City of Rockford's construction season is in full swing.

Cedar/S. Main Phase I to downtown is scheduled to start in late August.

Jefferson Street Bridge will be shut down for repairs.

Streetscape project for 7th Street will be finished in a couple of weeks.

West State Street lighting project will be finished in late September.

3.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Jacobson reported that they opened the south bound lanes at Alpine south of Windsor.

The north bound lanes will be closed until the project is completed which is anticipated for mid-August.

Interstate Boulevard project has been awarded.

City wide resurfacing project has been awarded.

3.05 Village of Machesney Park:

Ms. Houston reported they are currently working on the reconstruction of Gilbert/Wilshire where new curbs and sidewalks are being put in.

They anticipate on having Pershing and Marquette completed before school opens.

There is a ribbon cutting scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 3:00p for Stone's Landing new boat ramp, parking and access facilities, park facilities and a canoe launch has.

3.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Mr. Lindberg reported that the MRO project demolition was completed in June and they are now prepping the site and are anticipating construction in early September.

RVC new facility at the airport is three (3) weeks away from opening for fall semester.

The punch list for runway 119 has been completed.

Airport Drive Phase I is a couple of weeks behind.

3.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Ms. Hughes reported that RMTD received six (6) new bus shelters; four (4) will be placed on West State Street and two (2) on South Main Street. They are looking to get more shelters to put on N. Main and E. State Street.

3.08 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:

Not present.

3.09 Village of Cherry Valley:

Not present.

3.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:

Mr. Capovilla reported that the City of Rockford City Council has adopted their Comprehensive Plan and acknowledged Mr. David Sidney on the great work he put into the plan.

3.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:

Mr. Krup reported that Winnebago County has recently adopted a new ordinance

Recently adopted new ordinance.

3.12 Belvidere/Boone County Planning and Economic Development Department:

No report.

3.13 Boone County Highway Department:

Not present.

3.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

Not present.

3.15 Village of Roscoe:

Not present.

3.16 Village of Winnebago:

Mr. Bushman reported that the Village of Winnebago is wrapping up their MFT project.

3.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

No report.

3.18 Forest Preserves of Winnebago County:

Not present.

3.19 Boone County Conservation District:

Not present.

3.20 Rockford Park District:

Mr. Bragg reported that the Rockford Park District is working in conjunction with the City of Rockford, Loves Park and Winnebago County to review the inventory of existing tourism/wayfinding signs and make recommendations for sign revisions/additional wayfinding signage where appropriate.

3.21 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:

No report.

3.22 Village of Poplar Grove:

Not present.

3.23 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:

Not present.

3.24 Illinois Tollway:

Not present.

3.25 IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:

Not present.

3.26 IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:

No report.

3.27 Ogle County Highway Department:

Not present.

3.28 Boone County Council of Aging:

Not present.

3.29 State Line Area Transportation Study:

No report.

3.30 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:

Mr. Donovan reported that the federal authorization expires this month.

3.31 Economic Development District of Northern Illinois (EDDNI):

Mr. Bona reported that EDDNI held the following CEDS Open House:

- McHenry County / Thursday, July 16, 2015
- Boone County / Wednesday, July 22, 2015
- Winnebago County / July 23, 2015

3.32 Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not present.

3.33 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Diipla reported that RMAP is currently working on updating Title VI and Environmental Justice documents and anticipate on updating the LEP document in August-2015.

Mr. Hren reported the following Administrative Modifications:

- IDOT Project #1-15-5; IL-72 Resurfacing/ADA Ramps from 0.4 miles west of I-39 to DeKalb County line.
- IDOT Project #1-12-3; N. Main Street/IL-2 Reconstruction from Riverside Blvd. to Auburn Street.
- WCHD Project #2-13-4; Bell School Road Reconstruction from Lucky Lane to Argus Drive.

Mr. Hren will be reaching out to members regarding any federal projects that need to be included/deleted in this years' TIP, which the draft is anticipated to be available August-2015.

4. TRANSPORTATION FOR TOMORROW (2040): A LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE ROCKFORD REGION – RESOLUTION 2015-8:

Mr. Diipla stated that the final draft is before the committee for their recommendation which is a culmination of a years' work on the updating the document.

Some of the main changes are to the public comment section; May-June there were sixteen (16) different open houses held, 180 signatures have been collected and technical corrections provided by the members have been corrected in the document.

The final draft is going before the Policy Committee next week. Once approved the document will then be transmitted to FHWA/FTA and IDOT for their review.

Mr. Diipla opened the floor for comments; none given.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2015-8. The first motion was made by Ms. Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning; second motion was made by Ms. Houston, Village of Machesney Park. Motion carries.

5. RMAP FY2015-FY2018 TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2015-9:

Mr. Diipla stated RMAP Resolution 2015-9 is for the programming of FY-2014 5310 funds that are allocated to the region. The RMAP Mobility Subcommittee unanimously endorsed the application for RMTD to receive two (2) vehicles and Boone County receive two (2) vehicles.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2015-9. The first motion was made by Mr. Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; second motion was made by Mr. Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport. Motion carries.

**6. PROGRESS REPORTS:
GREENWAYS MAP**

Mr. Belle stated that he will be sending out to the Greenways Committee to review the design of the back of the greenways map otherwise the Greenways map is 99% done.

IDOT SECRETARY. BLANKENHORN VISIT TO REGION

Mr. Dunn stated Representative John Cabello hosted a reception for Secretary Blankenhorn visit to the region a couple of weeks ago. Secretary Blankenhorn indicated that he viewed the Rockford economy as an important part of future investments.

LEFT TURN LANE SIGNAL

Mr. Carter brought for discussion a local elected officials' concerns regarding idling at red arrows in the left turn lane when there is no oncoming traffic. A brief discussion took place among members regarding the pros and cons on the left turn lane flashing yellow-arrow signal issue. Mr. Carter asked what RMAP's position on the matter. Mr. Dunn stated that he would bring the matter up to the RMAP Policy Committee to see if they would like to weigh in on the matter.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Works and seconded by Mr. Vlk, Winnebago County Highway. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.