



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 11, 2011
YWCA
4990 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108**

ATTENDEES: Chairman Steve Haight, Careers Etc.; Mike Marvell, Barbara Olson; John Slattengren, Boone Co. Council on Aging; Dyanna Chandler, Council of Neighborhood Org.; Linda Sheridan, Illinois Growth Enterprises; Rhonda Barrigas, RAMP; Manuel Carrasquillo, Lifescape Community Services; Jon Paul Diipla, Christina Washington, RMAP; Lisa Brown, Dennis Hendricks, Paula Hughes, RMTD; Robert Soltau, SLATS; John Strandin, WIB; Owen Carter, City of Rockford Human Services Dept.; Shug Grossenbach, Jeff Joyce, NCICG.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Haight called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Haight entertains a motion to approve the agenda. 1st Motion moved by Dyanna Chandler, Council of Neighborhood seconded by Owen Carter, City of Rockford Human Services Department. Motion Carried.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE 9/14/10 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Lisa Brown, RMTD; seconded by John Strandin, WIB. Motion Carried.
- 5. SECTION 5310 GRANT APPLICATIONS (CONSOLIDATED VEHICLE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM):**

Chairman Haight brought up the first item on the agenda; Section 5310 applications and asked Jon Paul to provide more details. Mr. Diipla stated that on an annual basis IDOT puts out an application for FTA Section 5310 Funds which is a consolidated procurement funds and generally goes towards vehicles that are used for Para-transit. In this round RMAP received 2 applications which are from RMTD and Barbara Olson Center of Hope.

The way that this process works, is that for this urbanized area RMAP is the HSTP office, we receive the applications and review them for HSTP compliance and then forward them to IDOT DIPIT. RMTD application is requesting four (4) medium duty Para-transit vehicles as replacements and Barbara Olson is requesting one (1) medium duty Para-transit vehicle replacement. Mr. Diipla provided a summary sheet which goes over what each agency is requesting. Mr. Diipla stated that after reviewing both applications, all the materials were provided and both members are active in the Mobility Subcommittee as well as the HSTP process. If there are any questions from the Subcommittee regarding the applications discussion can take place now and then after that approval will be needed from Subcommittee to forward applications to IDOT. A brief discussion took place regarding the Para-transit vehicles needed. Chairman Haight entertains a motion to approve, 1st motion by Dyanna Chandler, Council of Neighborhood; 2nd motion by Rhonda Barrigas, RAMP. Motion carries.

6 DISCUSSION:

6.1 Chairman Haight brought up transportation related issues. Chairman Haight's question to RMTD staff is regarding senior free rides. Ms. Lisa Brown stated that senior rides might be changed to income eligibility requirement (State Circuit Breaker Program) by July 1, 2011 depending if the measure is approved by the State. If enacted by the State of Illinois, this new requirement would apply to all mass transit districts in Illinois. All seniors will still ride for half price on RMTD and low-income seniors will still fall under the free rides for seniors program.

6.2 Mr. Hendricks stated they met with the University of Illinois Rockford School of Medicine. Rockford School of Medicine will be housing students who will need transportation to the school. Would this project qualify under JARC? Mr. Hendricks stated that currently there is no route going to the School of Medicine and that a route would have to be adjusted to service the School of Medicine.

Chairman Haight asked Mr. Diipla to discuss FY '09 JARC and New Freedom Funding. Mr. Diipla stated that currently there are FY 2009 and FY 2010 funds available for both JARC and New Freedom. The Mobility Subcommittee needs to be thinking about what projects we'd like to do with the available funding. As of June 2011, FY '09 funds would lapse. A brief discussion took place regarding possible projects and the following were itemized as possible projects to look at for the use of FY' 09 funding:

- RMTD service to Belvidere.
- RMTD possible service if Embry Riddle was to choose Rockford as their next University site.
- RMTD service for Lowes night shift.
- Bus shelters
- RMTD service to Cherry Valley

Mr. Diipla stated that there is approximately \$149,000 JARC FY '09 funding available and approximately \$200,000 New Freedom FY '09 and FY '10 combined funding available. Mr. Diipla stated Subcommittee can determine at the next meeting what call for projects should go out. Applications are available on the RMAP website once the call for projects is published after the next meeting.

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6.3 Chairman Haight asked Mr. Diipla is there was any new news regarding Urban Circulators. Mr. Diipla stated that he would talk to Mr. Steve Ernst and report back at the next Subcommittee meeting.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. John Strandin announced that WIB is hosting a Job & Resource Fair in Belvidere on Thursday, January 27, 2010. The Fair is free if anyone wants to be involved.

8. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**

8.1 **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) status and issues that might affect the TIP:** Mr. Diipla stated there is nothing new to report.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to adjourn the January 11, 2011 meeting. Motion by Dyanna Chandler, Council of Neighborhood and second motion by John Slattengren, The Workforce Connection, meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.