



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 26, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonah Katz, City of Rockford Planning; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford CIP; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park PW; Ben Ackert, Village of Winnebago; Adam Tegen, Boone County Planning; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Dan Long, IDOT District 2; Curtis Jones, IDOT Urban Program Planning; David Townsend, Winnebago Co. Highway; Sue Mroz, Winnebago County Planning; Patricia Diduch, Machesney Park Planning; Craig Lawler, City of Belvidere PW; Jim Johnson, RMTD.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chicago/Rockford Airport, Village of Roscoe, FHWA, Village of Cherry Valley, RAEDC, RRWRD.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Mike Maddox, Michael Hren, RMAP Staff; Bob Soltau, SLATS; Steve Frerichs, Chastain & Associates.

With a quorum present Mr. Ernst called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 29, 2010 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to approve the July 29, 2010 Technical Committee minutes. Motion to approve by SLATS, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.1 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2: Mr. Long reported that Meridian Road at US-20 bridge replacement deck was poured last Friday and is scheduled for a late October completion. US BUS-20 East State Street signals at Bienterra, Mill and Buckley are complete. IL-2 at Fuller Creek, the 1st half the of bridge is completed and the work has begun on the 2nd half and they are hoping to have all 4 lanes open by October. IL-251 at Harlem Road signal modernization is pushing conduit this week and next. They will be taking a break because the mast arms will need to be fabricated and they are hoping to be back on the job by November. IL-2 from Auburn to Riverside work is complete but they still have utility adjustments to go. They are not planning on starting the adjustment right away. IL-2 from Roscoe Road to Latham Road is done paving but they still have guardrails and minor work items left to complete and should be done in two weeks. Bus-20 from 7th Street to Fairview are still working on utility adjustments and it will take another month or so to complete. Mr. Long recommended to use caution – the narrow lanes are making traffic control difficult. IL-251 from Forest Hills to Windsor has a few days of paving left and temporary striping will be in place for a little while. IL-251 from Leonard to New Milford is complete. The six bridges along Bypass 20 are scheduled to begin the second week of



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September, please expect lane closures and traffic delays. US-20 from Harrison Ave to Farmington Way patching is underway and crews plan on working full force once their other projects are complete. US-20 at MicKinley Avenue Stage 1 is underway and the stone on the north side is done. IL-173 project from IL-251 to Alpine Rd received a lot of good comments and they are still working on the plats which are only half done. Alpine Road to the Park hours has been negotiated with the consultants and the new survey is underway. The Field work is done but the computer work and tin model still needs to be done. The South Main north half still has some design issues and has a meeting scheduled with the City of Rockford tomorrow. South half still has design details needs to be ironed out. The IL-2 from Auburn to Riverside, IDOT held the kick off meeting yesterday. The August 5th public meeting received a lot of good comments. IDOT is looking for participants to serve on CAG (Citizen Advisory Group) and the first meeting is scheduled for September 2010.

2.2 Winnebago County Highway Department: Mr. Townsend reported that Bell School Road from Newburg to Mill should be wrapping up by the end of September. Ralston to Blue Bonnet is moving slowly but should be wrapped up by the first part of October. The Perryville Bridge over the South branch of the Kishwaukee River deck was poured yesterday and is scheduled to be completed by September 24, 2010. The Condone Road resurfacing project has some in house work being done on the widening and culvert replacement and they are hoping to get the widening done by next year. The Hononegah Road project has been awarded and is scheduled to start in the next couple weeks. The Meridian Road project is officially rescheduled to be bid in Spring 2011, they are still experiencing difficulty with some right of way purchase. Mr. Townsend stated that they have a Department of Energy grant for traffic signal inter-connect from Fincham to Minns and this work will be done the Spring 2011.

2.3 City of Rockford, Public Works Department: Mr. Zuroske reported that all projects are complete or in progress and there is no major milestone to report.

2.4 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department: Mr. Jacobson reported that he did meet with the folks from Speedway and they have worked out the issues.

2.5 Village of Machesney Park: Ms. Diduch reported that all road projects are still under construction. Ms. Diduch stated that Roosevelt Road project is a little behind schedule.

2.6 Chicago/Rockford International Airport: Not present.

2.7 Rockford Mass Transit District: No report.

2.8 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department: Mr. Jacobson reported that the Riverside Corridor Planning Study Preliminary Report should be ready by the end of August and a meeting will be scheduled with the consultant to review the report before releasing to public.

Mr. Jacobson stated that he received a notice from the Secretary of IDOT who is looking to redirect MFT funds for possibly Oct and or Nov to help with the States general obligations. Mr. Jacobson stated that he has discussed this with the Joe Vanderwerff at Winnebago County Highway at length and that IML recommends that Cities does not support this plan.



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2.9 Village of Cherry Valley: Not present.

2.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department: No report.

2.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department: Ms. Mroz stated that she has and is accepting applications for the Recovery Zone Bonds and the deadline is December 31, 2010.

2.12 Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department: Mr. Tegen reported that the planning commission will be starting up with the public input gathering in October for the Comprehensive Plan. They are looking at early next year to have this draft done.

2.13 Boone County Highway Department: Mr. Lundin reported that William Charles has completed the 5 road projects in Belvidere township. Garden Prairie Road is still having some issues with the railroad. Mr. Lundin stated they are still hoping to get all projects done before the first snow fall.

2.14 City of Belvidere, Public Works Department: No report.

2.15 Village of Roscoe: Not present.

2.16 Village of Winnebago: No report.

2.17 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency: Not present.

2.18 Illinois State Toll Highway6 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 of Aging: Not present.

2.23 State Line Area Transportation Study: Mr. Soltau reported that a public hearing is scheduled for SLATS UWP on September 15, 2010 from 3:00-6:00p. Mr. Soltau stated that there are SLATS meeting scheduled for October 4, 2010 and October 25, 2010 and held at 10:00a to discuss their Bike/Pedestrian Plan.

2.24 Federal Highway Administration, IL Division: Not present.

2.25 Rockford Area Economic Development Council: Not present.

2.26 Rock River Water Reclamation District: Not present.

2.27 Growth Dimensions: Not present.

2.28 Stateline Mass Transit District: Not present.

2.29 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning: Mr. Ernst reported that the Rockford Fire Dept has Emergency Management (MGT-311) training is available and is scheduled for September 7 and September 8, 2010. There is no cost for these classes and it is open to Elected Officials as well as Senior Staff members. Chief Bergsten urged participants to sign up otherwise the class will be cancelled due to low sign up.

Mr. Ernst reported that ITEP applications electronically are due Tuesday, August 31, 2010. Paper copies due to MPO also and please make sure to also send RMAP a copy.

Mr. Ernst reported that IDOT did submit TIGER II and the Rockford application is available online for viewing.



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Mr. Ernst reported that the Sustainability grant application has been submitted. The application will be available for viewing on RMAP's website.

Mr. Ernst reported that the EECBG only received one (1) application which is Machesney Park and is waiting for confirmation from Springfield.

Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP will be creating a Historical Region brochure and RMAP staff will be contacting members for information to add to brochure.

Mr. Ernst reported that in the federal register yesterday proposed urban criteria for 2010 census. Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP will be submitting comments.

Mr. Ernst reported that the 2040 LRTP was submitted to Mr. Curtis Jones in Springfield if anyone wants a copy of the plan, please contact RMAP.

3. RMAP FY2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) DISCUSSION:

Mr. Maddox stated that RMAP has submitted administrative modifications to FY10 TIP to move some projects forward and they are Forrest Hills Road at IL-251, US-20 at Weldon rd and IL-251 North 2nd Street at Springcreek Road bridge replacement project.

Mr. Maddox stated that RMAP is currently in the process of updating 2010 to 2011 projects. Mr. Maddox stated has received information from most members with exception of Winnebago County. Mr. Ernst stated that any federal projects should be provided asap so that no TIP funds are frozen. Mr. Maddox stated that a Legal Notice to the press will be submitted Friday, August 27, 2010 and it will be published Wednesday, September 1, 2010. A draft will be provided September 8, 2010 and final draft by September 13, 2010. If you have any changes or comments, please provide to Michael Maddox by September 3, 2010. Mr. Diipla indicated from the transit side that the preliminary information was received from RMTD and will be added to the FY 2011 TIP.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

4.1 NICTI Alternative Analysis: Nothing new to report.

4.2 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area: Mr. Ernst reported that he attended a design workshop in Chicago which provided a lot of good information.

4.3 RMTD East Side Transfer Center: Mr. Johnson reported that the contract was awarded August 2, 2010 and construction has begun. Mr. Johnson will be meeting with utilities next week. Mr. Johnson stated that the project is scheduled to be completed by July 18, 2011 and they are hoping to get site work done before this years' first snow fall.

4.4 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: No report.

4.5 RMAP Regional Freight Study: No report.

4.6 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: No report. The next RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 10:00a and held at YWCA on East Stated Street.

4.7 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs): No report.



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4.8 Housing, Human Services & Workforce Development Subcommittee: No report.

4.9 Stormwater / Drainage Subcommittee: No report.

4.10 State Route IL-173 (IL-251 to I-90): See Agency Report 2.1

4.11 South Main Street / IL-2 (SM2): Mr. Katz reported that they have selected a consultant and are working out the final scope and contract for the South Main Corridor Study. Mr. Katz stated that a Planning Charrette, hosted by the Pilgrim's Promise community organization, has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at 5:15p at Klehm Arboretum. This will be an important discussion of plans for Southwest Rockford and serve as an early community planning meeting before the South Main Corridor Study process begins in full.

4.12 Greater RMAP Environmental-Education Network (GREEN): Mr. Ernst reported that the contract was awarded by the Rockford City Council two (2) weeks ago and the consultant is TY Lynn.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ernst received the Freight and Air Quality Handbook which has a section on federal financing of freight projects. The handbook consists of one stop shopping for federal information on financing for freight projects. Mr. Ernst is providing a copy to policy members for their FYI and copies of the document are available if anyone is interested in reviewing.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

6.1 Mr. Adam Tegen is leaving for Wisconsin Rapids and will be working in planning & economic development.

6.2 Mr. Craig Lawler will be retiring in November 2010.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Boone County Highway and seconded by Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.