



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
YWCA
4990 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108**

ATTENDEES: John Strandin, Workforce Connection; John Slattengren, Boone County Council on Aging; Rick McVinnie, RMTD; Dennis Hendricks, RMTD; Paula Hughes, RMTD; Becky Tobin, Boone County; Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP, Christina Washington, RMAP; Jen Jacky, RAMP; Manuel Carrasquillo, Lifescape Community Services; Linda Sheridan, IGE; Fred Franck, Barbara Olson Center of Hope; Lisa Miles, Barbara Olson Center of Hope

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Bona, Rockford Register Star

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Co-Chairman Slattengren called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Co-Chairman Slattengren entertains a motion to approve the agenda. 1st Motion moved by Paula Hughes; seconded by John Strandin, Workforce Connection.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE 2/9/10 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Co-Chairman Slattengren entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by John Strandin, Workforce Connection; seconded by Fred Franck, Barbara Olson Center of Hope. Motion Carried. Discussion to amend item #6 ninth sentence; correction should read "Can Machesney Park JARC money be used for Cherry Vale route?"
- 5. HSTP CALL FOR PROJECTS:** Mr. Diipla stated that a call for projects was sent out for the JARC & New Freedom projects leftover funding (2008 funds) so that it does not have to be returned. Mr. Diipla has received 2 projects from RMTD for the leftover funding. Mr. Diipla stated that there was a little confusion on funds that were available from the 2008 left over JARC & New Freedom projects funding. Paula Hughes stated that RMTD would only like to use the funds that are elapsing for 2 shelters out of the JARC funding (\$22,000) and New Freedom (\$11,000) for a total \$33,000. Mr. Diipla stated that the Mobility Subcommittee can review the 2009 and 2010 JARC and New Freedom funds at



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future meetings and a Call for Projects can be sent out at that time. Mr. Diipla stated that a consensus vote is needed for RMTD's three (3) shelter projects to use the 2008 JARC and New Freedom left over monies.

Co-Chairman Slattengren asked for a consensus vote and was unanimously approved. Mr. Diipla stated that he would make an amendment and additions to HSTP and TIP to present to Technical Committee and Policy Committee at the May 20, 2010 meeting.

6. HSTP PROJECT UPDATES: Mr. Diipla stated this is open for discussion and asked if RMTD had any updates to the Machesney Park JARC service. Mr. Hendricks (RMTD) did state that they have put that out but that due to an audit they are working through it has consumed a lot of their time. Mr. Hendricks stated that the Machesney Park route on the 173 extension will start on July 1, 2010. Mr. Hendricks indicated that there isn't a need for the Machesney Park night fixed route service at the current time and RMTD is still working on the details. Mr. McVinnie stated that RMTD is still conducting an overall route study that would assist in determining the needs for the fixed route for the Machesney Park area as well as the East Side Transfer Center. Mr. McVinnie indicated that the East Side Transfer Center RFP goes out today (5/11/10). Mr. McVinnie indicated that RMTD is trying to go away from the HUB system and go to a more user friendly system. The RMTD route study has been in the works for years but due to no local match the RMTD Route Study has been put on hold.

7. RMAP YEAR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP): Mr. Diipla indicated that RMAP has been working on the 2040 LRTP and a draft should be out next week. A draft should be available to Technical and Policy on Thursday, May 20, 2010. The 2040 LRTP looks at transportation planning for the next 30 years. RMAP staff will email Mobility Committee the dates and times for the 2040 LRTP Open Houses scheduled on Tuesday, May 25 and Wednesday, May 26, 2010. Co-Chairman Slattengren encouraged Mobility members to review the 2040 LRTP and to provide comments.

8: DISCUSSION: Ms. Sheridan stated that Illinois Growth Enterprises is looking partnering with Lowes Distribution Center to employ individual with disabilities. The plan is in the early stages and transportation could be an issue due to the odd shifts. Lowes initiated this project to diversify their workplace. Mr. Hendricks indicated that RMTD was contacted by Lowes and they are currently looking at the Lowe's shift to see what ridership would be available. Mr. McVinnie stated that the City of Rockford has frozen their budget and due to the limited operating resources the only way RMTD can put out additional services would require a local match.



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9. **COMMUNICATIONS:** No report.

10. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**

10.1 Free Senior Rides: Mr. Hendricks indicated that Senior free rides continue to rise. No new news from the state.

10.2 RMTD fare increase: Mr. McVinnie indicated that RMTD has not really received complaints from riders. Mr. McVinnie stated that hopefully in four (4) years the economy and ridership will be up again. Mr. Hendricks indicated that the seven (7) day pass purchase has been a successful campaign for RMTD. Ms. Hughes stated that RMTD is now taking credit cards to purchase fare tickets.

10.3 ARRA Funds: Nothing to report.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Co-Chairman Slattengren entertained a motion to adjourn the May 11, 2010 meeting. Motion by John Strandin and second motion by Paula Hughes, meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.