



**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 17, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonah Katz, City of Rockford Community Development; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford CIP; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park CD; Mark Painter, 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; John Donovan, FHWA; Patricia Diduch, Machesney Park Planning; Jim Johnson, RMTD; David Nord, Cherry Valley.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Mike Maddox, Michael Hren, RMAP Staff; Steve Frereichs, Chastain & Associates; David Almy, Hanson Professional Services; Gary Camling, McClure Engineering; Thomas Bona, Rockford Register Star.

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2010 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to approve the May 20, 2010 Technical Committee minutes. Motion to approve by Machesney Park Planning, seconded by the City of Rockford Community Development. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.1 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2: Mr. Long stated that the North Main project from IL to Latham Public meeting will be held June 24, 2010 from 1:00-6:00p and held at the YMCA Campus. IL-251 from Harrison Street to 15th Street is almost completed but still has some lane closure for final cleanup but otherwise good to go. The Meridian Road at US20 Project is underway and all the roads are closed so travelers will need to find another way around. IL-2 to Fullerton Creek will be pouring the deck in about a month and this will be the end of Stage 1. IL-251 at Kinnikinnick Creek construction work in this area will be done in July. West State to Day Avenue to the railroad has a one to two week delay. IL-2 to Roscoe Road to Latham Road will start Monday, June 21, 2010. There is approach pavement work on I-39 & I-90 that needs repaired and also some work will be done on the center line. This work will be done at night and should be done some time in July. IL-251 Forrest Hills to Windsor has median work going on now. IL-251 Leonard to Milford will have grinding and resurfacing starting mid July. Work on 6 bridges along I-39 and US-20 has started and should be done in July. US-20 from Harrison Avenue to Farlington Way starts on Monday, June 21, 2010. A section from I-39 to I-90 and will be open every afternoon Monday-Wednesday from 3:00-5:00p and on Thursday from 2:00-6:00p and will be open Friday all afternoon. All lanes will

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be open during these peak hours. The contractor working on this project would like to get this project done this year.

2.2 Winnebago County Highway: Mr. Townsend stated that the Beltline bridges over the Kishwaukee River work is nearly finished and should be completed by mid July. South Bend Road Bridge is progressing very well and the project should be completed by mid July and all roads should be open for the upcoming Airfest. Newburg to Mill Road is continuing on schedule and should be completed by December 1, 2010. Prairie Hill Road IL-251 to Willowbrook resurfacing is completed. Hononegah Road just east of IL-2 is scheduled to be let by IDOT in July and anticipate a September start. Perryville Bridge over Kishwaukee has a preconstruction meeting scheduled for tomorrow (June 18, 2010). Meridian Road to Cunningham has been postponed. There are some right of way issues that need to be resolved and a winter letting with a April or May start is now scheduled. Kishwaukee Road Bridge is scheduled to be let in January with a March start for demolition.

2.3 Rockford Public Works: Mr. Zuroske stated that all projects that are in the 5 year CIP are under construction, design and moving forward. Mr. Zuroske stated there are too many projects to review but if there is specific questions, please contact him. Mr. Zuroske stated that all of the preliminary traffic numbers and survey work has been completed for the Downtown one way pair conversion. This project is moving along nicely and it appears there are a couple good alternative routes and he is expecting this project to move forward and possibly done next year. The West State Street Corridor Project has a Linear Park Planning Session scheduled tonight (June 17) at 3:00-7:00p and held at Crusader Clinic on West State Street. Mr. Zuroske is looking for community input on this project and comments can also be submitted online through the City of Rockford.

2.4 Loves Park Public Works: No report.

2.5 Village of Machesney Park: Ms. Diduch stated that Phase I on Roosevelt Road has been opened and is going to be awarded on Monday, June 21, 2010 and possibly starting in July. Sycamore Lane is under construction for curb and gutter improvements. Overlays for the year will be awarded on Monday, June 21, 2010. Wilson Road from Victory to Vermont is 90% designed. Ms. Diduch stated that on July 22, 2010 IDOT is hosting an Open House from 4:00-6:00p and held at Machesney Park Village Hall to discuss the IL-173 Project that is going into Phase I and construction following that.

2.6 Chicago/Rockford International Airport: Not present.

2.7 Rockford Mass Transit District: Mr. Johnson stated that the Trolley is serving the downtown area on Friday evenings and possible additional hours. The sidewalk project at the RMTD downtown terminal is completed. The RMTD Triennial (Federal Transit review) is completed without any findings.

2.8 Loves Park Community Development: Mr. Bruck indicated that they have entered into a contract with ARC Design to conduct the Riverside Corridor Study and work has begun.

2.9 Village of Cherry Valley: Mr. Nord stated that Mill Road reconstruction has been completed.

2.10 Rockford Community Development: Mr. Katz stated that they are finishing up reviewing 12 RFP for the South Main Corridor plan. Interviews should be held in the next 2-3 weeks.

2.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development: Ms. Mroz announced that Best Practices for Sustainable Communities one-day conference is scheduled on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 from 8:00-4:30p and held at

Cliffbreakers. Ms. Mroz stated that she has applications for the Recovery Zone Bonds and the deadline is December 31, 2010.

2.12 Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning: Mr. Tegen stated that Hanson Engineering provided a presentation to the Boone County Board and Belvidere City Council regarding a study of the Irene Interchange and it was well received.

2.13 Boone County Highway Dept: Mr. Lundin stated that at last night's (June 16) Boone County Board meeting they approved various projects and more importantly approval was given for 5 ERP contracts with IDOT and Townships.

2.14 Belvidere Public Works Department: Not present.

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: Not present.

2.19 IDOT Division of Public Transportation: Not report.

2.20 IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning: Mr. Jones stated that Fall Planning Conference is scheduled for late September and held in Springfield. IDOT is looking for input from all MPO and the topic will be Sustainability.

2.21 Ogle County Highway Department: Not present.

2.22 Boone County Council on Aging: Not present.

2.23 State Line Area Transportation Study: Not present.

2.24 Federal Highway Administration, IL Division: Mr. Donovan stated that DOT has been authorized to administer TIGER II (similar to TIGER I).

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 stated that at a prior Policy Meeting, Chief Derek Bergsten from the City of Rockford Fire Department offered NIMS Training for certification to Elected Officials and their senior staff. Classes will be available on September 7 and September 8 and is free of charge. Mr. Ernst stated that there is a program called the Energy Efficiency in Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) funding worth \$105,431.00 that came out of the stimulus funding. In the initial round of funding the State identified entitlement

communities based on population. The City of Rockford and Winnebago County was listed as an entitlement community. This EECBG is now being offered to municipal government and non-entitlement counties under 35,000 in population. The deadline has been extended for Winnebago County as long it is subcontracted through RMAP to distribute the funding. Michael Hren at RMAP is the lead contact for anyone interested in applying. The City of Rockford projects examples are upgrades in lighting, energy efficient servers, wind farm project, emissions inventory, and wind turbine blade facility site. Mr. Ernst stated that there is a 25% local match required. Mr. Zuroske stated that he be happy to a copy of the City of Rockford's proposal project. Mr. Ernst stated a review committee will need to be formed. This Review Committee will review potential projects and there should be at least three members from the community on this review committee. Mr. Ernst indicated to be on the lookout for future information.

3. RMAP FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT: Mr. Maddox stated that at last month's meeting the City of Rockford amended the TIP to include Mulberry and Langstrom to be used from their leftover ARRA funds. Those projects are not feasible through IDOT, the City of Rockford is now looking at a project on Springbrook Road from Mulford Road to Imperial Oaks. This amendment is to include this current project to use all of the ARRA monies. Mr. Ernst asked if Resolution 2010-10 can wait for July approval from the Policy Committee. Mr. Ernst entertains a motion for Resolution 2010-10 to be recommended for approval. Moved by Cherry Valley and seconded by the City of Rockford.

4. RMAP YEAR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: RMAP staff provides presentation on the RMAP 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Hren indicated that there was little change in the Plan Definition section. Mr. Ernst stated in the Rail section the 3 items highlighted are Rail infrastructure consolidation, Freight and Passenger. Mr. Maddox discussed the Freight & Urban Goods Movement section which highlights the Freight Study, Identifies congestion locations and Recommends capital investment to improve freight transportation logistics. Mr. Maddox discussed the Airport section which highlights the Greater Business Development on Airport Property, Forecast Cargo and passenger enplanements and Airport Expansion Efforts. Mr. Maddox discussed in the Roadway section which highlights the Details future capacity expansion, new links, and reconstruction projects put forward by local jurisdictions within the time horizon of the LRTP, Provides financial analysis for funding streams received for roadway projects in the region and Elaborates on modern design philosophy. Mr. Maddox discussed the Major Capacity Expansion Projects and Major Road Reconstruction Projects maps. Mr. Diipla discussed the Transit section which highlights and details cooperative efforts between transit providers and other resource agencies, Provides financial information on expenditures and revenues for the time horizon of the plan, Explores expansion of public transit services within the planning area and Explores the link between land use, the location of new job centers, and transit service. Mr. Ernst discussed the RMTD Route Structure section. Mr. Maddox discussed the Bicycle and Pedestrian section which highlights the Details implementation of the Bike/Ped Plan and Provides a framework for the update of the Greenway Plan. Mr. Maddox discussed the Land use and Urban Form section which highlights the Details local jurisdictions' planning efforts, Provides a history of development issues and how they pertain to current land use, Links transportation, public utilities, and land use, Gives an overview of growth management techniques and Provides an overview of housing related issues. Mr. Maddox discussed the Land Use Policies section which recommends that The Rockford Region and its individual municipalities should derive an Adequate Facilities

Planning Area to control the overexpansion of development outside of the pre-existing “Urban core”. That RMAP should assist local municipalities in creating multimodal, sustainable, and livable development plans within the Metropolitan Area by reviewing and commenting on development projects of a regional scale. And that RMAP should use its leadership role in regional organization to convene local municipal governments for the purpose of negotiating growth sectors and future municipal boundaries. Mr. Maddox discussed the Current Boundary Agreements section. Mr. Ernst discussed the Sustainability section which recommends that The region shall promote the development of an integrated, multi-modal, metropolitan transportation system that facilitates the efficient, safe and economic movement of people and goods. Cornerstone objectives of the transportation system shall be right-sized and goal driven to maximize effectiveness. The region shall seek a coordinated growth strategy that enhances livability of neighborhoods, balances development pressure with infill development, promotes the agriculture economy, reduces green house gas emissions, introduces walkable landscapes, conserves natural resources and rejuvenates historical economic centers. The region shall focus and prioritize transportation investments that promote financial and environmental sustainability, foster a business climate that encourages private sector partnerships, spurs economic competitiveness and creates jobs, utilizes the strengths of an exceptional local labor pool, develops world-class neighborhoods and maximizes the quality of life for the citizens of the region. The regional planning framework shall integrate the disparate activities of transportation, land use, education, housing, economic development, human capital development, and human services to amplify the incremental value associated with coordinated planning. The region shall develop metrics that provide transparent reporting and analysis of community health indicators framed around equity and environmental justice. Mr. Hren discussed the updates in the Regional Economic Development section which highlights Includes an update on the region’s economic forecast, Information on Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and Economic Development District (EDD), and Introduces future work on regional indicators of community health. Mr. Hren discussed the Technology section which Includes plans for a fiber network throughout the region, Creation of the RMAP website, Integration of the congestion management process into ongoing MPO work products (TIP) and Merger of WinGIS with Boone County GIS. The Environmental and Green Planning section highlights Consideration of climate change philosophy in the transportation planning process, The creation of the Greater RMAP Environmental Education Network (GREEN) and Green technologies and their use in the region. Mr. Maddox discussed the Plan Refinement section which recommends Discussion of Possible outcomes from the authorization of the next Federal Transportation Bill, Inclusion of federally required MPO documentation and Introduces supportive planning topics. Mr. Diipla stated that Public Comment section is extremely important. Comments can be forwarded to RMAP.

5. FEDERAL FUNDING DISCUSSION: Nothing new to report.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

6.1 NICTI Alternative Analysis: No report

6.2 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area: No report.

6.3 RMTD East Side Transfer Center: Mr. Johnson stated that the State has all the information needed and waiting for concurrence.

6.4 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: No report.

6.5 RMAP Regional Freight Study: No report.

6.6 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: No report.

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

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

6.9 Stormwater/Drainage Subcommittee: Mr. Ernst stated that Winnebago County has applied for funding through the Department of Natural Resources called 319 funding for a drainage basin project. There are 2 firms being interviewed Friday, June 18, 2010.

6.10 State Route IL-173 (IL-251 to I-90): Mr. Long stated that this is 70% complete (Phase II Engineering) and still on track for 2011. The other section Alpine to Park is nearly complete with consultant investigation for scope and the Upchurch Group should be able start in a couple of weeks.

6.11 South Main Street / IL-2 (SM2): Mr. Katz covered in agency report (2.10).

6.12 Greater RMAP Environmental-Educational Network (GREEN): Mr. Ernst stated that they are still waiting for proposals and will be reviewing next week and hopes to have a recommendation.

7. COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Ernst stated that there is a MPO Teleconference meeting scheduled today (June 17) at 1:30p and he will be participating.

8. OTHER BUSINESS: No report.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Boone County Planning and seconded by Boone County Highway. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.