



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2013
RMTD East Side Transfer Center
725 North Lyford Road
Rockford, IL 61107**

ATTENDEES: Chairman Steve Haight; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Dennis McCann, Barbara Olson; Lisa Brown, Paula Hughes, RMTD; Janna Bailey, Wesley Willows, Linda Sheridan, Illinois Growth Enterprises; Bob Soltau, SLATS; Jon Paul Diipla, Colleen Hoesly, Christina Washington, RMAP.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Haight called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Haight entertains a motion to approve the agenda. 1st Motion moved by Mayor Chamberlain, City of Belvidere seconded by Ms. Lisa Brown, RMTD. Motion carried.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE 7/09/13 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**
Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the July 9, 2013 minutes.
Motion was made by Mr. Dennis McCann, Barbara Olson Center; seconded by Mayor Chamberlain, City of Belvidere. Motion carried.
- 5. RMTD BUS SHELTER PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**
Mr. Diipla stated that RMTD is in their final stages of their Comprehensive Route and Schedule Analysis and RMTD has asked members to provide some feedback on where shelter locations might be good along the fixed routes. Mobility Subcommittee will be discussing today and this agenda item will also be brought up at the RMAP Technical Committee meeting scheduled for September 19, 2013. Mr. Diipla stated that RMTD has received some feedback from Boone County Council on Aging, Mr. Joe Fortmann.
Mayor Chamberlain stated that the City of Belvidere supports Mr. Fortmann's recommendation from the Keen Age Center regarding shelter locations along the Belvidere Fixed Route.
Ms. Hughes stated that most of the routes are staying as is and there are two new routes; one that is going to Cherry Vale and the other route will be on Bell School going to the Cancer Center. Kilburn has changed slightly but there are no other major additions or deletions.

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There was a brief discussion on the RMTD fixed routes and possible new locations of bus shelters on the fixed routes.

Ms. Hughes stated that RMTD is in the process of buying more posts and signs and they are planning on doing dedicated stops vs. flag stops. To make the system faster there will be more dedicated stops and you can only get picked up where the bus stops signs are located.

Ms. Hughes stated that if there are any more bus shelter suggestions to please contact RMTD.

6. DISCUSSION:

None.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

FISH-ABLED FOUNDATION

Chairman Haight stated that Fish-Abled is doing well with their events and has had a very successful fundraiser event recently.

OUR VITAL SIGNS TOPIC TEAM MEETINGS

Mr. Diipla announced the Our Vital Signs Topic Team meetings next week and the schedule is as follows:

- Social Topic Team / Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 5:30p.
- Environmental Topic Team / Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 5:30p.
- Economic Topic Team / Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 4:30p.

8. PROGRESS REPORTS:

8.01 MAP-21:

Mr. Diipla provided members a copy of the power point presentation that was published by FTA recently in response to the circular that was released regarding proposed guidelines for the new 5310 program. The HSTP is still a requirement. FTA has clarified some types of activities that should be included to develop the HSTP in terms of the agencies that should be involved in the participation/coordination process. RMAP Mobility Subcommittee has been doing that for five (5) plus years. It seems with the MAP-21 funding awards, projects need to be specifically geared towards providing better access for mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The big change is the designated recipient status. The designated recipient needs to be selected for the region and the proposed circular states that would be the same agency that receives 5307 funds which would be RMTD. This will continue to be discussed further.

Mobility members had a brief discussion on the proposed changes to 5310 as a result of MAP-21.

8.02 RMTD Comprehensive Transit Analysis:

Ms. Hughes stated that half of the deliverables were delivered last week and everything should be wrapped up by September 30, 2013 from the consultant's point of view. RMTD is still discussing whether to release updated routes later this fall or wait until Spring 2014.

Ms. Brown stated that RMTD would not be ready to go by October 15, 2013 but November could be a real target date.

Mayor Chamberlain asked if the consultants are looking at all of the routes for the Transit Analysis. Are the consultants making proposals for alternate from what we currently have based on their recommendations or based on data input from Mobility Subcommittee members? Ms. Hughes stated that the consultants are going with locally preferred alternatives. The consultants have given us their recommendations and RMTD staff has responded with their recommendations. Ms. Hughes stated that right now the routes have been fairly finalized and it will be taken out to the public for an educational phase.

Ms. Brown stated that she is pretty sure that currently, there will not be any additional routes to Belvidere.

Mayor Chamberlain requested a review of the final RMTD Comprehensive Transit Analysis report. Ms. Hughes stated that RMTD plans on providing a full presentation to the Mobility Subcommittee.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Haight entertained a motion to adjourn the September 10, 2013 meeting. Motion by Mr. Dennis McCann, Barbara Olson and second motion by Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.