

**ROCKFORD METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING
POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Fred Brereton, City of Belvidere; Mayor Larry Morrissey, City of Rockford; Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Mayor Darryl Lindberg, City of Loves Park; Masood Ahmad, Illinois Department of Transportation-District 2

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Village of Machesney Park

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, RMAP Executive Director, Jon Paul Dipla, Mary Swanson, Michael Maddox and Michael Hren, RMAP staff; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park; Dave Taylor, NICTI; Sheryl Crowley, Village of Roscoe.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brereton with a quorum present at 1:22 p.m.
2. **COMMUNICATIONS:** RMAP is working with many organizations and the Department of Natural Resources to present a conservation development seminar at Klehm Arboretum on June 23 from 8:30 a.m to 3:00 p.m. The featured speaker will be Randall Arendt.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19, 2009 RMAP POLICY MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve minutes by Loves Park, seconded by City of Rockford. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **RMAP FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT REGARDUING AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) FUNDS- RMAP RESOLUTION 2009-7:** The Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Rockford need to amend the FY2009-FY2012 TIP to include requests from the Village of Roscoe, the City of Loves Park and Winnebago County. Roscoe is requesting McDonald road for improvements and funding to be provided from Winnebago County. Winnebago County agreed to reduce their guardrail funding to allow the McDonald Road project. Orth Road in Loves Park experienced engineering delays which will not permit this project as part of the stimulus package. Loves Park is proposing two other projects in place of the Orth Road project; one is Windsor Road from Forest Hills to Alpine and the other project is E. Riverside from the Rock River to IL 251/N. 2nd Street. The RMAP Technical Committee endorsed this amendment. The Rockton Avenue project in the City of Rockford had some minor boundary changes. Maps will be adjusted to reflect these requests and changes.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2009-7 was made by City of Rockford, seconded by City of Loves Park. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote:

Ayes: City of Belvidere; City of Loves Park; Boone County; City of Rockford; Illinois Department of Transportation. (Village of Machesney Park not present.)

Nays: -0-

5. **FY 2010 DRAFT UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):** With the absence of Mr. McIntyre, a presentation will be scheduled for May.
6. **TRANSIT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN RMAP, RMTD, CITY OF BELVIDERE/COUNTY OF BOONE:** The Boone County Council of Aging provided transit service to the City of Belvidere and Boone County but the contract is due to expire June 30th. RMTD issued RFP's for this service and received two proposals, one from ASAP and one from BCCA.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS:

- 7.1 **Northwest Tollway (I-90) Improvements:** Ms. Anderson was not at the Technical Committee meeting but projects seem to remain on schedule.
- 7.2 **NICTI Alternative Analysis:** RMAP and members from IDOT have agreed to allow Amtrak to use the Union Pacific route. A letter is being drafted by Mr. Ernst for the Governor and Rail secretary regarding using stimulus money for Amtrak. Mr. Ernst mentioned a meeting he attended with the Chicago Public Policy Forum and in attendance was the Honorable Christine Rodogno, Senate Minority Leader. Her feedback regarding Rockford getting rail service was very positive.

Mayor Morrissey commented that he had a very positive meeting with the Governor in Springfield and also had the opportunity to discuss rail service for our area with him on the return trip from Springfield.

Mayor Brereton state the Illinois Municipal League submitted a Resolution to have passing of the legislation a priority. Mayor Lindberg, just back from Springfield, noted the Resolution is very generic and can be changed easily.

Mr. Ernst also mentioned from the luncheon meeting in Chicago that the Senate is very eager to get the capital program resolved and added that Ms. Rodogno had very guarded comments on the subject.

7.3 **RMTD East Side Transfer Center:** No report.

7.4 **Northeast Urban Planning Area (NUPA) Study in Boone County:** Traffic projections for the next 30-40 years for the roadway contract expires July 1.

7.5 **RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:** The next meeting will be June 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the YWCA, 4990 East State Street, Rockford, IL.

7.6 **RMAP & Regional Planning:** Mr. Ernst mentioned the press release regarding the new web-site and urged members to sign on to the site.

7.7 **RMAP Regional Freight Study:** It is anticipated Dr. Hutchins will be at the May meeting.

7.8 2010 CENSUS PSAP MATERIAL: The final product has been sent to the Census and has been accepted from both Boone and Winnebago Counties.

8. OTHER BUSINESS: None

9. ADJOURNMENT: With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by the City of Loves Park, seconded by City of Rockford. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Mr. Jacobson gave a brief update on the CEDS program. Presently, \$150 million is being processed through the FEA; \$50 million for the East Coast; \$50 million for Michigan and \$50 million for nation-wide. Two million has been earmarked for a six state area. To receive funding, we need to establish an Economic Development District. RMAP along with assistance from NIU Government Studies are working to establish the required CEDS documents. With the RAEDC as the lead agency, Ms. Fadden has met with the EDA. The EDA are looking at projects that will create high paying jobs, and have projects meet the shovel ready criteria for their cities. Projects cannot be state owned roads. There is a list of approximately 14 projects now. All engineering requirements must be met as well as the environmental criteria.

A strategy meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28th and at this meeting a priority list of projects will be produced.