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ROCKFORD METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING
POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Ryan, City of Rockford, Steve Chapman, Winnebago County; Mayor Darryl Lindberg, Loves Park; Kris Tobin, Illinois Department of Transportation-District 2; Bob Walberg, Boone County Board Chairman; Mayor Fred Brereton, City of Belvidere; Mayor Tom Strickland, Village of Machesney Park.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, RMAP Executive Director, Jon Paul Dipla, Mary Swanson, Michael Maddox and Michael Hren, RMAP staff; Wayne Vik, Winnebago Highway; Dave Taylor, NICTI Chairman; Curtis Jones, IDOT; Thomas Bona, Rockford Register Star; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park; Bob Soltau, SLATS; David Townsend, County Highway Department; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Brereton with a quorum present at 1:17 p.m.
- 2. COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Ernst announced that he received the reimbursements for FY 09 and we did capture all the Federal money back.
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 RMAP POLICY MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve minutes by, Boone County seconded by City of Rockford. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. RMAP FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT; RESOLUTION 2009-13:** Mr. Ernst apologized for all the amendments to the TIP, but many are stimulus related. Mr. Maddox reported that IDOT submitted three changes this morning and there is a change for Winnebago County's CIP program. The City of Rockford's CIP, once it is submitted, will be added at a later date. Resolution 2009-13 reflects the changes from IDOT and Winnebago County and the Technical Committee unanimously endorsed the resolution to come before the Policy Committee.

Motion to approve Resolution 2009-13 by City of Loves Park, seconded by Winnebago County with a roll call vote:

Ayes: City of Rockford; Winnebago County; IDOT; Village of Machesney Park; Boone County; City of Loves Park; City of Belvidere

Nayes: -0-

Motion carried unanimously.



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5. **FEDERAL FUNDING DISCUSSION:** Mr. Ernst gave an update on the rescissions. He pointed out that \$870,000 has been rescinded from our balance, which could affect the Harrison project. \$1.7 million has been rescinded from our region and this will be split between our region and IDOT. This rescission will be reviewed after the first of the year. He mentioned that the Technical Committee members will start considering projects and create a priority list of "ready to go" projects. He referred to the handout from AASHTO showing their survey of the states ready to go transportation projects. Also handed out were two informational papers that address living issues and affordable housing for all communities. Having a project list ready will enable having a better position for procuring TIGER funding. Transportation issues will be addressed first but issues concerning economic development, energy consumption, and housing will also be considered.
6. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**
 - 6.1 **Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Improvements:** Mr. Ernst reported the ribbon cutting took place and this item can be removed from the agenda.
 - 6.2 **NICTD Alternative Analysis:** Mr. Taylor reported that he, Mr. Ernst and Mayor Brereton met with Sen. Burzynski to discuss plans for securing Federal funding and possible impacts for rail routes if the funding does not become available. Mr. Ernst mentioned speaking with Secretary LaHood at the press conference held at the Chicago-Rockford International Airport on November 13th, 2009. Mr. LaHood did not commit any information regarding any upcoming announcements for rail routes or TIGER application funds. We are still waiting for approval from the Federal office regarding the environmental portions of our application. The consultants cannot move forward until this environmental portion is complete.
 - 6.3 **RMTD East Side Transfer Center:** No report.
 - 6.4 **Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:** The 400+ page application has been submitted, along with two maps. Most of the financial portion work was completed by the RMAP staff. The applications were ranked by the Governor's Office and his office has pledged a \$5 million dollar match. We have made it through the first round and the second round, according to Mr. Ryan.
 - 6.5 **RMAP Regional Freight Study:** Mr. Ernst reported that we are close to 80% for the project completion. RMAP staff is hoping for a draft report in May of 2010 with a targeted completion date for the report for June, 2010. Many components of the Study were enveloped into the TIGER application. A presentation will be scheduled for a future RMAP Policy meeting.
 - 6.6 **RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:** No meeting is scheduled for the month of December, 2009.
 - 6.7 **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs):** Waiting for reports on the economic development portion of the document from the Chicago office prior to approving it.

Mayor Brereton stated that Mayor Strickland has asked for a status report regarding the Rt. 173 widening. Mayor Strickland conveyed his frustration with this project and that he has sent three letters to the Governor with no information returned regarding the project. Ms. Tobin, IDOT, replied that the engineering portion is underway. Mr. Ernst believes this is a part of their 5-year program but expressed uncertainty on the amount of construction that could be done if there

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is no funding available. Mr. Townsend reported he has spoken with Cindy Bennett, IDOT, and improvements at the 173 intersection could begin this summer.

Mayor Brereton asked that the Rt. 173 corridor widening project be added as an agenda item under Progress Reports.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: None

8. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by City of Loves Park, seconded by Village of Machesney Park, meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.