



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 18, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway Department; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Carrie Houston, Village of Machesney Park; David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Denny Hendricks, Rockford Mass Transit District; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development Department; Ashley Spohr, Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department; Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department; J. Hanley, Rock River Water Reclamation District; Tom Hartley, Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Mick Johnson, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District.

Rock River Water Reclamation District arrived at 10:05 a.m.
Forest Preserves of Winnebago County arrived at 10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Illinois Department of Transportation District 2; Village of Cherry Valley; City of Rockford Community Development Department; City of Belvidere Public Works Department; Village of Roscoe; Village of Winnebago; Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District; Village of Poplar Grove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug DeLille, IDOT Division of Urban Programming and Planning; Jon Donovan, Federal Highway Administration; Colin Belle, Michael Dunn, Anna Ma, Ben Rohr, Sydney Turner, Chris Washington, RMAP Staff.

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 30, 2017 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:
Mr. Dunn entertains a motion to approve the March 30, 2017 Technical Committee minutes. First motion made to approve David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport and seconded by Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works. 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:
Not Present.

3.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:
Mr. Vlk reported that ComEd will be working on utilities from Boone County west into Winnebago along 173 Corridor, starting in July and will continue through the end of the year. Property redevelopment at the intersection of Riverside Boulevard and Forest Hills Road will be beginning and day-time traffic closures are expected. Construction will occur on Perryville Rd south of Harrison Ave to add turn lanes.

3.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:
Mr. Carter reported that neighborhood resurfacing will be going out to construction in the upcoming weeks. Additionally, Mark Stockton has been named as the Interim Director of Public Works at the City of Rockford.

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Region 2

3.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:

Mr. Jacobson reported that construction on Alpine Road is underway with removal on north bound lane. Riverside Boulevard will have closures beginning in June for the reconstruction of the bridge between Garden Prairie Avenue and Dale Avenue. Installation of sewer for Sand Park Pool is being held until late June, at the intersection of Riverside Boulevard and Browns Parkway.

3.05 Village of Machesney Park:

No Report.

3.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:

Mr. Lindberg reported that first phase of terminal expansion will be occurring later this year and include modifications to the existing building. Construction on a 20-acre ramp for Amazon Cargo will be occurring from July to September of this year. Day-time closures will be occurring for the resurfacing of the runways at one of the smaller airfields.

3.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Mr. Hendricks reported that the design phase for the remodeling and expansion of downtown terminal will start in September.

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:

Not Present.

3.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:

No Report.

3.12 Not Assigned

3.13 Boone County Highway Department:

Mr. Krohn reported that ComEd work is occurring on Argyle Road from the south of Belvidere through the northwest portions of Belvidere. Resurfacing projects will be occurring in Caledonia and Poplar Grove.

3.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:

Not Present.

3.15 Village of Roscoe:

Not Present.

3.16 Village of Winnebago:

Not Present.

3.17 Rock River Water Reclamation District:

Mr. Hanely reported that the Rock River Water Reclamation District have made an agreement that the RRWRD will resurfacing and completing curb work at the Fisher-Haskell project.

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:

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 IDOT is waiting for multi-year program to be released.

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:

Mr. Donovan reported that the MPO Coordination final ruling has been repealed. A budget agreement for the FY2017 TIGER funds was reinstated.

3.31 Economic Development District of Northern Illinois (EDDNI):

No Report.

3.32 Growth Dimensions:

Not Present.

3.33 Stateline Mass Transit District:

Not Present.

3.34 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Dunn reported that RMAP hosted a Policy Retreat to inform newer members of the Policy Committee the work being completed by the organization. Ms. Turner reported that the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) is currently in its public comment period. The public comment period is from April 21st, 2017 and until May 31, 2017. Public comments are welcome at this time related to the HSTP. The next public open house will take place Thursday, May 18th at the Regional Design Center from 4 PM to 7 PM. Ms. Turner also updated the committee that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is in its final stages with staff finishing the first draft. It is staff's goal to have the draft out to public comment within the next month or two. Ms. Ma reported that RMAP staff has begun the process of updating the 2008 Management and Operations Plan. Research is currently underway on the best practices of transportation systems management and operations plans, as well as a review of the objectives outlined in the 2008 plan. Ms. Ma reported that there were several advanced modifications to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) advanced construction. Three projects from IDOT including IL-72 and traffic signals; as well as projects for Winnebago County, the City of Rockford, and the City of Loves Park. Mr. Dunn announced the resignation of Michael Hren.

4. RMAP FY 2018 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP) – RMAP RESOLUTION 2017-03:

Mr. Dunn reported that the draft UWP was made available for public comment from March 30th until May 1st. Changes were made to the March 30th, 2017 draft of the FY 2018 UWP around updated contact information and updating table names. With no further comments, Mr. Dunn asked for a recommendation from the RMAP Technical Committee. He entertained a motion to approve. First motion made by Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works and seconded by Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. RMAP FY 2017-2020 TIP AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 2017-04:

Ms. Ma reported that there has be a request for an amendment to the FY 2017-FY 2020 TIP from IDOT for an increase in project funding for the IL-72 resurfacing project and the RMAP Mobility Subcommittee for the programming of FTA 5310 funds allocated to the region for vehicles for RMTD and Barbara Olson Center of Hope. Mr. Dunn asked for a recommendation from the RMAP Technical Committee. He entertained a motion to approve. First motion made by Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway Department and seconded by David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (STBG) – RMAP RESOLUTION 2017-5:

Ms. Turner updated the Technical Committee the updates made to the proposed “Project Selection and Programming Process for RMAP STBG Funds”. Changes included the addition of a biennial schedule for the call of projects and the addition of the clarification on the funding targets amounts for STBG funds. Based on recommendations of the RMAP STP-U/STBG Ad Hoc Committee, RMAP staff drafted the “Project Selection and Programming Process for RMAP STBG Funds” (version dated May 18, 2017) to replace the previously adopted the document entitled, “Factors to Be Used During the Review of Requests for RATS STP-Urban Funds” (version dated December 15, 1993). Discussion on the proposed “Project Selection and Programming Process for RMAP STBG Funds” occurred, with comments regarding a clarification on funding targets amounts. Mr. Dunn asked for a recommendation from the RMAP Technical Committee. He entertained a motion to approve. First motion made by Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway Department and seconded by Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS:

No progress reports presented.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Dunn entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport and seconded by Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.