



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 08, 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; Dennis Hendricks, RMTD; Paula Hughes, RMTD; Linda Sheridan, Illinois Growth Enterprises; Rhonda Barrigas, RAMP; Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP; Michael Hren, RMAP; Michael Maddox, RMAP

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Bona; Rockford Register Star

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Haight called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Chairman Haight to approve the agenda, moved by Lisa Brown, RMTD; seconded by John Slattengren, Boone County Council on Aging. Motion carried.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE 6/9/09 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Dyanna Chandler, Council of Neighborhood Org, seconded by Lori Mitchell, Village of Machesney Park.
- 5. HSTP PROJECT UPDATES:** RMTD staff provided an update on their agency. They have purchased two new medium duty vehicles. The new fixed route services for the new vehicles should be available in the Spring of 2010. The Machesney Park route has been delayed at the request of the new administration. It is anticipated the route will be implemented sometime during the next fiscal year. Mr. Diipla asked the agencies to start looking at their needs for New Freedom and JARC funding projects. Chairman Haight also asked agencies to begin planning for JARC and New Freedom projects that can be sustained. Mr. Diipla will send an e-mail with a copy of the application which explains what is needed for applying for JARC and New Freedom projects.
- 6. & 7. DISCUSSION AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Committee members discussed JARC and New Freedom funds and possible projects that these funds could be used for. Ms. Hughes

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stated New Freedom could be used for constructing new bus shelters. She mentioned some shelters have been built in different sections of town and they are very colorful and pleasant to the eye. Community groups that these shelters are in maintain the shelters. Chairman Haight questioned the cost for building a bus shelter and Mr. Hendricks stated the cost would vary depending on size of the cement slab needed and other reasons, possibly due to permits and curb cuts. Ms. Sheridan from Growth Enterprises asked if RMTD could possibly help them with service to get their employees home from work at midnight. To provide a service for Growth, RMTD would need to know the criteria for Growth's needs.

8. **PROGRESS REPORTS:** After the fare increase was implemented, May and June ridership showed a downward change. However, after the new fiscal year started, the ridership leveled off. Mr. Hendricks distributed two graphs depicting trends for senior ridership and disabled ridership. He mentioned that free-ride status needs to be recertified each year.

Mr. Diipla gave an update on the status of the TIP. Work is progressing and projects are being added to it as the information is received. A draft copy will be presented to the RMAP Technical Committee on September 17th. Mr. Maddox added that he has been working on the federally funded projects in the TIP and asked for an update regarding the RMTD East Side Transfer Center. Ms. Hughes mentioned some funding issues regarding the project but hoped the groundbreaking would be in the Spring. She referred Mr. Maddox's questions to Mr. Johnson of RMTD.

Ms. Barrigas offered RAMP's assistance with RMTD with the screening process for qualifiers for the free ride program.

Mr. Hren stated there is a dashboard on the RMAP website for tracking ARRA projects.

Mr. Diipla mentioned this is the second year anniversary for the Mobility Subcommittee.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Ms. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Slattengren, meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.