



RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES / Thursday, February 15, 2018
(City of Loves Park, Public Works Conference Room, 100 Heart Blvd., Loves Park)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Bates, IDOT District 2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; Tim Hinkens, City of Rockford Public Works; Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works; James Richer II, Village of Machesney Park; Jim Johnson, Rockford Mass Transit District; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development Dept.; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Dept.; Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere; Zachary Gill, Village of Roscoe; Chris Baer, Rock River Water Reclamation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District

Rockford Mass Transit District arrived at 10:04 AM.

Rockford Park District arrived at 10:14 AM.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Village of Cherry Valley; Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department; Village of Winnebago; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Boone County Conservation District; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District; Village of Poplar Grove

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Hansen, Rock River Water Reclamation District; Doug Delille, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; Michael Smith, Citizen; Matt Cerutti, Citizen; Colin Belle, Jon Paul Diipla, Anna Ma, and Sydney Turner, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 18, 2018 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

One correction was made to the January 18, 2018 RMAP Technical Committee meeting minutes that had been sent out prior to the meeting: date was corrected. Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the January 18, 2018 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve by Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works and seconded by Zachary Gill, Village of Roscoe. 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:

No Report.

3.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:

No Report.

3.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

No Report.

3.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

No Report.

3.05 Village of Machesney Park:

No Report.

3.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Not present.

3.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Mr. Johnson reported that work on downtown transfer center has begun. Demolition has begun and the temporary passenger terminal is located at Court Street and Mulberry Street.

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:

Not present.

3.12 Not Assigned

3.13 Boone County Highway Department:

No Report.

3.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

No Report.

3.15 Village of Roscoe:

Mr. Gill reported that Village has a 1% sale tax referendum on the March 15th ballot which would be fully dedicated to road infrastructure. Additionally, there are several site proposals under review for properties on Rockton Rd near the I-90 interchange, including two new diesel stations.

3.16 Village of Winnebago:

Not present.

3.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

Mr. Baer reported that the Spring Creek Road work is complete, with only minor punch items left for this Spring. The City of Rockford will take care of the remaining resurfacing. Work on the Fuller Creek project, on the east side of the Village of Winnebago, will be begin once weather begins to improve; work will involve a crossing of Westfield Road, but not should not have major impact on other roads. Smaller work projects have begun.

3.18 Forest Preserves of Winnebago County

Not present.

3.19 Boone County Conservation District:

Not present.

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 the state-wide freight plan is almost complete, the fiscally constrained portion is still being determined. The draft freight plan is available for review on IDOT's website. In order to complete the fiscal constrained portion, there will be a call for project opening on February 16th with a deadline of April 6th. The Illinois State Freight

Advisory Council will be reviewing and ranking the projects received with a tentative award announcement in May. There will be several applicant workshops scheduled for throughout the state. Additionally, the statewide rail plan is available for review and comments on the IDOT website; comments can be submitted online. The next federal performance management target setting deadline for states is May. There is currently a draft intergovernmental agreement between IDOT, the MPO, and public transit operator being reviewed in relation to the federal performance management requirements. IDOT is in the process of developing a competitive call for projects process for the Special Planning and Research (SPR) funds. IDOT's long-range transportation plan is being reviewed internal by IDOT staff. Also, IDOT is currently in the process of updating their website.

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):

Not present.

3.32 Growth Dimensions:

Not present.

3.33 Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not present.

3.34 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Diipala reported that the RMAP will be submitting comments on the state-wide freight plan and can incorporate any of the partner agencies' comments; comments are due by February 23rd. In relation to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), RMAP is in the process of reviewing the applications submitted from our region based on IDOT's selection criteria. The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications are due by March 30th. The MPO Policy Committee Meeting will be held every two months moving forward to correspond with the Regional Planning Council's Board meetings. The two upcoming MPO Policy Committee meetings will be February 22nd and April 26th. At the April MPO Policy Committee, RMAP will be presenting a resolution for the adoption of the Alternative Transportation Committee. The committee will be combining the functions of the existing Mobility Subcommittee with active transportation functions outlined in the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. At the last MPO Policy Committee, RMAP received direction to revisit the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) selection criteria, which has already gone through internal review. The MPO Policy Committee has requested an ad hoc committee to be formed to review the updated selection criteria. The ad hoc committee will be put together within the next to couple of months and a call for projects for TAP funds will occur after ITEP is awarded. The Public Participation Plan (PPP) public comment period will be closing tomorrow, February 16th, 2018. A recommendation on the adoption of the PPP will be asked for at the next Technical Committee meeting with the tentative adoption of the plan at the April MPO Policy Committee meeting.

4. NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM DESIGNATIONS – RMAP RESOLUTION 2018-3:

Mr. Belle provided a brief presentation on the proposed change to the National Highway System (NHS) from IDOT and what the NHS designation means. Additionally, he discussed the 2015-2016 Functional Classification update process, which initiated the update to the NHS, the NHS update submittal process, the design standards of NHS roads, and additional funding opportunities for designated roads.

A brief discussion took place among the members and several questions were asked about the signage requirements of NHS roadways.

With no further comments, Mr. Diipala asked for a recommendation from the RMAP Technical Committee. He entertained a motion to approve. Motioned by Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere and seconded by James Richer II, Village of Machesney Park. The Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT PROCEDURE – RMAP RESOLUTION 2018-4:

Mr. Diipala explained the formalization of the amendment and administrative modification to the TIP, as well as further defines administration modifications and timeframes for requests. Changes to the previous draft document included streamlining of the layout and language.

With no further comments, Mr. Diipala asked for a recommendation from the RMAP Technical Committee. He entertained a motion to approve. Motioned by Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Dept. and seconded by Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere. The Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS:

Mr. Diipala reported that Region 1 Planning Council and Transform Rockford will be hosting a Community Conversation on the RMAP Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan on February 28th from 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. At a previous Technical Committee meeting, the City of Rockford had requested a discussion on Senate 14-51 Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. A procedural hold has been placed on the Act. No additional updates were provided.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Diipala entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department and seconded by Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works. The Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 A.M.