



RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES / Wednesday, November 8, 2017
(Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main Street, Rockford)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Chairman Frank Haney, Winnebago County; Mayor Steve Johnson, Village of Machesney Park; Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Mr. Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Mr. Mark Stockman, City of Rockford; Mr. Steve Ernst, RMTD; Mr. Masood Ahmed, IDOT District #2.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Dunn, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Anna Ma, Ben Rohr, Sydney Turner, Colin Belle, Marlana Dokken, Thomas Bona, Ivy Hood, Jay Fieser, Michelle Vella, RMAP; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Doug DeLille, IDOT District #2; Ian Linnabary, RPC Environmental Committee; Pam Fettes, Growth Dimensions; Steve Gregg, WinGIS; Kim Zimmerman, NCICG.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 10:05 AM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:
Minutes correction: Meeting date should read September 27, 2017 and location should read Regional Design Center, 315 N. Main Street – Rockford.

Motion to approve the corrected September 27, 2017 RMAP Policy Committee meeting minutes was made by RMTD seconded by Boone County. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

4. UPDATE ON TRAVEL DEMAND & ECONOMIC IMPACT MODEL:

Mr. Dunn stated that he and Colin Belle recently attended the National REMI Conference. Mr. Belle provided a presentation regarding the projects he is currently working on for Travel Demand Model and REMI.

Travel Demand

- Analysis of Regional Existing Conditions
 - Congestion by Functional Classification
 - Average Daily Traffic Volumes
- Examining the difference in...
 - Current & projected traffic volumes using the Committed and Planned Networks built into the model
 - Current and Projected Congestion on roadways as well as intersections

- Differences in travel time characteristics during regular conditions compared to travel during congested, or peak travel times.
- Analysis between the differences in AM/PM Peak travel volume for the existing, committed and planned network.
- Developing criteria for the analysis of Heavy Goods Vehicles, or Freight and Cargo movement to, from, and through or region on major roadways.

REMI

- Addition of new Regional Simulation Modeling Scenarios
 - Tourism Spending
 - Natural Disaster Scenarios
 - Business Development projects
- Benefit-Cost-Analysis
 - Using exported data from the TDM, such as differences in ADT, VMT, and VHT from the results of a new roadway project.

5. UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Rohr provided a brief presentation regarding the first Environmental Committee meeting that was held on October 26, 2017 and the discussion that took place at the meeting. The next scheduled Environmental Committee meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2017.

6. UPDATE ON M&O PLAN:

Mr. Dunn stated that the last M&O Plan was updated in 2008. Mr. Diipla and Ms. Ma are working on the current update of the M&O Plan.

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary of the history of the M&O Plan and the current direction and timeline they are taking in updating the M&O Plan.

Ms. Ma provided a brief overview of the history of the last update of the M&O and the current topics that are being researched and how they are focusing on transportation modernization going forward.

Mr. Dunn stated the current M&O plan is a federal requirement and is the most outdated plan for the MPO. The M&O Plan can be the most important document and should be updated continually and including performance measures as a key addition to the M&O Plan.

A brief discussion took place among members and a question was asked if I-Fiber connections was being looked at as it was a key portion in the last M&O Plan update.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PRESENTATION:

Mr. Dunn provided a presentation regarding the future of infrastructure funding for the region and what is lacking. Mr. Dunn stated that at the IDOT Fall Planning Conference this year Secretary Blankenhorn discussed the funding cuts that IDOT has had to take; Mr. Dunn discussed further how these cuts will affect the region. Mr. Dunn provided a graph “Why is Motor Fuel Tax Revenue Decreasing” and provided some context on the steps that was taken to research this information. Mr. Dunn provided a comparison on MVR and how the region doesn’t get its portion of these dollars. Mr. Dunn stated that the Federal Highway Trust Fund is another stressed out funding source and could be insolvent by year 2021. Mr. Dunn discussed local tax and where it currently stands regionally.

8. STRATEGY DISCUSSION OF SEATING OF RPC BOARD AND 2018 AGENDA:

Mr. Dunn stated that Region 1 Planning Council (RIPC) did file for their FEIN and IMRF employer status and have a had a thorough legal counsel review outside our agency.

Mr. Dunn stated that a quarterly meeting of an RIPC is a good start to schedule in 2018.

Mr. Dunn provided the NARC projects list and status that other regional councils are working on and asked if there are any interest in these projects to please let him know.

Mayor Chamberlain stated that by the end of December he would like a published list of who is going to be seated at the RIPC and he would like to move forward in finalizing the members of the RIPC. Mayor Chamberlain asked members to please provide any questions or concerns so that it can be discussed and move forward. Mayor Chamberlain referenced the organization chart which was provided to members.

Chairman Haney thanked Mike, Thomas and Ivy on their assistance for the Winnebago County Recorder Feasibility Consolidation Plan.

A brief discussion took place among members on how soon the first RIPC meeting could be held.

There was a consensus among members to hold the first RIPC meeting in December.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS:

Ms. Ma provided the following Administrative Modification:

- TIP #1-16-3 / IDOT IL-72 Project; resurfacing Stillman Road to Stillman Valley W of I-39.
- TIP #3-16-4 / City of Rockford project; bridge improve for the North branch of Keith Creek at North Alpine Road box culvert.

Mr. Dunn provided members “The Impact of Eliminating the State and Local Tax Deduction” report which he indicated is very insightful. Mr. Dunn referenced the 2nd RIPC Newsletter which will be published on a monthly basis.

Mr. Dunn stated that Mr. Bona’s team is assisting the Rockford Public Library on data regarding the future of Library branches.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DeLille stated all ITEP applications are due by December 7, 2017.

Mr. DeLille stated that the state is close to releasing their State Freight Plan.

II. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business Winnebago County made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the City of Loves Park. Approved unanimously (8-0). The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.