



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
YWCA
4990 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108**

ATTENDEES: Chairman Steve Haight, Careers Etc.; John Strandin, Workforce Connection; Paula Hughes, RMTD; Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP, Christina Washington, RMAP; Bob Soltau, SLATS; Jen Jacky, RAMP; Patricia Diduch, Machesney Park; Manuel Carrasquillo, Lifescape Community Services; Curtis Jones, IDOT; Don Thayer, Illinois Growth Enterprises; Amanda Perkins, Illinois Growth Enterprises; Julie Norris, Lowes; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Traffic Division; Mike Marvel, Barbara Olson Center

OTHERS PRESENT: None

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Haight called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Haight entertains a motion to approve the agenda. 1st Motion moved by Manuel Carrasquillo, Lifescape; seconded by Paula Hughes, RMTD.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE 5/11/10 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Paula Hughes, RMTD; seconded by Manuel Carrasquillo, Lifescape. Motion Carried.
- 5. POTENTIAL JARC AND NEW FREEDOM PROJECTS:** Chairman Haight indicated the big issue on the agenda is Lowe's transportation needs. Ms. Julie Norris, stated that Lowes Outreach Initiative Program is trying to enhance and diversify their workforce by having 10% of new hires include persons with disabilities. After a brief discussion of Lowe's transportation needs, Chairman Haight indicated there might be possible transportation funding through JARC and New Freedom. Mr. Diipla stated that the key point of the application is the commitment for sustainability of the program. Ms. Hughes indicated that RMTD would be willing to assist Lowe's in their project and help with the application



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process. Ms. Hughes stated that the only issue she feels would hinder the project is the continuation funding aspect for the project.

6 & 7. DISCUSSION & COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Hughes stated that the Burden bump started on July 1, 2010 which is the Alpine Route. One issue is the continuing of the money for night service. Ms. Hughes stated that they are looking at a small demand service route on the fixed route for Machesney Park industrial area. Ms. Hughes stated that RMTD is hoping to start this route November 1, 2010. Ms. Hughes stated that RMTD Route Study will be starting in a few months and hopes the demand / response service for Machesney Park will assist in determining the needs for night service.

Ms. Hughes stated that funds have been executed for the bus shelters.

Ms. Hughes indicated that RMTD has broke ground on the East Side Transfer Center. RMTD East Side Transfer Center should be completed by Fall 2011. RMTD is keeping the downtown facility.

8. PROGRESS REPORTS:

8.1 Free Senior Rides: Ms. Hughes stated that there were increases in senior rides which is probably due to the summer months.

8.2 RMTD Fares Increase: Ms. Hughes stated that Ridership for RMTD has been pretty good even with the increase in fares. Passes have become very popular.

8.3 ARRA/TIP: Mr. Diipla stated that the FY 2011 TIP should be going to Tech and Policy this month for adoption.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Haight entertained a motion to adjourn the September 14, 2010 meeting. Motion by Bob Soltau, SLATS and second motion by Patricia Diduch, Machesney Park, meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.