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**ROCKFORD METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 23, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, Illinois Department of Transportation; Dave Townsend, Wayne Vlk Winnebago County Highway Department; Jonah Katz, City of Rockford, Community Development; Adam Tegen, Belvidere/Boone County Planning; Mark Painter, Village of Winnebago; Craig Lawler, Belvidere, Public Works; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford; Jim Johnson, Rockford Mass Transit; Nathan Bruck, Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park; David Nord, Village of Cherry Valley; Sheryl Crowley, Village of Roscoe; Steve Asche, Village of Roscoe; Chad Atkinson, Village of Machesney Park; Marge Bevers, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Tom Kelso, IDOT Planning & Programming; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Boone County Highway; Winnebago County Planning and Econ. Development Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, RMAP Executive Director; Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP staff; Michael Maddox, RMAP staff; Michael Hren, RMAP staff; David Almy, Hanson Professional Service; Mike Weber, Rock River Water Reclamation District; Gary Camling, McClure Engineerig; Thomas Bona, Rockford Register Star; Bob Soltau, SLATS; Dana Carroll, Rock River Water Reclamation District.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernst at 10:01 a.m., with a quorum present.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19, 2009 MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Village of Cherry Valley, seconded by City of Loves Park. Motion carried.
2. **AGENCY REPORTS**
 - 2.1 **Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:** Project updates were presented by Mr. Long. The stimulus projects are moving along and all have been let.
 - 2.2 **Winnebago County Highway:** Project updates were presented by Mr. Townsend. Belt Line Road will be closing the first week in May then will re-open for the months of June and July then will re-close in August for approximately one year. The Wheeler Road bid is opening today. The Pecatonica Prairie Path was pushed back to a June letting. The parameters for this project are from Meridian to Conger Road.
 - 2.3 **City of Rockford:** Mr. Zuroske gave project updates. The Ridge/Whitman project will begin May 4. The city's stimulus schedule has been submitted to IDOT and are awaiting word from them.

Resurfacing projects will begin when the asphalt plants open. Rockton north of Riverside to begin this coming week.

- 2.4 **City of Loves Park:** The Riverside project at I-90 is moving forward with an anticipated completion date in October.
- 2.5 **Village of Machesney Park:** Projects for Marie, Evans and Elkhorn will begin in 2 weeks.
- 2.6 **Chicago/Rockford International Airport:** The airport will be receiving stimulus money which will allow the first phase of work for the Bravo South Runway to be done. The airport is experiencing some water main problems and is working with the City of Rockford to resolve them. The Go Global event was a success. Attendance was up by 70% from last year.
- 2.7 **Rockford Mass Transit District:** The board approved the fare increases. Material regarding the new rates is available.
- 2.8 **City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:** A comprehensive planning meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2009 at 6 pm here in this room.
- 2.9 **Village of Cherry Valley:** No report.
- 2.10 **City of Rockford, Community Development:** Kishwaukee Corridor Revitalization Plan committee report was approved by the Rockford City Council and a public hearing is scheduled for May 18.
- 2.11 **Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development:** Not present
- 2.12 **Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department:** Some conflicts with the consultants have come up regarding the 173 plan.
- 2.13 **Boone County Highway Department:** Not present.
- 2.14 **City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:** McKinley Rd at US 20 is not complete yet.
- 2.15 **Village of Roscoe:** Submitted paperwork to IDOT for their projects.
- 2.16 **Village of Winnebago:** Contract documents for Westfield Road have been submitted to IDOT.
- 2.17 **Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:** Not present.
- 2.18 **Illinois State Toll Highway Authority:** Not present.
- 2.19 **IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:** Not present.
- 2.20 **IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:** No report.
- 2.21 **Ogle County Highway Department:** Not present.
- 2.22 **Boone County Council on Aging:** Not present.
- 2.23 **State Line Area Transportation Study:** Mr. Soltau reported the second round of meetings regarding the stimulus projects for Wisconsin are underway. There will be a public hearing on May 5 for a radio

repeater project for Illinois stimulus funds. A policy meeting will be held at 10 am on May 11 at 2400 SpringBrook Rd.

2.24 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division: Not present.

2.25 Rockford Area Economic Development Council: Not present.

2.26 Rock River Water Reclamation District: Transportation project for the southeast area has passed. Sewer replacement on 13th Street has started and the Brentwood project in Machesney Park has begun.

2.27 Growth Dimensions: Not present.

2.28 Stateline Mass Transit District: Not present.

Mr. Jacobson gave an update regarding the CEDS project. The steering committee has been meeting the past two months. The committee has to be comprised of at least 51% membership from the private sector. Projects for this must be "shovel ready" and the RAEDC is the point agency for project selection. Improvements must be owned by the municipality and cannot be state owned roads. The end of May is the deadline for the CEDS plan to be approved by the EDA. The committee is looking at creating a 5-year plan which can be revised as changes arise.

3. RMAP FY2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT REGARDING AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) FUNDS, Resolution 2009-7: Loves Park, Roscoe and Winnebago County submitted changes to the original stimulus list. The requests are in order and the Resolution will go before the Policy Committee on Friday, April 24. Roscoe submitted a project on McDonald Road and Winnebago County reduced its guardrail funding to do this project. Orth Road did not meet the requirements to be shovel ready so Windsor Road is being substituted and a piece of E. Rivierside is being added to the stimulus. Costs and boundary changes have occurred for the Rockton Avenue project.

Mr. Vlk pointed out the funding sheet for the guardrail is wrong and the corrections will be made to this sheet prior to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Jacobson mentioned that all Loves Park projects are ready for the July letting.

Motion to recommend Resolution 2009-7 to the Policy Committee with the minor changes: motion by Loves Park, seconded by Village of Winnebago. Motion unanimously approved.

4. FY 2010 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP): RMAP staff are taking any comments and Mr. McIntyre will follow up.

5. TRANSIT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN RMAP, CITY OF BELVIDERE/COUNTY OF BOONE: Bids were opened last Tuesday and information will be going before the RMTD selection committee. RMAP is updating a memorandum of understanding and the information will be brought before the Technical Committee in May.

Mr. Johnson stated the costs from the two submittals will be reviewed then it will be brought before the RMTD Board for approval.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS:

- 6.1 NICTI Alternative Analysis: Mr. Steve Polito is the new contact person for this project. A meeting with the FTA is planned for the near future.
 - 6.2 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area: Moving towards advocating a stimulus application for the summer of 2009 with award in September or October. Applications are due by August.
 - 6.3 RMTD East Side Transfer Center: A special use permit is in process and will be presented to the Rockford Zoning of Appeal Committee. Architects are completing the schematic design.
 - 6.4 Northeast Urban Planning Area (NUPA) Study in Boone County: Members can work with Mr. McIntyre who will forward information to the consultants.
 - 6.5 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: A sub-committee has been formed. A "working map" has been developed depicting the corridors in the two counties affected by fiber optics. Changes to this map can be made at any time.
 - 6.6 RMAP Regional Freight Study: Mr. McIntyre is working on developing a land use scenario. A meeting will be held prior to May 25 regarding the year 2020 plan for the freight study.
 - 6.7 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: The next Mobility Subcommittee meeting is June 9th at the YWCA of Rockford on East State Street at 10 am.
 - 6.8 2010 Census PSAP Material: Data on block groups should be submitted to the Census Bureau this month. Boone County has submitted their census information.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:** The City of Rockford, Mayor's Office received a letter from the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding their FY 2010-2014 Crossing Safety Improvement program. If you wish to submit a project for consideration you can download a project application from the Commission's website (<http://www.icc.illinois.gov>).

Mr. Diipla mentioned a workshop being held on June 23, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, at Klehm Arboretum, titled "Rethinking Growth: The Economic Benefits of Conservation-Based Development and Highway Corridor Redevelopment. The speaker will be Randall Arendt.

Mr. Ernst mentioned the RMAP web-site is ready and a press release will be sent out today regarding it. Some of the information for the web-site has not been transferred over to the site yet. He also mentioned the Tri-State Alliance summit to be held May 27 in Dubuque at the Riverfront Convention Center. Mr. LaHood will not be speaking but will send a replacement from his staff. Notices will be sent for registration. Transportation will not be the only issue on the agenda, waterways and rivers in the tri-state area will also be part of the agenda.

The American Assembly meeting will be held next week in Rockford and the event is sponsored by Columbia University and it is an invitation only event.

8. OTHER BUSINESS: None

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.