

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 21, 2016

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Carrie Houston, James L. Richter II, Chris Dopkins, Village of Machesney Park; Jim Johnson, Rockford Mass Transit District; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford Community Development; Chris Dornbush, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development; Kathy Miller, Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Department; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere; Zachary Gill, Village of Roscoe; Ben Bushman, Village of Winnebago; Dana Carroll, Rock River Water Reclamation District; Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District; Dan Long, Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2.

**VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Village of Cherry Valley; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Rockford Park District; Village of Poplar Grove

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Doug Delille, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; Thomas Bona, Economic Development District of Northern Illinois; Debbie Van Sickle, Rockford Area Economic Development Council; Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Jon Paul Diipla, Michael Hren, Colin Belle, Sydney Turner, Terrance Hall, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

### CALL TO ORDER:

With a quorum present Mr. Diipla called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**  
Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the December 03, 2015 Technical Committee minutes. Motion made to approve by Mr. Jacobson, seconded by Mr. Dornbush. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS, PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
Mr. Diipla noted that a memorandum from IDOT Local Roads regarding process review for the Highway Safety Improvement Program in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration had been released. RMAP will make that memorandum available to Technical Committee members upon request.

**3. AGENCY REPORTS:**  
**3.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:**

Not present.

**3.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:**

Mr. Vlk reported that the County has received bids for two bridge projects on the January letting, Cunningham Road Bridge and Perryville Bridge over the UP Railroad. The Forest Hills/River Lane safety project approvals have also been received.

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

Mr. Carter reported that the Jefferson Street Bridge will need to be shut down again starting in April to finish the repair work on it. This should take between four and six weeks. The Harrison Avenue project came in within 1% of the engineer's estimate, work on the project will start this spring, with utility relocations already underway.

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

Mr. Jacobson reported that the second phase of Alpine Reconstruction from Rivington to Croydon is looking at a February letting. The Willow Creek path ITEP project and the Riverside Bridge at Wantz Park both are targeted for the April IDOT letting, with the ITEP project being the more certain to make that timeline. There is a proposal to close Riverside Boulevard between Garden Plain and Dale Avenue which would take the better part of summer and early fall; this would use detour routes on North 2<sup>nd</sup>, Windsor, and Alpine.

**3.05 Village of Machesney Park:**

Mr. Dopkins reported that Prairie Lane and Dorothea Avenue are going to be reconstructed as both are dead end streets with no drainage and the streets are in bad condition. The Village is partnering with RRWRD through an Intergovernmental Agreement for sewer improvements. These projects will begin in May. The Village is also reconstructing Scott Lane between Roosevelt Road and Heron and adding stormwater and drainage improvements on Heron over to Mildred. Construction should begin on those projects in May. On Kingsley and Drexel the Village will be beginning pavement reclamation and drainage improvements between North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Elm Avenue, and also updating the sidewalks in that area for conformity. Construction for those projects should begin in June. The Alpine Road shared-use path is hopefully on the March letting. If it is not ready by then, the Village would pursue an April letting instead. The yearly maintenance program will be put together in the spring after budgets have been decided. Mr. Diipla welcomes Mr. James Richter, II, Community Development Coordinator for the Village of Machesney Park.

**3.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:**

Not present.

**3.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:**

Mr. Johnson reported that RMTD is going out to bid for construction of a path from East Side Transfer Center to Showplace Drive. There will also be some safety improvements and parking control improvements to the transfer center forthcoming.

**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:**

Mr. Dornbush reported that the County Building Department has posted building codes in the clerk's office. They are moving towards County Board approval with 2015 ICC, and then will go to other municipalities.

**3.12 Belvidere/Boone County Planning and Economic Development Department:**

Not present.

**3.13 Boone County Highway Department:**

No report.

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

No report.

**3.15 Village of Roscoe:**

No report.

**3.16 Village of Winnebago:**

The Village is starting to look at 2016 resurfacing projects.

**3.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:**

Mr. Carroll reported that the Spring Creek Road sewer replacement project is on schedule for award in May. That project will begin construction in August and will be at least one year of construction.

**3.18 Forest Preserves of Winnebago County:**

Not present.

**3.19 Boone County Conservation District:**

No report.

**3.20 Rockford Park District:**

Not present.

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

Mr. Anthony reported that on March 9<sup>th</sup> a workshop is being held on nutrient loss reduction strategies. The Rock River watershed was listed as a priority for point-source phosphorus reduction, so they may be working with various municipalities on that. The sediment/erosion control workshop will take place on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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:**

No report.

**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):**

Mr. Bona reported that the CEDS has been completed and thanked all who assisted for their participation and help. A Resolution has been passed by the Winnebago and Boone County Boards, and they are working on McHenry County passage as well. The link to the CEDS is available upon request.

**3.32 Stateline Mass Transit District:**

Not present.

**3.33 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:**

Mr. Diipla briefly explained the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. President Obama signed the Bill into Law the day after the last Technical Committee meeting. Funds are programmed from fiscal year 2016 through 2020, with the total authorization at about \$305 billion from both the Highway Trust Fund and the General Fund. Mr. Diipla noted a new emphasis in the Act on freight issues, particularly two areas: the National Highway Freight Program, with roughly \$1.2 billion per year distributed to the states via formula, and a new freight discretionary grant program, the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program, funded at roughly \$900 million per year. The Surface Transportation Program is now named the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. Suballocation amount is provided through the Block Grant Program now. That will be increasing 1% each year from fiscal year 2016-2020. Summaries of the FAST Act are available through the DOT, AASHTO and other sources are available showing projections and initial changes made by the FAST Act. RMAP will continue to update the committee as more is known. DOT sent out a notice on Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 regarding preliminary numbers for the state apportionments. Total apportionment for the National Highway Performance Program for the State of Illinois from the FAST Act is roughly \$4.1 billion with the STBG Program apportioned at roughly \$1.9 billion, the Highway Safety Improvement Program at roughly \$397 million, Metropolitan Planning roughly \$88.6 million and the National Highway Freight Program at roughly \$225.9 million. Mr. Delille added that AASHTO is already doing webinars on the FAST Act, these are still at a surface level but are helpful, that FHWA will also be doing webinars in the near future, and that he will send information on these to the MPOs as he receives it.

Mr. Hren discussed the Administrative Modifications made since the last Technical Committee meeting. Project 2-13-4, Bell School Road from Lucky Lane to Argus Drive and Project 3-12-90, Rockford Local Bridge Program and Alpine Road Box Culvert over the south branch of Keith Creek are no longer in Advanced Construction status. Project 21-16-1, Macklin Road Bridge west of Stillman Road is now in Advanced Construction. There has also been one funding-related Administrative Modification to Project 5-15-21, Alpine Road Path south of Juniper Lane to north of Story Book

Lane. To better match funding agreements that are in place, the totals for this project have been updated. The total cost is now \$775,540 with a breakdown of funds of TAP monies at \$620,432 and Local monies at \$155,108. These changes were small enough that an Administrative Modification was appropriate to resolve them.

Mr. Belle discussed the Greenways Plan and Map. He thanked all for their help with final edits, and noted that a bike-share feasibility study and analysis is ongoing for the City of Rockford. A press release on the matter is now available with a questionnaire to distribute among partner agencies, all online. An open house is likely nearer to the end of the project. This study will tie into the eventual update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

**4. RMAP FY 2016-FY 2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT:**

Mr. Diipla introduced the proposed amendment. Mr. Hren noted that the numbers in the TIP for Sandy Hollow Road from 20<sup>th</sup> Street to Alpine Road, TIP Project 3-16-1, need to be updated. The project now requires an overlay and a glass grid underneath it to help mitigate future cracking issues. The HSIP monies have been reduced to better reflect funding agreements and the local contribution has been increased to the point that the total dollars remain the same. Mr. Diipla entertained a motion to approve the recommendation of RMAP Resolution 2016-1. A motion was made by Mr. Carter and was seconded by Mr. Capovilla. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**5. RMAP FY 2017 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):**

Mr. Diipla stated that RMAP is developing their annual Unified Work Program (UWP) for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17). Mr. Diipla provided a list of planning areas and issues that are involved in RMAP's planning activities. Mr. Diipla then provided a summary of the noted topics. A draft of the document is scheduled to be available in March of this year for review, after which a recommendation of the draft from the Technical Committee to the Policy Committee will be sought. Mr. Dunn added that RMAP will be looking to a fresh approach to the document considering many of the recent changes, including the joint operations between RMAP and EDDNI. This will change the way the budgeting looks as the scope of the operations expand, and also the bringing in of new partners will change the local expenditures and incomes reflected in the document. Mr. Delille asked a question regarding the merging of the finances of agencies, and the tracking of such funds. Mr. Dunn noted that the MPO intends to be an early adopter of the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan. The funds will be kept internally separate, with the more restricted Federal and State funds separated from the Local Funds separated from EDDNI-specific funds. Mr. Dunn also noted that the evolution of the UWP will include updates to the MPO Cooperative Agreement, done in tandem with the UWP, and with both projected to be finalized in May.

**6. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-URBAN (STP-U) FUNDS:**

Mr. Diipla discussed an overview of the STP-U. He noted that it provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge, and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals. Mr. Diipla described the distribution of the funding, noted some facts about the program, and discussed project eligibility. Mr. Diipla then chronicled the history of the RMAP/RATS STP-U Process, Criteria, and Allocations. He noted linkages to the RMAP Transportation Planning Process, and detailed the next steps that needed to be taken by RMAP and partner agencies. Mr. Dornbush asked a question regarding the membership on the Ad-Hoc STP-U Committee. Mr. Dunn explained that the Committee consists of members from the County of Boone, the County of Winnebago, the City of Rockford, the City of Loves Park, the City of Belvidere, and the Village of Machesney Park. The Policy Committee gave the direction to proceed with this Ad-Hoc Committee at their last meeting. Mr. Diipla noted that in the past there was no ceiling on the number of fiscal year allocations or total dollar amount that a chosen project could receive, and that moving forward some form of similar restriction would be likely. The Committee discussed the STP-U Ad-Hoc Committee further.

**7. PROGRESS REPORTS:**

None.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Delille noted the RealID Act, which Illinois is not currently in compliance with. Illinois Driver's Licenses will not be viable to use to board planes even domestically in about two years. Illinois has stated that it will take hundreds of millions of dollars to update the system to comply with the RealID Act, and it is unknown where that funding would come from at this time. Mr. Delille also asked the committee if engineers had seen a rise in estimates for utility relocation costs. The committee discussed this matter and related examples.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Lundin, and seconded by Mr. Carter. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.