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**ROCKFORD METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 19, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, Illinois Department of Transportation; Dave Townsend, Wayne Vlk Winnebago County Highway Department; Jonah Katz, City of Rockford, Community Development; Adam Tegen, Belvidere/Boone County Planning; Rich Lundin, Boone County Engineer; Mark Painter, Village of Winnebago; Craig Lawler, Belvidere, Public Works; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford; Jim Johnson, Rockford Mass Transit; Nathan Bruck, Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; David Nord, Village of Cherry Valley; Sheryl Crowley, Village of Roscoe; Steve Asche, Village of Roscoe; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County; Sue Mroz, Winnebago County Planning; Chad Atkinson, Village of Machesney Park

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chicago/Rockford International Airport

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, RMAP Executive Director; Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP staff; Michael Maddox, RMAP staff; Michael Hren, RMAP staff; Gary McIntyre, RMAP staff; David Almy, Hanson Professional Service; Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway Authority; Mike Weber, Rock River Water Reclamation District; Gary Camling, McClure Engineering; Steve Frerichs, Chastain & Assoc.; Jim Hankins, McClure Engineering; Thomas Bona, Rockford Register Star; Bob Soltau, SLATS; Genevieve Borich, RAEDC.

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

1. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2009 MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Village of Winnebago, seconded by Village of Roscoe. Motion carried.
2. **AGENCY REPORTS**
 - 2.1 **Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:** No report.
 - 2.2 **Winnebago County Highway:** Belt Line Bridge replacement has been let. Work will resume on the Harrison and Riverside projects due to the mild weather.
 - 2.3 **City of Rockford:** Fifty percent of the CIP program is ready to be bid. This allows the residential and arterial resurfacing programs a longer construction season with the early bid lettings. There will be twenty street reconstruction projects this year. The removal of the downtown pedestrian mall is out to bid and it is anticipated the removal will begin very soon.
 - 2.4 **City of Loves Park:** No report.

- 2.5 **Village of Machesney Park:** Three projects have been awarded and the RMAP Policy Committee meeting will be held today at the Village Hall at 1:15.
- 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:** A comprehensive planning meeting scheduled for April 8th, 2009 at 6 pm here in this room.
- 2.9 **Village of Cherry Valley:** No report.
- 2.10 **City of Rockford, Community Development:** Kishwaukee Corridor Revitalization Plan will go before Rockford City Council on March 23.
- 2.11 **Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development:** The 2030 plan was to go before the Zoning Committee, however a group came forward with issues regarding the Kishwaukee corridor in the southeast quadrant near the railroad so the plan was not voted on and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Cagnoni will help the County with the follow up report regarding the issues with Kishwaukee. Also, working with the RAEDC on the CEDS project.
- 2.12 **Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department:** All three villages have adopted the 173 plan and it will be before the Board at the May meeting.
- 2.13 **Boone County Highway Department:** No report.
- 2.14 **City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:** In the process of right of way acquisition for the Appleton Road project.
- 2.15 **Village of Roscoe:** No report.
- 2.16 **Village of Winnebago:** No report.
- 2.17 **Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:** Not present.
- 2.18 **Illinois State Toll Highway Authority:** Ms. Anderson distributed the latest project summary sheets for the tollway upgrades which included visual maps. The Irene Road detour is open to US 20. Work is anticipated to be complete this year and all the information is located on their web site also.
- 2.19 **IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:** Not present.
- 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:** Mr. Soltau reported the stimulus projects have gone before both the Policy and Technical committee. One project was left off and this will be presented at an additional meeting which will address the TIP.

2.24 Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division: No report.

2.25 Rockford Area Economic Development Council: RAEDC is currently working on the strategy application for the CEDS project which is needed for the Department of Commerce. Any project information can be forwarded to Genevieve Borich. A meeting will be held on March 31 regarding this project. The due date for completion is May, 2009. Mr. Ernst will work with the RAEDC and Technical Committee members on project submittals requiring match funding. A short list should be available by Wed., March 25 when a meeting will be held at Katie's Cup at 4:30 p.m.

2.26 Rock River Water Reclamation District: State and Wyman repairs are complete and the road is open. The new administration building should be open this summer.

2.27 Growth Dimensions: Not present.

2.28 Stateline Mass Transit District: Not present.

3. RMAP FY2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT, Resolution 2009-4: The action needed is to include an additional four projects into the TIP. The amendment is for three bridge projects and one resurfacing project.

Motion to approve the amendment and recommend the Resolution to the Policy Committee: Motion by the City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County Planning. Motion unanimously approved.

4. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) OF 2009 SUBMITTAL Resolution 2009-5: Mr. Ernst gave a presentation of the seventeen state and local projects to be funded with ARRA dollars. The amendment will go before the Policy committee today.

There was discussion regarding the boundary agreements with Caledonia and Timberlane. Ms. Mroz hadn't heard of Timberlane and asked about this village. Mr. Jacobson explained that this village was established 4-5 years ago because it did not want to be part of Candlewick Lake subdivision.

Discussion also included funding of projects with the ARRA dollars as well as local agency funding of projects and what projects need to be part of the TIP for future years that are not ARRA funded.

Mr. Ernst mentioned that this program will be posted on the web site and the new web site rmapil.org is under construction and hopes it will be available very soon.

Motion to approve the amendment and recommend the Resolution to the Policy Committee: Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Boone County Highway. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Ernst displayed a map of where the dollars from the stimulus are going within the 14 Illinois MPO's.

5. FY 2010 DRAFT UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP): We have received funding marks for 2009. RMAP will be applying for all funding and the draft will be in Springfield by the end of March.

Motion for approval of the amendment to the UWP by Village of Winnebago, seconded by Village of Roscoe. Motion carried.

6. TRANSIT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN RMAP, RMTD, CITY OF BELVIDERE/COUNTY OF BOONE: RFP's have gone out and bids will be opened on April 14. This item will then go before the

RMTD board. A letter will be drafted explaining what has transpired regarding the agreement and the final results.

7. PROGRESS REPORTS:

- 7.1 NICTI Alternative Analysis: Preliminary information has been given to the executive committee from NIU research regarding the survey. Mr. Cowen is compiling the final results from the 500+ surveys returned.
 - 7.2 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area: No update available.
 - 7.3 RMTD East Side Transfer Center: Design in progress; meeting with potential partners to utilize the space.
 - 7.4 Northeast Urban Planning Area (NUPA) Study in Boone County: Traffic projections are being worked on by Mr. McIntyre.
 - 7.5 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: A meeting will be held March 23 at 10:30 at Loves Park City Hall regarding the stimulus funding for broadband. The application deadline is approaching.
 - 7.6 RMAP Regional Freight Study: Trying for a presentation from Mr. Hutchins for the April meeting.
 - 7.7 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: The next Mobility Subcommittee meeting is April 14, at the YWCA on East State Street at 10 am. Anyone wanting to submit comments regarding sustainability criteria for projects can contact Mr. Diipla.
 - 7.8 2010 Census PSAP Material: No changes were brought up at the meeting. Staff is still ahead of schedule for submittals.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Received a letter from the Illinois General Assembly regarding a public hearing on the revenue package on April 6 at 10 am in the UAW hall in Rockford on North Second Street near City Hall. Received a copy of HB 2359; Legislative Transportation Investment Ability Act. This Bill proposes the initiation of a statewide committee to look at transportation needs for Illinois. IDOT has been invited to speak at a community foundation meeting, Friday, March 20 regarding the S. Main corridor at the YMCA, 3rd floor at 1 pm.
9. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Boone County, seconded by Village of Cherry Valley. Motion carried.