



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2009
YWCA
4990 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108**

ATTENDEES: Steve Haight, Careers, Etc., John Slattengren, Boone County Council on Aging; Lisa Brown, RMTD; Dyanna Chandler, Council of Neighborhood Org.; Lori Mitchell, Village of Machesney Park; Rick McVinnie, RMTD; Linda Sheridan, Illinois Growth Enterprises; Rhonda Barrigas, RAMP; Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP; Michael Hren, RMAP; Jen Jacky, RAMP, Boone County; Carol Green, Lifescape; Grant Nyhamme, NIAAA; Fred Franck, Barbara Olson Center of Hope; John Strandin, Workforce Investment Board; Bob Soltau, SLATS; Ron Schoepfer, RMTD.

OTHERS PRESENT: Curtis Jones, IDOT

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:** Motion by Chairman Haight to approve the agenda, moved by John Slattengren, Boone County Council on Aging, seconded by Ms. Chandler, Council of Neighborhood Organizations. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE 9/8/09 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes with minor spelling corrections by Carol Green, Lifescape, seconded by Linda Sheridan, Illinois Growth Enterprises.
5. **HSTP PROJECT UPDATES:** Mr. Diipla gave a short status report regarding JARC and New Freedom projects that were previously selected by the Mobility Subcommittee. Mr. McVinnie reported that their paratransit vehicles have been purchased. RMTD had earmarked close to \$300,000 for a new route study to tie into usage for these vehicles. The study has been delayed due to less money now being available for it. Today, RMTD is asking for the Subcommittee's input and ideas for use of the paratransit vehicles. They also are asking for input regarding needs for the bus shelters and maintenance of them. RAMP expressed their concern on self-sustaining projects and the possibility of adding more bus shelters. Illinois Growth Enterprises expressed their need for rides for their people to their facility. Presently,

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they have to walk from the fixed route drop off to their facility. Mr. McVinnie also mentioned that RMTD is considering providing a feeder service for the paratransit vehicles and a possible reduced fare for this feeder service. RMTD is also trying to identify more areas where this service is needed, i.e., maybe more service on E. State and by Midvale and to the Center for Sight and Hearing Impaired. Other areas to look into providing service for could include seniors and high rises, individuals with disabilities and the circuit breaker program. It was mentioned that service to Boone County has been challenging due to times meetings are scheduled and service is limited to the urbanized area in Boone County. Mr. McVinnie has been in contact with Mayor Brereton regarding services in the Boone County and Belvidere area. From the discussions today, it was decided that RMTD will take the lead in scheduling a meeting to include RAMP, RMAP and any agency interested to identify agency/client needs. This meeting date and time will be forthcoming and will possibly take place at the RMAP offices.

Mr. Dipla mentioned that less SAFETEA-LU money is available this year than last year and for agencies to begin thinking about future projects for use of JARC and New Freedom funding.

6. RMAP LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP): This plan is updated every five years and it covers transportation goals and initiatives. Agency's project needs are placed in the LRTP document. The document is available for viewing on RMAP's website and any comments from agencies can be forwarded to Mr. Hren and he can add them to the website. There may be an open house planned in the coming weeks for public comments on the LRTP. Announcements regarding the open house will be coming.
7. & 8. DISCUSSION AND COMMUNICATIONS: Previously covered.
9. PROGRESS REPORTS: The free rides program is doing very well. In March of 2010, free rides will be available for seniors with circuit breaker status. The impact on ridership is hard to project from the fare increase, but ridership seems to be down a bit. No new status report available on the ARRA that may affect the TIP.
10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Slattengren, seconded by Ms. Chandler, meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.