



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 22, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT District 2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Dept.; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Dept.; Jim Johnson, Rockford Mass Transit District; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Dept.; Kevin Huetson, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development Dept.; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Dept.; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works Dept.; Tom Hartley, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District;

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Loves Park, Public Works Dept.; Village of Machesney Park; Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Village of Cherry Valley; Village of Roscoe; Village of Winnebago; Rock River Water Reclamation District; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District; Village of Poplar Grove

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug DeLille, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; John Donovan, Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division; Gina DelRose, City of Belvidere, Community Development; Jon Paul Diipla, Colin Belle, Sydney Turner, Anna Ma, Ivy Hood, RMAP Staff; David Almy, Hanson Professional Services

With a quorum present Mr. Diipla called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 18, 2016 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:
Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the August 18, 2016 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve by Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Dept. and seconded by Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Dept. The Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:
No communications, petitions, or public comments presented.

3. AGENCY REPORTS:
3.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:
Mr. Long reported that the S. Main St. pavement and sidewalks should be finished this year and the landscape and punch list will be completed spring 2017. The road will be fully opened by this winter. N. Main St. utilities are being relocated and continued through next spring. A short section will have pavement laid this fall. The ramp work on I-39 has been completed.

3.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:
Mr. Vik reported that Forest Hills project is essentially done with some punch list work. The Bell School Rd projects is also essentially completed with some work still happening in the southwest quadrant. The Perryville Rd project over UP Railroad is anticipated to be opened by mid-October.

3.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Carter reported that Harrison Ave. project is continuing to move forward. The Sandy Hollow HSIP project, which is a road diet project between Alpine Rd. and 20th and expected to complete by late October. Three HSIP projects in Rockford have been completed this year. The parking deck rehabilitation project across from the BMO Harris Bank Center will be finished by late October to early November. Final residential package is being awarded this week and will be wrapping up projects.

3.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Bruck, on behalf of the Public Works Department, reported that Alpine Road is completely opened and phase two is complete. The Willow Creek Extension project's pavement work will be started this week or next week. The entire Willow Creek project is approximately 70% complete. City-wide resurfacing is underway.

3.05 Village of Machesney Park:

Not Present

3.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Not Present

3.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

No Report

3.08 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:

No Report

3.09 Village of Cherry Valley:

Not Present

3.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:

No Report.

3.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:

No Report.

3.13 Boone County Highway Department:

No report on construction projects at this time. At this week's County Board meeting, the board approval Justin Crown as the new county engineer.

3.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

No report.

3.15 Village of Roscoe:

Not present.

3.16 Village of Winnebago:

Not Present.

3.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

Mr. Diipla, on behalf of the Rock River Water Reclamation District, reported that the trunk on Spring Creek Rd is underway.

3.18 Forest Preserves of Winnebago County:

No report.

3.19 Boone County Conservation District:

No report.

3.20 Rockford Park District:

No report.

3.21 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:

Not Present.

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:

Mr. DeLille reported that on October 6th-7th IDOT will be hosting the IDOT Fall Planning Conference in Moline, IL. The agenda for the event is available. The evaluation of the 2016 cycle of the ITEP have been completed. The announcement date has not yet been released on the award. With the new Accountability and Transparency Acts, IDOT is setting up an electronic database portal. MPOs and local governments will need to register if they receive any state and federal funding. It will be an ongoing process.

3.27 Ogle County Highway Department:

Not Present.

3.28 Boone County Council of Aging:

Not Present.

3.29 State Line Area Transportation Study:

Not Present.

3.30 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:

The Proposed Rulemaking System Performance Measures dealing with freight and congestion management has been closed. The final rule will most likely be released in a few months. The comment period for the Proposed Rulemaking for MPO Coordination has been closed with over 500 comments were submitted. The Council of Environmental Quality has released a final guidance on the incorporation of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change consideration in the NEPA process, the effective date is rather quickly. Projects that are advancing now with have to consider those element, there is a grandfathered in.

3.31 Economic Development District of Northern Illinois (EDDNI):

Not Present.

3.32 Growth Dimensions:

Not Present.

3.33 Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not Present.

3.34 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Diipla reported that work on the update to RMAP Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) has begun. Based on recommendations by FHWA and FTA in the certification review, RMAP will update the HSTP by July 1st, 2017. The plan will be looking at current public transportation gaps, workforce development, etc. A survey will be posted in next few weeks, posted on website and sent to the RMAP email list.

Mr. Belle reported that the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met for the initial kick-off meeting. The future meetings of the BPAC will focus on visioning setting, goal setting, and strategies.

Ms. Ma reported that the Annual List of Obligated Projects, formerly titled the Federal List of Obligated Projects, will be submitted to IDOT by the end of the month. Ms. Ma also reported on the three administrative modification to the FY2016 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Project in the last month. The three projects moved out of Advanced Construction status, the projects include Cunningham Rd Bridge, Latham Rd, and reconstruction on N Main St/IL-2.

Mr. Diipla reported that RMAP staff members, Colin Belle and Sydney Turner will be presenting on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan and the Greenways Plan at the IDOT Fall Planning Conference. RMAP will also be attending the RHA Celebration Event tonight.

Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District, arrived at 10:16 A.M.

4. FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM UPDATE – RESOLUTION 2016-9:

Mr. Diipla stated that a meeting on September 15, 2016 was held with representatives from IDOT and local partner agencies to discuss the most recent changes to the Function Classification system. There was a general agreement, with only minor technical changes, for the proposed revisions IDOT has made through the five-year review process. It should be noted that minor collectors in urbanized areas are eligible for federal funding, but minor collectors outside the adjusted urbanized areas would not be eligible for federal funding. When a link is added or reclassified as an “Other Principle Arterial”, the link is automatically added to the National Highway

System, and vice versa. The update process will be on a five-year rolling basis in the future with the next anticipated update in 2020.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2016-9. The first motion was made by Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works Dept.; second motion was made by Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Dept. The motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

5. PROGRESS REPORTS:

No reports presented.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Carter proposed that the RMAP Technical Committee prepare a letter to the Illinois Secretary of State to add flashing yellow lights and roundabouts to the DMV Driver's License Exam, due to the lack of education on these traffic control devices. Mr. DeLille added that there has been discussion at the state level of how to update education programs. Mr. Diipla stated that he would relay this information to Mr. Dunn about potentially presenting the idea of the letter to the RMAP Policy Committee. RMAP will report back to the Technical Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Dept., and seconded by Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Dept. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.