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RATS MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES December 18th, 2007

Attending: Ron Schoepfer, RMTD; Lisa Brown, RMTD; Curtis Jones, IDOT; Jon Paul Diipla, Transportation Planner, City of Rockford/RATS; Steve Haight, Careers Etc.; Mayor Fred Brereton, Mayor, City of Belvidere; Dennis Hendricks, RMTD; Lori Mitchell, Village of Machesney Park; Brian Ward, RVC Refugee Program; Dyanna Chandler, Council of Neighborhood Development; Melinda Trier, NICAA; Rich Hunt, RAMP

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The 12/18/2007 RATS Mobility Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The 12/18/2007 RATS Mobility Subcommittee meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 10/9/07 and 10/30/07 RATS MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The 10/09/07 and 10/30/07 Mobility Subcommittee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. OVERVIEW OF HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (HSTP) PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS:

Four sessions were held on 12/5/07 and 12/6/07. Two comments were made at the meeting held at Boone County Council on Aging (BCCA). The nature of the comments related to BCCA rules for service and of a general transportation nature. Comments also stressed the need to connect Boone and Winnebago County. Approximately 16 people attended all sessions. At the Boone County session, there were two citizens from Boone County and John Slattengren representing Boone County Council on Aging.

5. REVIEW OF THE HSTP DRAFT:

Comments were made on what a remarkable job the MPO did in preparing this document. The public comment period is open until 1/4/08 and all comments are welcome.

6. HSTP CALL FOR PROJECTS:

The deadline for project proposals is 12/28/07. The next steps for the HSTP include:

Present draft to RATS Technical committee 12.20.07

Mobility Subcommittee meeting 1.8.08

Final draft recommended for RATS Policy Committee by the RATS Technical Committee meeting on 1.17.08

Present final draft to RATS Policy for approval 1.24.08

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

The MPO asked that the committee review and note the meeting schedule for the Mobility Sub Committee.

The committee also addressed questions relating to RMTD's service to CherryVale. RMTD stated that the initial service is a success, however additional funding is needed to gain sustainability of this destination.

Mayor Brereton asked if RMTD had done a cost estimate on service to Belvidere. RMTD provided the cost estimate and discussion ensued. At this time, the cost is significant and service request will continue to be monitored.

Chairman Haight asked that the committee individuals respond to Dia Cirrillo's request for information on the effectiveness of the Getting to Work process. Our group and its history proves that this grass roots effort was indeed a success.

Mr. Diipia asked that members from the Mobility Subcommittee step up and be heard on the process of putting the HSTP plan together at the RATS Technical Committee Meeting 12.20.07.

Mayor Brereton gave an update on the NICTI process and asked that the mobility committee speak up on transportation issues at public hearing as the NICTI group moves along on the alternative analysis.

Next meeting at YWCA at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 2008.

8. Adjournment

The RATS Mobility Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 10:20am.