



## RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Fred Brereton, City of Belvidere; Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey, City of Rockford; Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Ms. Patricia Diduch, Village of Machesney Park; Mr. Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park; Mr. Steve Chapman, Winnebago County; Mr. Dan Long, Illinois Department of Transportation- District 2.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** All present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Michael Hren, Michael Maddox, Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP Staff; Mr. Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Representative Dave Winters, Illinois General Assembly; Mr. Curtis Jones, IDOT; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Brereton with a quorum present at 1:18 PM.
2. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Ernst stated that the Governor has announced the new round of enhancement projects which is a total of \$80 million statewide. The projects will have an 80-20 match requirement. Applications will be submitted electronically and are due Tuesday, August 31, 2010. Any questions regarding ITEP, please contact Gary McIntyre at RMAP.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2010 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) AMENDEMENT:** Mr. Ernst reported that Resolution 2010-11 is left over ARRA funds for the City of Rockford to fund Springbrook Road from Imperial Oaks to Alpine Road. Mr. Ernst stated that Technical Committee reviewed the TIP Amendment at the June 17, 2010 meeting and unanimously recommended approval. Motion to approve Resolution 2010-11 by City of Rockford; seconded by Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. RMAP YEAR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP):** After a short presentation and discussion Mr. Ernst stated that there are a few sections that were expanded such as Freight & Rail section, Sustainability section, and Technology & Broadband section. Plus some work done on Economic Development by the RAEDC. Mr. Ernst stated that 7 LRTP open houses were held and we received quite a few favorable comments which are included in the document. At the June Technical Committee meeting RMAP presented a draft of the 2040 LRTP. Mr. Ernst stated that Technical Committee reviewed the 2040 LRTP at the July 29, 2010 meeting and unanimously recommended approval. Motion to approve Resolution 2010-11 by Boone County and seconded by City of Rockford. Roll call taken and motion carried unanimously.

**6. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM:** Mr. Ernst reported that the Federal Sustainable Communities Partnership between HUD, DOT and EPA has launched their grant opportunities and is categorized into Planning Grants and Implementation Grants. RMAP will be applying for the Planning Grant which focuses on a regional plan. Applications are due August 23, 2010 and starting Monday and Tuesday RMAP will be launching full force into the project. RMAP is working with Winnebago County, City of Rockford, RHA and the RAEDC on the application process. Mr. Ernst stated that the Feds have delayed the release of the notice for at least two months. Mr. Ernst stated that the Federal Guidance stated in order to qualify for this grant it will be required that a consortium be created. This group will be representing the interest of the majority of the regional players involved housing, economic development, transportation and the environment so RMAP is asking for letters of support from individual members as well as the Policy Committee endorsing the project and the RMAP staff being the lead on this project. RMAP is very interested in hearing from the members on what they would like to see in the grant. Mr. Ernst is looking for endorsement and recommendation of the Resolution 2010-12 being submitted to Policy. Mr. Ernst encouraged members to submit support letters at least the week before application due date of August 23, 2010. Mr. Ernst stated that if RMAP staff needs to attend Council or Board meeting to discuss the Sustainable Communities Grant they would be happy to attend to discuss and answer questions. Mr. Ernst anticipates that some assistance will be needed on a Technical capacity. Mr. Ernst is entertaining the idea of having NIU act as the project manager for the project and would be an eligible expense under the grant award. Mr. Ernst stated that there is a 20% local match required which RMAP will be covering on behalf of its members. RMAP will be contacting members for information needed in the application. Mr. Ernst stated that Technical Committee reviewed the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program at the July 29, 2010 meeting and unanimously recommended approval. Motion to approve Resolution 2010-12 by City of Rockford and seconded by Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Chairman Brereton stated that the Nominating Committee recommends Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey to Chairman and Chairman Bob Walberg to Co-Chairman. Mayor Morrissey

accepts. Chairman Brereton entertains a motion to approve, slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee. Motion approved unanimously. Chairman Walberg thanks Mayor Fred Brereton for the excellent job he has done for the two years he served as RMAP Policy Chair.

**8. RMAP FINANCIAL REPORT AND DISCUSSION:** Mr. Ernst provided a brief presentation of RMAP's financial report of the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010. Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP Budget was on track and was able to capture all of the Federal dollars for FY2010. Mr. Ernst stated that the Local Match for FY2011 is the same as last year.

**9. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:**

**9.1 NICTI Alternative Analysis & Amtrak Service:** Mr. Ernst reports that the New Starts program is in a major state of flux at the Federal Level. The FTA is seeking for ways to change the program and has issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking at the federal level and RMAP will be submitting comments on the docket which are due by Tuesday, August 3, 2010. Mr. Ernst stated that he and other members attended the Great American Stations Amtrak Event which was held on Thursday, July 22, 2010 in Chicago, IL. It was a very good meeting and provided a lot of information on station designs and the Amtrak process for submittal. Mr. Ernst indicated that Amtrak is expecting a formal letter from the City of Rockford and City of Belvidere regarding their individual station design.

**9.2 RMTD East Side Transfer Center:** Mr. Ernst stated that RMTD should be able to award today (July 29, 2010).

**9.3 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:** No Report.

**9.4 RMAP Regional Freight Study:** No report.

**9.5 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:** No report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2010 and held at YWCA located at 4990 E. State Street.

**9.6 RMAP Housing, Human Services & Workforce Development Subcommittee:** Mr. Ernst reports that this is part of Sustainability project.

**9.7 Stormwater / Drainage Subcommittee:** Mr. Ernst reports that Winnebago County is looking at another 319 grant application. Boone County Stormwater hasn't had a quorum so nothing new to report.

**9.8 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:** No report.

**9.9 State Route IL-173 (IL-251 to I-90):** Mr. Ernst reports on IL173 update and states the section from IL251 is on track for the projected 2011 construction year. A Public Awareness Open House will be held today (July 29, 2010) at the Village of Machesney Park from 1:00-6:00p and comments are welcome.

**9.10 South Main Street / IL-2 Planning Study:** Mr. Ernst reports that both projects (9.10 and 9.11) has gone through the consultant selection process and is in contract negotiations with the first choice.

**9.11 Greater RMAP Environmental-Educational Network (GREEN):** See 9.10.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**10.1** Mr. Ernst announces that RMAP is acting as the lead agency for the EECBG (Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant) and will be accepting applications from non-entitlement communities until Friday, August 5, 2010.

**10.2** Mr. Long announced that that the IDOT Multi Year Program (MYP) public meeting for SLATS and RMAP areas will be held on Monday, September 13, 2010 from 4:00-6:00p and held at the RMAP office and it will be the same open house format as last years.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** As there was no further business, Mayor Brereton entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Boone County, and seconded by City of Rockford. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 P.M.