



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 30, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey, City of Rockford; Mayor Fred Brereton, City of Belvidere; Mayor Darryl Lindberg, City of Loves Park; Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Ms. Kris Tobin Illinois Department of Transportation- District 2.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Boone County, Village of Machesney Park.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP Staff; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park PW; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford CIP; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway; Dave Taylor, NICTI Chairman; Curtis Jones, IDOT Springfield; Maria Hawley, IL Hispanic Chambers; Brian Leaf, Rockford Register Star.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey with a quorum present at 1:20 PM.

2. COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Ernst stated August 30th was the deadline for submittal of Enhancement Grant (ITEP) applications. Our region submitted 4 applications (City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Rockford Park District and City of Belvidere). Mr. Ernst stated that the William Lipinski Forum Policy is scheduled for November 8, 2010 and held at Northwestern University. Mr. Ernst stated that any Policy members interested in attending RMAP will pick up the cost. Mr. Ernst will forward more information about the Lipinski Forum to Policy members for their review.

3. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 29, 2010 RMAP POLICY MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes by City of Loves Park, seconded by IDOT, Region 2. Motion carried unanimously.

4. RMAP FY 2010-2013 TIP: Mr. Ernst reported that this is the current TIP and that RMAP is reporting administrative modifications that were made for North Second Street, Spring Creek Road/Auburn Street and the City of Rockford's Downtown Riverwalk Project. Letters were distributed to IDOT in Springfield. No action needed.

5. RMAP FY 2011-2014 TIP: Mr. Ernst stated that this is one of RMAP's largest work items for the calendar year. The document is of considerable size and RMAP has provided Policy members copies of the TIP document on CD's. Technical Committee and RMAP staff recommendation was for approval. Motion to approve Resolution 2010-13 by Winnebago County and seconded by the City of Loves Park. Roll Call taken and motion carried unanimously.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS:

6.1 NICTI Alternative Analysis & Amtrak Service: Mr. Ernst provided a presentation on the current Amtrak situation. A brief discussion was held. Policy members thanked Mr. Ernst for the detailed information and asked him to move forward with RMAP's rebuttal.

6.2 RMTD East Side Transfer Center: Mr. Ernst reported that construction has started.

6.3 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: Mr. Ernst reported that a Discretionary ARRA Grant was awarded and the IT folks from the local municipalities did a great job obtaining this grant. Mayor Morrissey stated he had a conversation with Senator Durbin who advised that we stay on top of this project due to the upcoming election and possible changes that might follow.

6.4 RMAP Regional Freight Study: No report.

6.5 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: No report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010 and held at YWCA located at 4990 E. State Street.

6.6 RMAP Housing, Human Services & Workforce Development Subcommittee: Mayor Morrissey reported that he and Chairman Christiansen have been discussing the possibility of a combined City County Housing authority. Mr. Ernst stated that this would be a good topic for the Sustainability Communities Grant application that has been submitted.

6.7 Stormwater / Drainage Subcommittee: No report.

6.8 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: Mr. Ernst reported that the Economic Development District has been launched. The request for Economic Development Adjustment Grant has been awarded and the RAEDC is currently processing the paperwork.

6.9 State Route IL-173 (IL-251 to I-90): IL 173 - IL 251 to Alpine Rd section – Mr. Ernst reported that IDOT has the 90% plans in house and in a few months should have plans approved and ready for submission to Springfield. Land acquisition is underway. IDOT is looking to next summer to get the culverts and widening done and for November to have this corridor open for the holidays. IL 173 - Alpine Rd to Rock Cut State Park section - Mr. Ernst reported that Phase I engineering would be commencing soon and IDOT is finalizing the contract with the design engineering team.

6.10 South Main Street / IL-2 Planning Study: Mr. Ernst reported that the consultant has been chosen for the South Main Project. The team of the Lakota Group, Ty Lin, CLUE and ARC Design have been hired for the South Main Corridor Plan.

6.11 Greater RMAP Environmental-Educational Network (GREEN): Mr. Ernst reported that the consultant team is moving ahead and working on the GIS portion of the greenway plan.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: None

8. ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business, Mayor Brereton entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by City of Loves Park, and seconded by City of Belvidere.

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 P.M