



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works; Jonah Katz, City of Rockford CD; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford CIP; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Traffic; Matt Vitner, City of Rockford Public Works; Kathy Miller, Boone-Belvidere Planning; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Dan Long, IDOT District 2; Curtis Jones, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; Jim Johnson, Paula Hughes, RMTD; Chad Hunter, Village of Machesney Park; WayneVlk, Winnebago Co. Highway.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** FHWA, Village of Roscoe, Village of Cherry Valley, RAEDC, RRWRD, Village of Winnebago.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Paul Diipla, Christina Washington, Michael Maddox, RMAP Staff; Steve Frerichs, Chastain & Assoc.

With a quorum present Mr. Diipla called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 19, 2011 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve the May 19, 2011 Technical Committee minutes. Motion to approve by Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park, seconded by the Chad Hunter, Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried.

#### **2. AGENCY REPORTS:**

**2.01 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:** Mr. Long reported that US-20 at Weldon Road bridge replacement project. They are rebuilding the abutments and piers and should start on the deck by mid-July. IL-251 at Spring Creek Road bridge replacement project. The deck and superstructure will be started after the 4th. In addition to the loop ramp closures that are in place now, the Southbound Forest Hills Bridge over Northbound IL-251 will be closed from July 5th through August 5th.

US BUS 20 from Buckley Drive to Shaw Road shoulder improvements project. Is scheduled to start next Monday, June 27, 2011 and should take a week.

US-20 at Alpine Road ramp repairs project is complete.

US-20 at Montague Road ramp repairs is complete.

IL-76 at Orth Road turn lane construction project. Traffic will be switched over onto the new pavement next week. Orth Road to the East will be closed.

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US BUS 20 at Anderson Drive intersection improvement project. IDOT delayed the startup until after the July 4th weekend to avoid pavement drop-offs over the holiday.

US-20 from Harrison Avenue to Farmington Way resurfacing project. The patching should be done next week. There's still some milling and paving to do West of I-90, but East of I-90 is pretty much done.

IL-173 at IL-251; RBT was the low bidder.

IL-2 South Main had a little bike path issue that we've been working with but we think it's pretty much resolved and we hope to keep the bike path with the plan rather than separating out. Clifton to Cedar we are looking at traffic control issues – will have to come up with a detour or runaround in that area.

Auburn to Riverside; we have 70% plans and half of the plats are complete and we're working on appraisals. This will also have traffic control issues with a detour being a strong possibility.

West State Street the plans are nearly complete and the City is proceeding with ROW acquisition.

IL-2 Elmwood to Latham; RBT was the low bidder.

**2.02 Winnebago County Highway Department:** Mr. Vlk reported that the Meridian Road project continues with the Meridian/Auburn intersection roundabout scheduled to open mid-July. This project will then continue with the closing of Meridian Road in the vicinity of Latham and Cemetery Roads for profile reconstruction. A detour will be provided.

Kishwaukee Road bridge project over Kishwaukee River continues and is on schedule.

Hononegah Road project is 99% complete and the ribbon cutting ceremony was held yesterday (June 22, 2011).

Perryville Road signal interconnect project is ahead of schedule.

Cunningham Road Bridge project over Kent Creek will be starting July 18, 2011. This project is a total bridge replacement. Cunningham Road will be closed at the creek. There will be a marked detour in place.

June 28, 2011 there will be a letting for a patching project at the Perryville Road to Harrison Road intersection. All right turn lanes will remain open during the project. The project will be under construction for about 1 week.

The Walworth project has been postponed until next year.

Guard rail safety upgrade project will start next week in various locations.

We have a June letting for the sign upgrade project. Bids came in high but we will try to proceed with the project.

**2.03 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:** Mr. Zuroske introduced Matt Vitner who is the new City of Rockford Engineer and replaced Jon Hollander who retired a few months back.

All projects are on schedule and moving forward.

On Monday, June 27, 2011 we are taking a project to the City of Rockford's City Council to do a complete repair to the Whitman interchange system. We would like to reconfigure this interchange.

Fairview Boulevard Bridge was let last Friday, June 17, 2011 and will be a major traffic issue for the Fairview shopping plaza. Project is moving forward this year.

**2.04 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:** Mr. Jacobson reported that the City of Loves Park will start their paint stripping project Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

**2.05 Village of Machesney Park:** No report.

**2.06 Chicago/Rockford International Airport:** Mr. Lindberg reported that after their Airshow they have started the North end taxi way project, presently we are relocating sewer lines and water lines.

A few barricades will be moved due to Boeing's is bringing out their new 747-8 Intercontinental for a test flight on Friday and they will have to be able to use the full length of the runway.

We are still looking for money for Falcon Road if any municipality has anything extra at this point.

**2.07 Rockford Mass Transit District:** Mr. Johnson reported that the Comprehensive Route Analysis is underway and preliminary meeting have been held.

Ms. Hughes stated that they will be having stakeholder meetings and if anyone is interested or have comments, please contact her.

**2.08 City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:** Mr. Bruck reported that the Riverside Corridor Study is complete and has pdf copies available for interested parties who want to review the report. Please call Nate with any comments.

**2.09 Village of Cherry Valley:** Not present.

**2.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department:** Mr. Katz reported that there is a South Main Open House scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 6:00p and held at Pilgrim's Baptist Church located on Central Avenue.

They are moving forward with additional designs for South Main for streetscape plans to coordinate with the improvement IDOT has planned.

**2.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:** Not present.

**2.12 Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department:** Ms. Miller reported that there is a scheduled presentation with Joel Cowen for Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 6:00p. Mr. Cowen will present Census updates to our Council.

**2.13 Boone County Highway Department:** Mr. Lundin reported that their resurfacing and bridge project are scheduled to start after the 4th of July Holiday.

Hunter Road will be closed starting July 5, 2011 for about 3 months.

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

**2.15 Village of Roscoe:** Not present.

**2.16 Village of Winnebago:** Not present.

**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 of Aging:** Not present.

**2.23 State Line Area Transportation Study:** Not present.

**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. Diipla reported that the UWP Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT was signed by Steve Ernst on Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

RMAP will be holding a TIP Open House on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 from 4:00-7:00pm and held at RMAP's Office.

Mr. Maddox provided members with a draft FY2012-2015 TIP for their review. Mr. Maddox asked each municipality to review their projects in the TIP document and let him know if any corrections need to be made. RMAP plans to tentatively adopt the TIP document at next month's meeting. If there are any comments or concerns with the TIP document, please contact Mike Maddox.

### **3. RMAP FY 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT – RMAP Resolution 2011-6:**

Mr. Diipla stated that the amendment to the RMAP FY2011-2014 TIP is regarding 5307 funds that RMTD needs to use. Mr. Diipla provided members a copy of a draft Resolution 2011-6 for their review.

Ms. Hughes stated they are using federal money at a 100% and they needed this to be reflected in the TIP document and the reason for the amendment.

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to approve recommendation of Resolution 2011-6. First motion by Mr. Lindberg, Chicago/Rockford International Airport, Second motion by Mr. Johnson, RMTD. Motion carries.

### **4. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:**

**4.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis:** No report.

**4.02 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area:** No report.

**4.03 RMTD East Side Transfer Center:** Mr. Johnson reported that progress is moving along quite well. By next month's meeting it should be very close to substantial completion of the project. It will still be awhile before RMTD is fully operation at the East Side Transfer Center to finish loose ends in opening the center.

**4.04 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband:** Mr. Diipla reported that Mr. John Lewis from NIU will be giving a presentation at the Policy meeting next week regarding Broadband to the home.

**4.05 RMAP Regional Freight Study:** No report.

**4.06 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee:** Mr. Diipla stated that the next RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 2011 at 10:00a and held at the YWCA.

**4.07 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs):** No report.

**4.08 ComEd Smart Grid/Smart Meters:** No report.

**4.09 Stormwater / Drainage Subcommittee:** No report.

**4.10 State Route IL-173 (IL-251 to I-90):** See Agency Report 2.01.

**4.11 South Main Street / IL-2 (SM2):** See Agency Report 2.10.

**4.12 Greater RMAP Environmental-Education Network (GREEN):** No report.

**4.13 IEPA CCDD Regulation:** No report.

**4.14 HUD Sustainability Grant:** Mr. Diipla reported that Mr. Steve Ernst will update Technical next month on Sustainability.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Diipla announced that the Illinois Tollway Listening Tour Event for the Rockford Region is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2011 from 10:00-Noon and held at Giovanni's.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Carter stated that the North bound on IL-39 ramp to East to US-20 will be closed for 3 days starting Monday, June 27, 2011.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Diipla entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Lundin, Boone County Highway and seconded by Mr. Hunter, Village of Machesney Park. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.