



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 22, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford CIP; Dan Long, IDOT District 2; Curtis Jones, IDOT Division of Urban Program Planning; Paula Hughes, RMTD; Colin Simpson, Village of Machesney Park; Dana Carroll, RRWRD; Ben Ackert, Village of Winnebago; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago Co. Highway; Sue Mroz, Winnebago County Planning & Economic Development.

Barb Schwengels, City of Loves Park Public Works joined meeting at 10:49 a.m.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chicago/Rockford Airport, City of Belvidere, Boone County, FHWA, RAEDC, Village of Cherry Valley, Village of Roscoe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP Staff; Bob Soltau, SLATS; Steve Frerichs, Chastain & Assoc.; David Almy, Hanson Professional Services; Chris Baer, McClure Engineering; Brian Leaf, Rockford Register Star.

With a quorum present Mr. Ernst called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2012 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to approve the February 23, 2012 Technical Committee minutes. Motion to approve by Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford Public Works, seconded by Sue Mroz, Winnebago County Economic Development Dept. Motion carried.

Without a quorum present, Mr. Ernst stated that he would start the meeting with agency reports at 10:20 a.m.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.1 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

Mr. Long reported that they have four (4) projects going on.

IL251 to Springcreek Road will start back up on April 2, 2012.

IL2 Elmwood to Latham project, they are still moving dirt and will be starting on the structure.

IL251 at 173 should start Monday, March 26, 2012.

I-90 reconstruction will be starting April 2, 2012.

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Region 2

Alpine to Rock Cut still looking at a March letting. Still looking at staging issues.

Clifton to Cedar on IL2 South Main they are looking at a November letting. Still working on the plats and the Right of Way is still an issue.

Beltline Clifton to South Main the plans have been submitted and they are looking at an April letting and the right of way just has to catch up.

West State Street the City of Rockford still has the Right of Way going on and IDOT has 98% plans.

IL173/IL76 IDOT held a public hearing on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 and was held at the Poplar Grove Village Hall.

2.2 Winnebago County Highway Department:

Mr. Vlk reported that the Meridian Road project will be finishing up soon.

Montague Road Bridge received decent prices and just waiting on award.

Pecatonica Prairie Path received decent prices and just waiting on award.

Perryville Signals at Broadcast and Nimtz we anticipate a funding agreement with Loves Park being done in early April.

Condon Road resurfacing plans are down in IDOT for review.

Baxter Harrisville intersection (adding a turn lane on Baxter Road) will be happening a little later this summer.

The two (2) parking lots in downtown Rockford, we hope to advertise next Wednesday and award early May.

2.3 City of Rockford, Public Works Department:

Mr. Zuroske reported that all projects are in design and development.

Morgan Street Bridge project is progressing well.

Roundabout at Seminary and College is under construction.

The Riverwalk construction is 80% complete and anticipate a July grand opening.

Mr. Zuroske reported that there is a public hearing for the Train Station on Monday night at 6:00 p.m. immediately prior to the full City Council meeting.

2.4 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department: No report.

2.5 Village of Machesney Park:

Mr. Simpson reported that they just opened and awarded the bid for the new signal at 251 by Machesney Park mall and work should start May 1, 2012.

IL173 construction is proceeding.

Mr. Simpson stated that Greg Anderson is the new Economic Development Director.

Carrie Houston is handling all the building permit and zoning.

Mr. Ernst congratulated Mr. Simpson on the Village of Machesney Park Road Referendum passing.

2.6 Chicago/Rockford International Airport: Not present.

2.7 Rockford Mass Transit District:

Ms. Hughes reported that the East Side Transfer Center Grand Opening is scheduled for May 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

The RMTD Route Study is nearing completion of the draft. New routes will not start until the fall mark up.

The Belvidere Route transfers out of the East Side Transfer Center and Trailways also has busses going out through the East Side Transfer Center.

RMTD's Belvidere Route ridership numbers are going up.

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 Department:

Mr. Zuroske indicated that he would like to give a presentation next month regarding the City of Rockford's Brownfields initiative.

Mr. Zuroske stated they are almost to the end of the process for getting the funding for the River Edge Re-development Zone. There are eight (8) projects that is going to receive funding from this project.

Mr. Zuroske reported that they submitted an EDA grant which is part of the CEDS process and this grant went in on March 9, 2012 this is to re-construct the East side access of the Airport.

2.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department:

Ms. Mroz reported that she is primarily busy with manufacturing expansions.

The County is wrapping up the final spending of their \$400,000 grant for Brownfield assessments. The County has applied for a revolving four (4) million dollar fund for clean-up.

Ms. Mroz indicated that zoning is not busy for new projects.

2.12 Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department: Not present.

2.13 Boone County Highway Department: Not present

2.14 City of 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 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:

Mr. Soltau reported that they have a public hearing scheduled on April 4, 2012 at 3:00p. Technical and Policy Committee meetings at 10:00 a.m. are scheduled for April 16, 2012. Both meetings are held at the Rotary Center.

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:

Mr. Carroll reported that they have a project starting on Springbrook west of Perryville.

2.27 Growth Dimensions: Not present.

2.28 Stateline Mass Transit District: Not present.

2.29 Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Mr. Ernst reported that he anticipates next Monday from the Federal government the release of the new boundaries for urbanized areas and the data associated with those new boundaries.

TIGER 4 final application was submitted Monday, April 19, 2012.

Mr. Ernst stated that he received an email about opportunities from the EPA regarding Stormwater Management, other water management practices and several grant opportunities. Mr. Ernst stated he will forward the information to all Technical members.

Mr. Ernst reported that the statewide IL MPO meeting was held in Bloomington, IL. One item that came up was that the state has to update their long range transportation plan and they will start that outreach to the regions very soon.

Mr. Ernst reported that RMAP was notified that the draft Highway Program from the State the Governor should be announcing the first of April.

Mr. Ernst reported that continuing meeting are taking place with the Tollway and the service provider for Chicago Transit. Mr. Ernst recently met with METRA and he is meeting with PACE this Friday, March 22, 2012. They are looking at what transportation will be in the future as well as during construction of I-90.

RMAP has started the DRAFT of FY2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The current FY2012 TIP document is available for viewing on RMAP's website (rmapil.org).

3. RMAP TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – RMAP Resolution 2012-4 (Rockford Multimodal Station); RMAP Resolution 2012-5 (RMTD CNG BRT Vehicles):

Mr. Ernst provided a brief summary of the amendments to TIP FY2012-FY2015 for the City of Rockford and RMTD.

Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to approve recommendation of Resolution 2012-4 (Rockford Multimodal Station). First motion by Ms. Mroz, Winnebago County Economic Development Dept., Second motion by Ms. Hughes, RMTD. Motion carries.

Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to approve recommendation of Resolution 2012-5 (RMTD CNG BRT Vehicles). First motion by Mr. Zuroske, City of Rockford Public Works, Second motion by Ms. Mroz, Winnebago County Economic Development Dept. Motion carries.

4. RMAP FY13 DRAFT UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP):

Mr. Ernst provided members a brief summary of the overall UWP funding for FY13.

RMAP will be looking for approval of this document in May.

Mr. Ernst asked members if there were any questions.

Members had no questions.

5. LEP:

Mr. Ernst stated that the LEP document has been put out for public comments and none has been received. After the 45 day comment period RMAP will come back to Technical for approval.

Mr. Ernst asked members if there were any questions.

Members has no questions.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

6.01 NICTI Alternative Analysis: Covered in Agency Reports.

6.02 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area: Mr. Ernst stated the target calendar year is 2014 for Amtrak service.

6.03 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: No report.

6.04 RMAP Regional Freight Study: Mr. Ernst reported that the final report should be done by April or May.

6.05 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: Mr. Diipla reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 and held at YWCA located on E. State Street, Rockford. At the next meeting Mobility will be selecting projects to use for JARC/New Freedom funds. These applications are due on April 4, 2012.

Mr. Diipla reported that 5310 applications are due on April 5, 2012.

6.06 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs): Covered in agenda item 2.10.

6.07 ComEd Smart Grid/Smart Meters: Mr. Ernst reported that Mr. Paul Callighan from ComEd joined the March 1, 2012 Policy meeting and provided Policy members a status report on ComEd projects.

6.08 HUD Sustainability Grant: Mr. Ernst reported that Rockford Housing Authority (RHA) kicked off their Choice Neighborhood Grant from HUD on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ernst reminded Technical members that ITEP applications are due in May.

Mr. Diipla provided members copies of the RMTD Annual Report.

8. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Without a quorum present Mr. Ernst suspends meeting (11:04 a.m.).