



RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES / Wednesday September 27, 2017
(Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main St., Rockford)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Tom McNamara, City of Rockford; Mr. Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Mr. Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County; Mr. Steve Ernst, RMTD; Mr. Doug DeLille, IDOT District #2.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Loves Park and Village of Machesney Park.

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; John Donahue, North Park Water; Zach Wallace, City of Rockford Mayor's Office intern.

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 & PETITIONS:**
None.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 23, 2017 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**
Motion to approve the August 23, 2017 RMAP Policy Committee meeting minutes was made by RMTD seconded by the City of Rockford. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

4. **RMAP FY2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – RMAP RESOLUTION 2017-8:**

Ms. Ma provided a brief presentation regarding the process and projects that are listed in the FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

A motion to approve RMAP Resolution #2017-8 was made by the City of Rockford; second motion was made by RMTD. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

5. **RMAP BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN – RMAP RESOLUTION #2017-9:**

Ms. Turner stated that the RMAP Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan was last updated in 2008 and was farmed out to a consultant. The current RMAP Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan update was all done in house with staff's assistance. Ms. Turner stated that the Bike/Ped Subcommittee came up with the following vision statement:

“The Rockford Metropolitan Area envisions a community provided with a diverse and safe active transportation network of interconnected, continuous, and accessible system of sidewalks, bicycle facilities and trails throughout the region. This network will foster a culture of safety, health, awareness, and recreation

to enhance the quality of life for both residents and visitors through promoting active transportation alternatives.”

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan consists of the following:

- Introduction
- Vision, Goals, & Objectives*
- Facility Types & Design Standards
- Existing Conditions: Bicycle Network
- Existing Conditions: Pedestrian Network
- Engineering Recommendations
- Program Recommendations*
- Plan Implementation

Ms. Turner provided the RMAP Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan presentation and summary of the document. A brief Q&A and discussion was held after the presentation where there was a consensus among members that more education awareness is needed.

A motion to approve RMAP Resolution #2017-9 was made by the City of Rockford; second motion was made by RMTD. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

6. PROGRESS REPORTS:

RIPC NEWSLETTER

Mr. Dunn referred to the first Region 1 Planning Council’s Newsletter “The Connection Point” that will be distributed on bi-monthly schedule.

IDOT ITEP

Mr. Dunn stated that IDOT has announced that there will be a call for ITEP projects beginning October 2, 2017. Please check IDOT’s ITEP website for updates and new GATA requirements for all grantees.

NEW RIPC STAFF

Mr. Dunn introduced the following new RIPC staff members:

- Jay Fieser, Economic Development Planner
- Michelle Vella, Grant Writer

RIPC OPEN POSITION

Mr. Dunn stated that RMAP has a Transit Planner position open. This position will be shared with RMTD.

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION

RMAP received Advanced Construction Notice for the Winnebago County Highway Department project regarding district-wide signage installation (RMAP TIP #2-17-2). For this project, RMAP confirms that of the \$98,000 total cost, \$45,000 of federal dollars is being converted from advanced construction status to current status in our planning area.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Rohr announced that RIPC is starting up an Environmental Committee and the first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 4:00p and held in the Regional Design Center. Ian Linnabary has accepted to Chair of the Environmental Committee and Ashley Sarver is serving as Vice-Chair. If anyone is interested in serving on the committee or learning more about the Environmental Committee, please contact Ben Rohr at RIPC.

IDOT 2017 FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE

Mr. Dunn stated there is a number of MPO staff and EDD staff that are attending the 2017 IDOT Fall Planning Conference which is scheduled for October 3-5, 2017 and held in Champaign, IL.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

Mr. Dunn stated that Ben Rohr will be attending the Sustainable Communities Conference which is scheduled for October 3-4, 2017 in Dubuque, IA.

CONGRATUALIONS / SYDNEY TURNER

Mr. Dunn congratulated Sydney Turner on being selected for the Rockford Chamber's Leadership Scholarship. Sydney has also been nominated for the Crusader Community Health's Spirit of Caring award.

RMTD

Mr. Ernst stated that Gary Marzorati is retiring from the RMTD Board and David Sidney has been appointed to replace him. A new chair will be voted in at the next upcoming RMTD Board meeting.

Mr. Ernst stated that RMTD has launched their new website (www.rmtd.org) which can assist citizens in transit trip planning.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE WORKSHOP

Mr. DeLille stated that at the IDOT Fall Planning conference there will be a Performance Measure Workshop.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, City of Rockford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by RMTD. Approved unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.