



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 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; Lisa Brown, RMTD; Manny Carrasquillo, Lifescape Community Services; Dyanna Chandler, Council of Neighborhood Org.; Becky Tobin, Boone County; Lori Mitchell, Village of Machesney Park; Owen Carter, City of Rockford, Human Services; Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP; Mike Maddox, RMAP; Michael Hren, RMAP; Mary Swanson, RMAP; Rebecca Fetter, RAEDC; Fred Franck, Barbara Olson Center of Hope; Dina Richter, guest of RMTD.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Haight called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 Ms. Chandler, seconded by Ms. Brown. The agenda was unanimously approved.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE 4/14/09 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5. PROJECT EVALUATION/SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA FOR HSTP PROJECTS:** Mr. Diipla spoke about the application form for the HSTP projects. Incorporated into the form were changes that were discussed at a previous meeting. Mr. Haight would like to have the sustainability issue located in the application check list portion of the form put in the instruction portion also. It also could be another paragraph under the match section. Mr. Diipla asked for comments or questions regarding the document.

Motion to adopt with the change to the sustainability into the match section; motion by Mr. Slattengren, seconded by Ms. Chandler, motion carried.

- 6. SECTION 5310 GRANT APPLICATIONS (CONSOLIDATED VEHICLE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM):** This program is for vehicles used by elderly and disabled individuals. Applications are due to RMAP by June 30, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. RMAP will review the applications to ensure they meet HSTP compliance requirements and then they will forward them to IDOT. Copies of the applications were distributed by IDOT. The review timetable usually is a couple of weeks. Mr. Diipla will provide the subcommittee members a list of applicants for review. IDOT provides RMAP with a check list to fill out and then send back to IDOT.
- 7. & 8 DISCUSSION/COMMUNICATIONS:** Ms. Brown reported that free ride program ridership has increased as well as the circuit breaker program. Revenues are down even with the rate increase. Mr. Haight mentioned the rumors of a potential strike. The unions are still in negotiations but have worked without a

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contract since last October. A question arose regarding the deletion of the circuit breaker program. This program will not be deleted. The governor has mentioned various transportation programs but has not taken any action on removing any of them. The passing of the State's budget could impact some transportation programs, but it is not known how big the impact will be until the budget is passed.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS:

Boone County has signed the transit service agreement.

RMTD Fare Increase: Too early to tell what the impact will be. Agencies that have paper tickets need to turn them into RMTD as they will not be valid after June 15th.

Mr. Haight mentioned the meeting times in the draft documents being monthly and to take this out.

JARC and New Freedom funding amounts were released. JARC's amount is \$149,000 and New Freedom is \$96,000.

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program has provided a guide for preparing HSTP documents and Mr. Diipla can provide members with this guide.

There was some discussion regarding the County's amendment to the TIP. The County has added safety projects and guardrail projects. The Rock River Times will publish the list in their paper this week. This information will be taken to the Technical Committee and then to the Policy Committee for approval.

A question regarding the increase in buses going to Machesney Park area was raised. Ms. Brown stated that possibly after the first of the year buses might go to the Machesney/IL 173 area. The route study will be conducted this fall. She also mentioned the new bus schedule books are available and they have the new fare structure included. Books are available at the RMTD offices.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Ms. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Slattengren. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.