



**RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
MEETING MINUTES / Thursday, May 24th, 2018  
(City of Loves Park, Public Works Conference Room, 100 Heart Blvd., Loves Park)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rob Bates, IDOT District 2; Frank Hodina, Winnebago County Highway Department; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works Department; Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department; Ashley Spohr, Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere; Tom Hartley, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Village of Machesney Park; Chicago Rockford International Airport; Rockford Mass Transit District; City of Loves Park Community Development; Village of Cherry Valley; Boone County; Village of Roscoe; Village of Winnebago; Rock River Water Reclamation District; Village of Poplar Grove.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Doug DeLille, IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning; Colin Belle, Jon Paul Diipla, Brandon Geber, and Anna Ma, Region 1 Planning Council.

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

**1. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2018 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**  
Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the April 19, 2018 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve by Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere and seconded by Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS:**  
No communications

**3. AGENCY REPORTS:**

**3.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:**

Mr. Bates reported that the work on North Main Street is ongoing.

**3.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:**

Mr. Hodina reported that Wayne Vik will be retired as of May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

Mr. Carter reported that the resurfacing of Spring Creek Road has begun, with anticipated completion done by mid-June. The Harrison Avenue project has progressed to finishing sidewalk construction and restoration. Church Street will soon be down to one lane near the intersection with Jefferson Street due to the removal of AT&T's cellular tower.

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

Mr. Thompson reported that the Pike road engineering phase will be completed soon, and cost-estimates will go up for bid near mid-June. Depending on the cost estimates, the city is also looking into multiple resurfacing projects.

**3.05 Village of Machesney Park:**

Not Present

**3.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:**

Not Present

**3.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:**

Not Present

**3.08 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:**

Not Present

**3.09 Village of Cherry Valley:**

Not Present

**3.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:**

Mr. Capovilla reported that Karl Franzen will take over as the Community & Economic Development Director.

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

No Report

**3.12 Not Assigned**

**3.13 Boone County Highway Department:**

Not Present

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

No Report

**3.15 Village of Roscoe:**

Not Present

**3.16 Village of Winnebago:**

Not Present

**3.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:**

Not Present

**3.18 Forest Preserves of Winnebago County**

No Report

**3.19 Boone County Conservation District:**

No Report

**3.20 Rockford Park District:**

No Report

**3.21 Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:**

Mr. Anthony reported that there is interest in community solar projects on the Western side of the County. So far there have been about eight or nine property requests for zoning alterations from around four different companies. A speaker from one of the companies will be coming to the next board meeting.

**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 Fall Planning Conference has been scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> in Peoria. Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funds have been awarded and are available on the website. From now on ITEP funding will be awarded every two years and will no longer fund preliminary engineering phase I. IDOT is still working with MPOs to complete their work programs and GATA process to receive planning funds, targeting the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, as the completion date. IDOT is working to send MPOs any national FHWA training for performance measures and the GATA process. There is an ITS workshop May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Regional Design Center in Rockford, a stop on IDOT's tour throughout the state. The BUILD program is replacing the TIGER program. BUILD applications are very intensive and due by July 19<sup>th</sup>. SPR applications were due on May 16<sup>th</sup> and will be announced

within the next couple of weeks. The review period for the Statewide LRTP is still open for comment. IDOT will soon continue work on the Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP), including studying methods on how to address the road maintenance timeline.

**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. Diipla reported that the IDOT PM2 and PM3 performance measure targets have been set and provided to MPOs on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The MPOs have until November 14 to determine if they will accept and support the state targets or develop their own. The RIPC MPO will be using the tools provided by IDOT for evaluation, including the IDOT Safety Portal, various GIS data related to pavement conditions and asset management, and working with FHWA and the University of Maryland's Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS) tool to evaluate the region's standing. The RIPC MPO will give a presentation to discuss the performance measure data and develop recommendations for the policy committee. Land Use Planner Ben Rohr will be leaving May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**4. MPO TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) CALL FOR PROJECTS UPDATE:**

Mr. Diipla presented an update for the most recent TAP call-for-projects. A recommendation for projects is needed by June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 for approval by the Policy Committee on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Three projects were provided to the MPO and are listed below in no particular order.

- (1) Rockford Park District submitted the Jefferson Street Bridge Underpass Approaches project. The total cost of the project is \$250,000. \$200,000 is being requested from TAP funds, requiring a \$50,000 local match. The project would be completed by the end of 2019
- (2) City of Rockford with the Winnebago County Highway Department as a co-sponsor submitted the West State Street- Pierpont Avenue Sidewalk Gaps project. The total cost of the project is \$339,365. \$264,592 is being requested from TAP funds, requiring a local match of \$66,148. The project would be completed in summer 2019.
- (3) City of Rockford submitted the East State Street Sidewalk Gaps project from Alpine Road to Newtowne Drive. The total cost of the project is \$347,650. \$268,250 is being requested from TAP funds, requiring a local match of \$67,062. The project would be completed in summer 2019.

Projects will go through the MPO Policy Committee adopted scoring matrix as an input for recommendations at the next Technical Committee meeting.

**6. PROGRESS REPORTS:**

Ms. Ma reported that the MPO received one Advanced Construction notice for TIP project# 1-18-4 (I-39 bridge repair). The project entered Advanced Construction status as of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Steve Thompson, City of Loves Park Public Works and seconded by Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development Department. The Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

*Opportunities for public comment will be afforded on all agenda items.*

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