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**ROCKFORD METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 17, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, Illinois Department of Transportation; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; Marge Bevers, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park; Jonah Katz; City of Rockford, Community Development; Adam Tegen, Rich Lundin; Boone County Highway Department; Ben Ackert; Village of Winnebago; Craig Lawler, Belvidere, Public Works

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Village of Roscoe; Village of Cherry Valley; Village of Machesney Park.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, RMAP Executive Director; Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP staff; Gary McIntyre, RMAP staff; Bob Soltau, SLATS; Janet Mueller, Rockford Area Economic Development Council; John Donovan, FHWA; Dana Carroll, Rock River Water Reclamation District.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernst at 10:03 a.m., with a quorum present.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 19, 2008 MEETING MINUTES:** Motion for approval by the Boone County Highway; seconded by City of Rockford Community Development. Motion carried.
2. **AGENCY REPORTS**
 - 2.1 **Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:** I-39-Kishwaukee bridge should be complete in September. IL 251/Harrison/Buckbee issues is behind schedule. Montague/US 20 beams repaired. IL 173 over Beaver Creek, deck is poured and project is on track. US 20/Prairie and Simpson deck is poured and stage 2 will begin.
 - 2.2 **Winnebago County Highway:** No June lettings on federal projects. Charles Street bike path extension to begin in the Fall. August letting for concrete for Riverside work to be done at night.
 - 2.3 **City of Rockford:** No report
 - 2.4 **City of Loves Park:** Not present
 - 2.5 **Village of Machesney Park:** Not present.
 - 2.6 **Chicago/Rockford International Airport:** Airfest was a success. Go Global was very successful, task force being created from it. The Board created the Winnebago County Rail Authority and Steve Ernst was named Executive Director of it.
 - 2.7 **Rockford Mass Transit District:** Paratransit vans are being delivered.

- 2.8 **City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:** No report
- 2.9 **Village of Cherry Valley:** Not present.
- 2.10 **City of Rockford, Community Development:** Kishwaukee Street open house was held last Tuesday. Plans will be presented to the Planning and Development Committee. Plans are on the web site for review.
- 2.11 **Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development:** Not present.
- 2.12 **Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department:** No report.
- 2.13 **Boone County Highway Department:** No report.
- 2.14 **City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:** McKinley Road project is about 10% complete.
- 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 Highway Authority:** News releases/fact sheets were handed out regarding the US 20 exit ramp closure, the Cherry Valley interchange reconfiguration and the reopening of the Newburg Road Bridge. The ramp closure is expected to take eight weeks.
- 2.19 **IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:** No report.
- 2.20 **IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:** Not present.
- 2.21 **Ogle County Highway Department:** Not present.
- 2.22 **Boone County Council on Aging:** Not present.
- 2.23 **State Line Area Transportation Study:** The preservation of the Union/Pacific rail line was discussed as this is an asset for freight through this area and to keep the Janesville to Rockford connection maintained.
- 2.24 **Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division:** No report.
- 2.25 **Rockford Area Economic Development Council:** No report.
- 2.26 **Rock River Water Reclamation District:** No report.
- 2.27 **Growth Dimensions:** Not present.
- 2.28 **Stateline Mass Transit District:** Not present.

- 3. **RMAP CERTIFICATION (SAFETEA-LU) COMPLIANCE AND OPEN HOUSE UPDATE:** Three of the four documents required for RMAP certification are complete. There will be some changes to the Environmental Mitigation paper. A sub-committee is needed to meet with environmental agencies in this area to discuss environmental issues. Need to set regular meetings with these agencies.

Public Participation Plan has new elements included in the final draft with diagrams. The RMAP structure changes are also included.

A one day session is being held in Chicago regarding Management and Operations and Mr. Ernst is going to attend.

- 4. **RMAP RESOLUTION 2008-9: YEAR 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND TRANSIT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FORECAST:** Adopts amendment to long range plan which is required for full Federal certification. Motion for Resolution to go before the Policy Committee-moved by RMTD, seconded by Boone County Highway. Motion carried.

5. **MAP RESOLUTION 2008-10: MAP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN:** Document is required to receive Full Federal Certification. Motion for Resolution to go before the Policy Committee-moved by Belvidere/Boone County Planning, seconded by Chicago/Rockford International Airport. Motion carried.
6. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**
 - 6.1 NICTI Alternative Analysis: Conference call with Chicago and Washington offices scheduled for July.
 - 6.2 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area: Meeting with IDOT Bureau of Railroads and Amtrak scheduled to be held in Chicago.
 - 6.3 RMTD East Side Transfer Center: Nothing new to report
 - 6.4 RMAP FY 2009-FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Program: Draft TIP on hold at the present time. Should be prepared in a draft form for Committee in September.
 - 6.5 Northeast Urban Planning Area (NUPA) Study in Boone County: The first of three open houses was held with good attendance. Presently collecting data for the next open house.
 - 6.6 RMAP Regional Freight Study: Looking at freight lines at the Airport and also looking at railroad lines in the area to circumvent the Chicago area. The railroads are rethinking partnering with local cities which is new and refreshing.
 - 6.7 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: The next meeting will be Aug. 12th at the YWCA in Rockford.
 - 6.8 RMAP and Regional Planning: A packet of Agreements with required signatures has been sent to Springfield. Once we receive it back from Springfield, the document will be scanned and sent to Members. Mr. Ernst is working on a contingency plan for move of RMAP offices.
7. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. McIntyre mentioned a book on transportation and environmental issues called "Getting Up to Speed" (GUTS). He needs hours for past fiscal year July '07 through June '08.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Boone Co. Highway, seconded by Belvidere Public Works. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.