



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES / Tuesday, October 9, 2018
(Regional Design Center, 315 N. Main Street, Rockford)

Attendees: Deb Alfredson, Winnebago County Housing Authority; Ben Moore; Don Daniels, Swedish American; Kerry Lin, City of Rockford; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Mike Stubbe, Rockford Mass Transit District; Julie Sterling, Winnebago County Health Department; Dan Streed, Boone County; John Strandin, The Workforce Connection; Dhawal Kataria, Brandon Geber, Margaret Campbell, Sydney Turner, Region 1 Planning Council.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 4:05 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION:

- a. **RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis: Presentation on the RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis.** RMTD and RPC coordinated an application which was recently awarded Statewide Planning and Research funds from IDOT to complete an analysis for RMTD's service area.

Mr. Geber presented an overview of the Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) Comprehensive Mobility Analysis. RMTD and the Region 1 Planning Council (RPC) coordinated an application, which was recently awarded Statewide Planning and Research funds from IDOT to complete an analysis for RMTD's service area. He said the Comprehensive Mobility Analysis is a four step process, which will be continue until the end of the fiscal year (June 2019). Step one of the process is a market analysis to study transit propensity and use within the service area. Paying attention to both the urbanized area and the potential in the rural area. Step two is a study of the current service and comparison between peer transit programs. Comparing not just quantitative data but qualitatively looking at the program. This will involve stakeholder interviews on how the needs of the area are met or not met. Step three is the production of alternatives both short and long term recommendations to present before the RMTD board. Step four is an implementation plan. The analysis will be accepting public input until June 2019, organizations and partners will be contacted for input. Mr. Geber said a large portion of the study will be gathering public input and reaching out to the residents. Mr. Stubbe said this is meant to build on the current system and plans to drive priorities for the region and RMTD in the future.

- b. **Update to the Long Range Transportation Plan:** Presentation and discussion on the process currently underway by the MPO for the update to the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region.

Ms. Turner provided an overview of the Long Range Transportation Plan now called the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). She stated the MTP focuses on all aspects related to transportation in the region. This plan is also federally required for to receive funding for the region. The MTP must be updated every 5 years; the last plan was adopted in 2015. The beginning of update process is to examine current trends to see how they compare to the previous plan and to plan for the future. The MTP goes beyond roadways to examine the resiliency and efficiency of the transportation system and how the network connects to socioeconomic factors, economic

development, and environmental sustainability. The changes in legislation will lead to these emphasizes in the plan:

- Performance-based planning
- Use of Scenario Planning
- A Financial Plan and Project List

Ms. Turner states the MTP update is a ten (10) step process, which is planned to be mostly completed by Fall 2019 to coincide with the MPO certification process in Summer 2019. Phase one (1) is the collection and analysis of baseline conditions, which was recently completed. Phase two (2) is currently underway and involves the identification of trends, needs, and priorities of the region. During this process there will be an emphasis in public engagement and stakeholder interviews. From the initial stakeholder interviews these are the preliminary findings:

- Preservation of the system
- Safety for all roadway users
- Strategic Capacity (addressing areas where there will be future congestion)

The next steps in phase two will be a survey on prioritization, meeting with interested parties, and conducting public workshops in the region.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the expectations of the MPO for the Alternative Transportation Committee members.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Turner stated future ATC meetings may change times to better accommodate members. A list of future meetings will be available at the new year. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.