



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2013
RMTD East Side Transfer Center
725 North Lyford Road
Rockford, IL 61107**

ATTENDEES: Chairman Steve Haight; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Chairman Bob Walberg, Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Joe Fortmann, Boone County Council on Aging; Carol Green, Lifescape Community Services; Lisa Brown, Denny Hendricks, Paula Hughes, RMTD; Mike Williams, RRTC; Bob Soltau, SLATS; John Strandin, WIB; Chris Miller, Brian Hargert, Fish-Abled Foundation; Debra Adkins, Janna Bailey, Wesley Willows; Denny McCann, Barbara Olson; Eric Brown, RAMP; Jon Paul Diipla, Colin Belle, Christina Washington, RMAP.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Cerutti, Citizen; Bob Balgelmann, Belvidere Daily Republican Newspaper.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Haight called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Haight entertains a motion to approve the agenda. 1st Motion moved by Mr. Joe Fortmann, Boone County Council on Aging; seconded by Mayor Chamberlain, City of Belvidere. Motion carried.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE 4/19/13 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**
Ms. Hughes requested the following addition to item #5 under JARC to read as follows: (Note: only one JARC project to be selected from the above for FY12 funding).
Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the April 19, 2013 minutes as amended.
Motion was made by Mr. Joe Fortmann, Boone County Council on Aging; seconded by Mr. John Strandin, WIB.
Motion carried.
- 5. JARC/NEW FREEDOM CALL FOR PROJECTS:**
Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary on what was discussed at the April 19, 2013 Mobility Subcommittee meeting. At last month's meeting, the Mobility Subcommittee voted on the New Freedom project to continue Same Day Paratransit Service for RMTD. With the JARC program there were two (2) projects submitted; one was a RMTD New ESTC Route and the other was to continue funding the RMTD Fixed Route Bus Service to Belvidere.

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Mr. Diipla stated that the JARC item was postponed at last month's meeting. Since then Mr. Diipla and RMTD have met with the City of Belvidere & Boone County Coordinating Committee and discussed the importance of this service as well as to receive feedback. Today we will be moving forward on a decision for the FY12 JARC dollars to either fund the Belvidere service for an additional year or to potentially fund the new ESTC bus route. Mr. Diipla opened up the floor to members for discussion/comments.

Mayor Chamberlain stated that the City of Belvidere has enjoyed the transit service but currently the City of Belvidere is not in a position to commit to funding additional years once this year's funding are depleted. Mayor Chamberlain stated they would continue to review their budget and are looking at other alternatives but the reality is the City just cannot make a commitment to fund the Belvidere Route.

Ms. Brown stated that RMTD understands that municipalities are currently experiencing a bad economic time but asked if Belvidere/Boone County would be willing to look at other options to fund the route once the funds are depleted.

Mayor Chamberlain stated that they would appreciate that process and he would be willing to proceed with services for this year using (FY12) JARC funds. Mayor Chamberlain would be open to look at other options to fund future services once the JARC funds are depleted.

Ms. Hughes stated they would be able to use FY13 JARC funds to fund the East Side Transfer Center Fixed Route and the FY12 funds would be used to fund the Belvidere Fixed Route for another year.

Mr. Terrinoni stated that he appreciates all members' efforts on this issue and stated that he will vote yes for the use of JARC funds for another year for the Belvidere Fixed Route. Once the funds are depleted, Boone County would not be able to commit to fund the Belvidere Route further.

Chairman Haight stated that he was in favor of continuing the Belvidere Fixed Route and asked members if each project should be voted on separately? Or did anyone want to make a motion to approve both projects?

Mr. Fortmann made a motion to move the JARC FY12 funds to fund the Belvidere Fixed Route; second motion was made by Ms. Green. Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Hughes stated that RMTD is abstaining from voting.

Mr. Diipla stated that since FY12 JARC & New Freedom funds have been allocated to projects there will be a TIP amendment brought to next week's Technical Committee for their recommendation for the Policy Committee to approve at their May 30, 2013 meeting.

6. 5310 Applications:

Mr. Diipla stated that IDOT has released their CY13 5310 Consolidated Vehicle Program application. Mr. Diipla stated that Section 5310 Grant funds are available to non-profit organizations and RMAP is responsible to collect applications, review and forward them on to IDOT for final project selection. Mr. Diipla stated the following agencies have submitted applications:

- ❖ Barbara Olson Center of Hope

- ❖ Lifescape Community Services, Inc.
- ❖ Wesley Willows

Mr. Diipla stated that all agencies that applied are currently actively engaged in the Mobility Subcommittee process. Mr. Diipla stated that Mobility Subcommittee will need to provide a recommendation on the applications that will be transmitted to IDOT. IDOT will be responsible for awarding the vehicles and following-up with these agencies. Mr. Diipla opened up the floor for discussion.

Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary on how funding works for Section 5310. There was a brief discussion on the Section 5310 funding process.

Chairman Haight stated that all three (3) agencies that submitted an application are in attendance and asked the other members if they had any questions. None given.

Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve all three (3) applications. First motion was made by Mayor Chamberlain, City of Belvidere and second motion was made by Mr. Williams, RRTC. Motion approved unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION:

Ms. Brown stated that RMTD has released their Annual Report to the Community 2012 and provided members a copy for their review.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS:

- MAP-21:

Mr. Diipla stated that full FY13 apportionment funds have been released. Federal Register was published yesterday with amounts and is available on the FTA's website. For FY13 there is \$268,419.00 (for 5310 funds) allocated to the Rockford Region and what we would have to work with next year. The good news is the full amounts are out and we can start programming those dollars.

- RMTD Comprehensive Transit Analysis

Ms. Hughes stated that they are finalizing the routes and hope to have them ready for the fall mark up (late August or late September). Ms. Hughes stated they could provide a presentation to Mobility Subcommittee members at the July/August Mobility Subcommittee meeting.

- Commuter Connection

Mr. Williams stated that the Commuter Connection is a website to assist commuters who are trying to match ridesharing with other commuters. Unfortunately the vehicles that RRTC was supposed to get with FY12 5310 funds have not arrived. The Commuter Connection website is up and has been running for six (6) months. The site can be found under www.thecommuterconnection.org

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to adjourn the May 14, 2013 meeting. Motion by Mr. Joe Fortmann, Boone County Council on Aging and second motion by Mr. Williams, RRTC, meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.