



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 9th, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tom Strickland, Village of Machesney Park; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford CIP; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Traffic Engineer; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park PW; Ben Ackert, Village of Winnebago; Kathy Miller, Boone-Belvidere Planning; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Kris Tobin, IDOT District #2; Curtis Jones, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago Co. Highway; John Donovan, FHWA; Patricia Diduch, Village of Machesney Park Planning; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works; Jim Johnson, RMTD; David Nord, Village of Cherry Valley.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP Staff; Steve Frerich, Chastain & Associates; Gary Camling, Chris Baer, McClure Engineering; Joe Altenhoff, Arc Design Resources.

With a quorum present Mr. Ernst called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2010 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES: Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to approve the October 21, 2010 Technical Committee minutes. Motion to approve by Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County, seconded by the Patricia Diduch, Village of Machesney Park Planning. Motion carried.

2. FY 2011-2014 TIP: Amendment to the RMAP FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. RMAP Resolution 2010-15:

Mr. Ernst stated this was a simple TIP amendment to add enhancement for Winnebago County and City of Belvidere. There is an IDOT rail safety project being amended for N. Main Rail Road crossing (rail improvement).

Mr. Maddox added that all of the Winnebago County project foot notes will be deleted and adjustment on some of the funding marks for ITEP grant received and ongoing Pecatonica Prairie Path project. Mr. Maddox also stated that the switching funding, the Federal funding with the Rockford project.

Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to approve recommendation of Resolution 2010-15. First motion by Mr. Vanderwerff, Winnebago County, Second motion by Ms. Diduch, Village of Machesney Park. Motion carries.

3 & 4. COMMUNICATIONS & OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Mr. Ernst stated that he would like to combine Communications and Other Business together.

Mr. Ernst stated that the Winnebago County WINGIS received nine (9) proposals for aerial photography service for next spring to include Boone and Winnebago County. The bid came in for \$26,400 for Boone County and RMAP will be pursuing any avenue to provide funding. Mr. Ernst feels this is a very good investment regionally.

3.2 Mr. Ernst gave an update on the EECBG program (energy grants). RMAP will be executing our sub-contract agreement with the Village of Machesney Park this afternoon. The City of Loves Park has worked with the Harlem School District and has identified a project that can spend the remaining amount of energy money that we had in Winnebago County. We would like to execute all of the agreements before the end of the year.

3.3 Mr. Ernst stated that as part of RMAP's Certification review and the comments we have received, an engagement of NEPA process was something RMAP was deficient in and needed to incorporate in RMAP's work plan. Gary McIntyre is working with John Donovan, FWHA to schedule a NEPA workshop sometime in January or February 2011. This will be a 2 day workshop and we will have experts come in who are familiar with NEPA process. This NEPA process will be embedded in the environmental education network RMAP is creating. Please keep this workshops in mind to attend, more information forthcoming.

3.4 Mr. Ernst stated that Governor Quinn has announced that an Advisory Committee for the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass Improvement Project. There are 4 sub-committees which are the Project Financing Sub-Committee, Economic Development Sub-Committee, Sustainability Sub-Committee and Diversity Sub-Committee. The Economic Development Committee is reaching out to our region because they feel there will be considerable economic development benefit to a west entrance to O'Hare for those in Winnebago County. Mr. Ernst has asked that we be notified of their agenda so that we can attend some of their meetings. Former Dupage County Chairman, Bob Schillerstrom is chairing the Economic Development Sub-Committee and he has asked that if any of you has project documentation that you are working that can show that there are some economic benefit to improvements to I-90 or improvements to the western access to O'Hare, please forward to Rocco at the Illinois Tollway. The Illinois Tollway has been asked to be the staff for the Economic Development Sub-Committee. If there is any interest in getting involved, please contact Steve Ernst.

3.5 Mr. Ernst asked Mr. Donovan is there was any news on the house continuing resolution. Mr. Donovan stated that the house got through yesterday but basically continues programs such as TIGER at the same funding level as 2010. Mr. Donovan stated that pretty much things will stay at the same level.

3.6 Mr. Ernst reported that Governor Quinn has formed a task force to look at the need of Sustainability at the State level and how DOT, IEPA and other agencies in the state can work more closely together on issues of Sustainability. The task force is called The Linkages Working Group, their meetings are in Springfield and hopefully something will come out of that that we can use in our Sustainability program.

3.7 Mr. Ernst stated that he heard the possibility that Governor Quinn would be making a rail announcement tomorrow (Friday, December 10, 2010).

3.8 Mr. Ernst stated that RMAP Policy will be passing the Embry-Riddle Resolution in support of the efforts to bring Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to Rockford.

3.9 Ms. Diduch asked if there was more information regarding Stormwater? Mr. Ernst stated nothing new on the Sub-committee as of yet but wanted to share that Winnebago County submitted 2 section 319 Grants for Stormwater Quality for Walworth/Wentworth area and Madigan Creek. Winnebago County has received confirmation that they will receive the Section 319 Grant from IEPA. Hopefully this study will give us the base for other stormwater/drainage issues.

3.10 Mr. Ernst indicated that at Policy they will be discussing the CCDD (Clean Construction Demolition Debris) issue and asked Mr. Jacobson if there was anything new to report? Mr. Jacobson reported that Fehr-Graham recently hosted a very informative session on both the MS4 Program and the CCDD requirements. Most of the agencies here had folks attend. The new regulation that all municipalities will be dealing with regarding public projects and will add to each municipalities cost. The cost of testing the materials is very expensive.

3.11 Mr. Ernst reported that the USDOT has rescinded Ohio and Wisconsin's high speed rail money and is re-directing it to California (\$624 million), Florida (\$342.3 million), Washington State (\$161.5 million), Illinois (\$42.3 million), New York (\$7.3 million), Maine (\$3.3 million), Massachusetts (\$2.8 million), Missouri (\$2.2 million), Wisconsin up to \$2million for the Hiawatha line, Oregon (\$1.6 million), North Carolina (\$1.5 million), Iowa (\$309,080) and Indiana (\$364,980).

3.12 Mr. Bruck reported on the City of Loves Park Riverside Corridor Project. On November 8, 2010 a public open house was held and was well received but there are mixed feelings among the residents that live within the corridor. Not sure when we will adopt the plan but assuming it will be early 2011. Mr. Ernst asked if there will be any changes on what's proposed versus the comments received. Mr. Bruck indicated he did not think any changes were necessary. Mr. Jacobson indicated that they suggested that a roundabout be studied at East Drive and Riverside. The Riverside Corridor Project is currently up on display in the City of Loves Park Council Chambers if there is interest in viewing.

3.13 Mr. Zuroske reported that the City of Rockford's roundabout at North Main and Auburn is in Phase II and currently underway.

3.14 Ms. Tobin announced that George Ryan, IDOT District #2 Deputy Director will be retiring at the end of the year 2010. No interim director has been announced. Mr. Ernst stated he will ask Policy to send an appreciation letter to Mr. Ryan.

3.15 Mr. Ernst announced that Brad Moberg from the City of Rockford Public Works Department has passed away. Visitation is this Friday, December 10, 2010 and the funeral is Saturday, December 11, 2010.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway and seconded by Mr. Lundin, Boone County Highway. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. with a unanimous voice vote.