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**Rockford Area Transportation Study
Metropolitan Planning Organization**
City of Rockford, Public Works Department
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RATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, April 19, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT, District 2; David Townsend and Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford, Public Works Department; James A. Johnson, Rockford Mass Transit District; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park, Community Development Department; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Department; Craig Lawler, City of Belvidere, Public Works Department; David Noel, Village of Roscoe; Mark Painter, Village of Winnebago.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Loves Park, Public Works Department; Village of Machesney Park; Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Village of Cherry Valley; City of Rockford, Community Development Department; Winnebago County Regional Planning and Economic Development Department; Belvidere / Boone County Regional Planning Department.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Bunny Anderson, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, RATS Study Director; Gary McIntyre, City of Rockford and RATS Staff; Tonia Vrolyk, City of Rockford, Public Works Department, CIP Division; David Almy and Charlie Smith, Hanson Professional Services.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernst at 10:05 a.m. with a quorum present.

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2007 RATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING: LAID OVER

2. AGENCY REPORTS

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2.1 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2 – LONG: IL 2 (South Main Street) Intersection at Clifton Avenue, on schedule, 11%, still on stage one.

IL 173 and I-90, on schedule, 76%.

I think we have a few others, that we're gonna have a precon early next week coming up.

We should be getting a start on a bunch of others in May.

ERNST: You don't have a tentative ribbon cutting / opening date for IL 173 interchange, do you?

LONG: Right now, our schedule says the end of June is when we're gonna be complete.

So, I was just talking today with our field engineer about that. He seems to think that we're gonna have to have something special going on out there.

ERNST: I would imagine...most...gotta have a ribbon cutting of some kind, grand opening.

LONG: In the next couple weeks I think they're gonna get on that and start finding out what's what with that.

So, I'll keep you updated on that.

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2.2 Winnebago County Highway Department – VLK: We'll have our Belvidere Road Resurfacing Project starting up early June.

Next week we'll be starting our Temporary Signal Project on Ralsted on Bluebonnett west of 251.

April 30 letting for our Willowbrook / Perryville Intersection Improvement.

Our other major projects will be probably starting up late June.

So, I'll just reiterate them next month.

2:07 – 11:05

2.3 City of Rockford, Public Works Department – ZUROSKE: The Harrison Avenue Ohio Pkwy to Mulford Project continues.

We have switched over to the northern lanes.

I would say the project's probably somewhere in the 40% complete range.

We still, obviously, have medians to do and a whole variety of other things, but that project is well underway.

The Harrison Avenue Lighting and Landscaping Project, in conjunction with this, we have completed the plans and submitted them to IDOT.

We're waiting back for any comments.

We would expect that to be on the letting sometime, I think they're shooting for the June letting.

Ultimately, for that to be done in early 2008.

The Harrison Avenue Phase 2 portion, which is 20th to 11th, we have completed our right-of-way investigation and submitted the plans to IDOT.

We would expect to move that project along a little bit more aggressively over the next year or so.

But we've done our work and IDOT's doing the _____ information, there.

Harrison Avenue Bridges that is for the CN & UP, almost adjacent to Flynn Middle School.

That project has been let.

The preconstruction meeting has been completed,

We would expect construction to start there sometime in the next 30-60 days.

The two-phased construction, obviously, we've got to keep one set of bridges open.

We would expect that to really get kicked off in late May, early June.

That will be under construction this year.

The Main Street & Auburn Roundabout, we're in engineering.

We're working with Hanson Engineers, there,

We have been chipping away at some of the IDOT requirements.

We're scheduled to do IDOT's bi-monthly meeting, hopefully sometime even later this month, in the next few weeks.

But, we've made a lot of progress there.

Our Whitewater Feasibility Study, for anybody who's interested, is kicked off about four or five months ago.

We did do a dam assessment.

We did a draw down of the Rock River

We did a complete dam inspection.

We've been trading information with IDNR, and IEPA, and others.

We would expect to at least have some sort of deliverable in the way of a feasibility analysis sometime in mid-summer.

But we are moving on that fairly quickly.

We are also in the process of finalizing our North Main Street Street Corridor Plan.

We'll be meeting with the consultants over next couple of months, but we look to have that completed.

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That is from, essentially,

Myott to Riverside, IDOT have been gracious, landuse analysis done by end of project, fold into zoning re-write, full suite of public meetings, still additional time for public comment, City Council mid to late May, planning division zoning re-write by end of May, anybody interested, kudos to IDOT, Riverwalk Project kicked off a couple of months ago, first public meeting tonight at Riverfront, this is Museum Campus section, the other is between State Street and Chestnut Street bridge, anybody is invited to come, have not created any scenarios yet, welcome any input or thoughts, state to chestnut piece progressing nicely, private property owner who owns the bank building, the Clifton Avenue Reconstruction, let, City is re-building Clifton Avenue, coordinating our activities with State, from South Main to Pond, Morgan Street Bridge, well underway, geotechnical, utilities, drill through bridge deck, that will be done in next 30 days, last item to complete phase 1, that project is not slated to go to construction until 2011, Kishwaukee Street Bridge project, majority of work complete, final land acq, might get project off later this year, utility work, demolition, not sure if gonna get anything of substance done, Kishwaukee Street Harrison Avenue, planning and development group, June letting, working on utility relocate issues, State is aggressive in moving that project forward, neighborhood streets program will be little more robust than last year, two contracts, letting a contract in next two-three weeks, these are overlays for the most part, our Aldermen have picked, for the most part, we would expect a fairly even split this year, the program \$3.4 million a year, three contracts as opposed to two, we would expect significant resurfacing this year,

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2.4 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department – BRUCK on behalf of Dan Jacobson NO REPORT.

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2.7 Rockford Mass Transit District – JOHNSON: NO REPORT

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2.8 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department – BRUCK

12:58 – 15:04

2.13 Boone County Highway Department – LUNDIN

15:14 – 16:17

2.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department – LAWLER

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2.15 Village of Roscoe – NOEL: NO REPORT

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2.16 Village of Winnebago – PAINTER: NO REPORT

16:31 – 19:37

2.18 Illinois State Toll Highway Authority – ANDERSON

19:47 – 22:37

3. RATS FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): Discussions on the timetable and information for next year's (July 1,2007 to June 30, 2011) TIP.

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4. RATS & REGIONAL PLANNING: Appointment of Sub-Committee – At the March 29, 2007, RATS Policy Committee meeting, a motion was passed to create a sub-committee to further explore this issue.

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5. ILLINOIS COMPREHENSIVE HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN: IDOT's Bureau of Local Roads and Streets & Bureau of Safety Engineering are implementing the Local Crash Data Collection Program (LCDCP). A discussion will be held to coordinate work activities pertaining to this new program.

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LUNDIN:

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6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

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6.1 Winnebago County Smart Growth Study – VLK

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6.2 NICTI Alternative Analysis – ERNST

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6.3 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area –

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6.4 RMTD East Side Transfer Center –

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6.5 IL 173 Corridor Planning Study (by Machesney Park) –

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6.6 Boone County / IL 173 Corridor Study

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6.7 RATS Bicycle / Pedestrian Study

54:18 - 57:10

6.8 RATS FY 2008 Unified Work Program – DRAFT

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7. COMMUNICATIONS:

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JOHNSON (RMTD):

House Bill # HB3428 Representative Chuck Jefferson Airport Board to become Rail Board. Introduced by Repr. Chuck Jefferson.

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House Bill # HB0801 Metro Plan Council, Chicago

Comment from LUNDIN:

Comment from MCINTYRE:

1:07:10 – 1:07:50

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

9. ADJOURNMENT

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At 11:14 a.m., Mr. Ernst entertained a motion to adjourn. It was moved by City of Rockford, Public Works, and seconded by Village of Roscoe. The motion was unanimously approved and adopted.