



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
YWCA
4990 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61108**

ATTENDEES: Steve Haight, Careers, Etc.; John Slattengren, Boone County Council on Aging; John Strandin, Workforce Connection; Robert Soltau, SLATS; Connie Kraft, RAMP; Linda Sheridan, IL Growth Enterprises; Patty Quinn, Carpenters Place; Lori Mitchell, Village of Machesney Park; Dennis Hendricks, RMTD; Ron Schoepfer, RMTD; Dyanna Chandler, Council of Neighborhood Orgs.; Jon Paul Dipla, RMAP; Mike Maddox, RMAP; Michael Hren, RMAP; Mary Swanson, RMAP.

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Steve Haight called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- 2. Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves for the sake of new attendees.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Chairman Haight to approve the agenda, moved by Mr. Slattengren, seconded by Ms. Chandler. The agenda was unanimously approved.
- 4. Approval of the 1/13/09 Mobility Subcommittee Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Chairman Haight to approve the minutes. Motion by Ms. Mitchell, to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5. & 6. RMAP Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) and Project Evaluation/Sustainability Criteria for HSTP Projects:** Mr. Dipla stated that members need to look at the sustainability criteria today. The CMAP handout showing Table #4 outlines sustainability criteria.

Chairman Haight asked for comments and input from the committee which prompted discussion by committee members. Major concerns from members included how projects would remain sustainable using local dollars after the first year with HSTP funding; what types of projects would be considered “sustainable”. Many questioned RMTD routes and adding new ones and once they have been added what is required for keeping them sustainable and who would pay the costs. If businesses request routes, are the businesses expected to help pay sustainable costs? It may be necessary, depending where the routes are and where they go, to ask for funds. Another point brought to the table was would requiring sustainability limit where services are needed. Emphasis was that any project should be considered whether or not it may be sustainable. Until a project is implemented, you do not know if it going to be successful. Another point mentioned was if businesses explore their transportation needs prior to selecting a site for their business. RMTD has been approached by new businesses in the past for

transportation but that is not always the case. Many enterprises do not consider transportation needs when planning there moves.

Mr. Haight stated that he and Mr. Diipla will meet and work on a sustainable criteria information sheet and have a draft available for the March meeting.

- 7 & 8. Discussion:** Chairman Haight pointed out the RMTD public hearing schedule regarding rate increases. This is the first increase since 1997. Ms. Kraft asked for a reason there wasn't an increase since 1997. RMTD replied there were several factors, fuel cost, state funding and loss last year of money by the Governor. It was suggested that there may be a need for a policy statement on rates. There is no funding for RMTD through the economic stimulus package for operational costs.

9. Progress Reports:

RMAP TIP for RY 2009-FY2012: This is an annual document which has been drafted and compiled for the last two months. The Policy Committee approved the document at their January Meeting and this now can be removed from the agenda.

Transit Funding Agreement between RMAP, RMTD and City of Belvidere/Boone County: RMTD has met with Boone County and is working on an intergovernmental agreement. Once this is in place, RFP's can go out for bids on service. The current interim agreement expires June 30, 2009.

Mr. Soltau questioned whether RMTD would get funding for rural routes. Mr. Diipla replied funding for rural routes comes through Region 1 and the County may come forth with funding. RMTD could look at getting funds if a rural community came forth wanting service.

- 10. Adjournment:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Council of Neighborhood Orgs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.