



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 17, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Long, IDOT District #2; Wayne Vik, Winnebago County Highway Department; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Chris Dopkins, Village of Machesney Park; David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Rockford Mass Transit District; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Greg Tilly, Winn. Co. Planning and Economic Development Department; Zachary Gill, Village of Roscoe; Tom Hartley, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Village of Cherry Valley; City of Rockford Community Development; Belvidere/Boone Co. Regional Planning Department; Boone County; City of Belvidere; Village of Winnebago; Rock River Water Reclamation District; Village of Poplar Grove.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Doug DeLille, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; Bill Hoyt, Chastain & Assoc.; Thomas Bona, EDDNI; Michael Dunn, Jr., Jon Paul Diipla, Colin Belle, Terrance Hall, and Sydney Turner, RMAP Staff.

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

**1. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 21, 2016 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the January 21, 2016 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve Mr. David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport and seconded by Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development. 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 US-20 over the Rock River Bridge is under reconstruction and will result in some lane closures in April to finish up work. Work should be completed in approximately 15 days. IL-173 from Alpine to Rock Cut and IL-2 at Roscoe Rd will be undergoing landscape work starting when the ground is dry enough. IL-2 S. Main reconstruction is still on going and is scheduled to start up the first week of April. Culvert replacements on Bus-20 near Meridian Road is scheduled to begin the first week of April with lane closures. North Main project from Auburn to Riverside utilities are on-site and utility work will continue for a while.

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**3.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:**

Mr. Vik reported that the county is currently trying to schedule pre-construction meetings for most of their projects. Start dates for those projects are yet to be determined. The Bell School Road project should be restarting soon.

**3.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:**

Mr. Carter reported that the second phase of the Jefferson Bridge was started on March 17, 2016. Work is expected to be over before graduation events at BMO Harris Center but there is not an exact date. Several construction packets are out and are waiting for bids to come back. Rehabilitation project for the parking deck across from the BMO Harris Building that is as of right now ahead of schedule. The parking deck will most likely be opened in October.

**3.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:**

Mr. Jacobson reported that the Alpine Road phase two has been awarded. Construction for this project is scheduled to begin on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Project completion, according to the contract is August 12<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, the goal is to have the project completed prior to school beginning. The project cost came back under the budget estimate. The Willow Creek ITEP project will be on the IDOT April letting. The Riverside Bridge at Wantz Park project will be on the IDOT June letting. They are currently wrapping up the design on their resurfacing program and will have it out in April for bidding. Discussion on the new regulations of signage on roads recently listed on the National Highway System.

**3.05 Village of Machesney Park:**

Mr. Dopkins reported that the Prairie – Dorthea reconstruct has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Rock River Water Reclamation District for the installation of sewer along both of those streets. The plans are 95-percent complete and should be out to bid on this project within the next week or so. Scott-Heron reconstruction is currently out to bid and the Kingsley-Drexel will be out to bid in two weeks. Their path project will now be on the June letting. Project should be complete by August 15<sup>th</sup>. The village is currently in the budget process and presented the first resurfacing protocol to their board.

**3.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:**

Mr. Lindberg reported that the MRO project is still on schedule to open late June to early July. The two hangars are almost enclosed and will be starting on the parking lot and the reconstruction of the road. Phase two of the terminal expansion project is starting and will be a three to four year project. The date of construction for the railroad crossing on Airport Drive is not known. The roadwork last year at the airport has made a significant difference and there have not been any accidents at the new roundabout.

**3.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:**

Mr. Johnson reported that the agency will award a contract by the end of the month for pathway work and additional security cameras at the East Side Transfer Center. The agency is seeking IDOT pre-bid concurrence for renovation for the Downtown Transfer Center.

**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:**

Not Present.

**3.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:**

Not Present.

**3.12 Belvidere/Boone County Planning and Economic Development Department:**

Not Present.

**3.13 Boone County Highway Department:**

Not Present.

**3.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:**

Not present.

**3.15 Village of Roscoe:**

Mr. Gill reported that there is a potential start to the reconstruction of Main St., beginning at Swanson Rd and continuing north. One lane will be open at all times.

**3.16 Village of Winnebago:**

Not Present.

**3.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:**

Not Present.

**3.18 Winnebago County Forest Preserve District:**

No Report.

**3.19 Boone County Conservation District:**

Mr. Kane reported that there are some projects on the Long Prairie Trail, including surface reconstruction and replacement of three of the bridges. These projects will potentially start this summer. The recent railroad proposal will impact two of their sites, one of which has grants funds to begin a wetland rehabilitation restoration.

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**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:**

Not Present.

**3.30 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:**

Not Present.

**3.31 Economic Development District of Northern Illinois (EDDNI):**

Mr. Bona reported that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy was approved by their board, it will now be sent to EDA.

**3.32 Growth Dimensions:**

Not Present.

**3.33 Stateline Mass Transit District:**

Not Present.

**3.34 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:**

Mr. Dipla reported that IDOT has released the final marks for the FY2016 Transportation Alternatives Program apportionment to the region is \$320,853. The total amount available, including a remainder of \$4,000 from FY14, all of the funds from FY15, and FY2016, is \$640,101. As a part of the update process to the STP-U program, now called the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program through the FAST Act, a review of the TAP will be completed as they both have similar rules and guidelines to reimbursement percentages and factors. Previous TAP application and scoring will be reviewed in the near future and the reconvened TAP subcommittee will review the criteria and call for projects. IDOT will be running a call for projects in early May to mid-June for the state-wide ITEP. The same types of projects as in previous rounds will be eligible within the current round. The application this year will be electronic. Approximately, \$29 million will be available throughout the state. A local match of 20% is required.

FHWA released two final rulings on March 15<sup>th</sup> on National Performance Measures for the safety program/HSIP. Much of the proposed rule-making made it through to the final rule-making. RMAP will be reviewing and updating the committee. Rule-makings will be effective as of mid-April. Another round of TIGER has been announced with a \$100 million maximum with \$5 million minimum for projects. Applications will be due to USDOT on April 29, 2016. IDOT Division of Public and Intermodal Transit has released the FY2017 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program (CVP) application. RMAP will work with the Mobility Subcommittee and RMTD to place a call for projects for the use of the local dollars, \$262,995 available. Applications are due to RMAP on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 4:00 PM. The final recommendation will be made at May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Hall reported that there are four TIP administrative modifications; three projects are leaving advanced construction and one is entering advanced construction. The three projects leaving advanced construction are 3-13-40 Rockton Avenue Intersection, 13-15-2 Traffic Sign Upgrade Program, and 13-15-43 Rails to Trails Bridge Conversion. The project entering advanced construction is 3-16-1 Sandy Hollow Road Diet. Mr. Dipla informed the committee that RMAP has been reviewing Surface Transportation Block Grant, or known as STP-U, selection criteria. Two meetings have been convened with the STP-U committee to discuss the selection criteria for future projects. The regional criteria was adopted in 1994 and last revised in 2000. Mr. Dunn informed the group the Terrance Hall will be the handling the TIP program. On the morning of March 17<sup>th</sup> 2016, the policy members of both the EDDNI board and the RMAP board have solidified the Regional Planning Council. Policy meetings will be restructured to include both boards at one meeting. RMAP technical committee and mobility subcommittee will remain the same.

**4. RMAP GREENWAYS PLAN – RESOLUTION 2016-4:**

Mr. Belle stated that edits have been updated over the past two months to both map and written plan. Some of the additions include an appendix with map layer descriptions and demographic section to the beginning of the document.

Suggestion was made that individual organizations should adopt the plan. Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the recommendation of Resolution 2016-4. The first motion was made by Mr. Tom Hartley, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; second motion was made by Mr. Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District. The motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

**5. RMAP FY 2017 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):**

Mr. Diipla informed the committee that RMAP is in the process of developing the FY 2017 UWP. The UWP lists all of the funding sources received by RMAP and nine transportation planning element categories. Please provide comments by April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. No action requested of committee today. RMAP will ask for recommendation for Policy Committee for adoption at the May meeting.

**6. PROGRESS REPORTS:**

**6.01 : Rockford Bike Share Feasibility Study**

Mr. Belle reported that RMAP has internally finished the Bike Share Feasibility Study for Rockford. Study should be ready for review by the next technical committee.

**6.02 : Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**

Mr. Belle reported that the plan has an eight month time period. An initial data collection from agencies will be needed. Questionnaire most likely to be sent out later. Two week timeframe for return of data. Data collection will be presented at stakeholders meeting three weeks to one month after data is returned. RMAP will be forming a bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business presented.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works, and seconded by Mr. David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.