RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
YWCA
4990 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108

ATTENDEES: Chairman Steve Haight, Careers Etc.; Mike Marvel, Barbara Olson; Curtis Jones, IDOT; Manuel Carrasquillo, Lifescape Community Services; Jon Paul Diipla, Christina Washington, RMAP; Lisa Brown, Dennis Hendricks, RMTD; Sharon Hecox, SMTD; Robert Soltau, SLATS; John Strandin, WIB.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Haight called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees introduced themselves.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Haight entertains a motion to approve the agenda. 1st Motion moved by Ms. Manny Carrasquillo, Lifescape Community Services; seconded by Mr. Denny Hendricks, RMTD. Motion carried.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE 2/8/11 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**
Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the minutes.
Motion was made by Ms. Lisa Brown, RMTD; seconded by Mr. John Strandin, WIB. Motion carried.

5 **POTENTIAL JARC/NEW FREEDOM PROJECTS:**
Mr. Diipla stated he is waiting to hear back from any interested parties on the Call for Projects notice that was published in the Rock River Times a couple weeks ago. Mr. Diipla stated he has not received any applications as of this time but has been contacted by agencies with questions regarding the programs. Mr. Diipla stated that applications are due to RMAP by Monday, March 28, 2011.

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6. & 7. DISCUSSION & COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Haight brought up the recent article in the Rockford Register Star regarding the State could remove public notices from newspapers. This would save local government money they are currently spending to publicize government notices. A brief discussion took place.

Mr. Haight asked RMTD how they are faring with the increase of gas prices? Mr. Hendricks stated that this year they are on a sustainable fuel budget wise but they will probably have to recalculate their fuel budget in June or July.

Mr. Carrasquillo stated that Lifescape Community Services is definitely concerned about the fuel increase, they did not think the gas prices would rise this high so they are re-calculating their fuel budget.

Mr. Strandin asked RMTD if their ridership service increased when the gas prices increased a few years ago? Mr. Hendricks stated there was a slight increase but not enough.

Mr. Diipla stated that for Fiscal Year 2011 JARC funding amount is $56,866 and New Freedom funds is at $37,593, which is at the 5/12 level. Mr. Diipla stated that the transportation bill has been extended until September 2011 but it is still up in the air whether the program will continue as it currently operates.

Mr. Soltau brought the possibility of Congressman John L. Mica of Florida (Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the US House of Representatives) being a speaker at the upcoming Tri-State Alliance event that will be held here in Rockford, Illinois this year. Mr. Soltau stated it might give our region an opportunity to discuss transportation issues with Congressman Mica.

Mr. Haight asked for more information on the upcoming Tri-State Alliance event as he might be interested in attending. Ms. Washington stated she will forward more information on the Tri-State Alliance event once they have been finalized.

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 February 8, 2011 meeting. Motion by Ms. Soltau, SLATS and second motion by Mr. John Strandin, WIB, meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.