

RATS

**Rockford Area Transportation Study
Metropolitan Planning Organization**
City of Rockford, Public Works Department
425 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61104

POLICY COMMITTEE

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Transportation, Region 2*

RATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, May 17, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Long, IDOT, District 2; David Townsend, Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford, Public Works Department; James A. Johnson, Rockford Mass Transit District; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park, Community Development Department; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway Department; Craig Lawler, City of Belvidere, Public Works Department; David Noel, Village of Roscoe; Mark Painter, Village of Winnebago.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Loves Park, Public Works Department; Village of Machesney Park; Chicago/Rockford International Airport; Village of Cherry Valley; City of Rockford, Community Development Department; Winnebago County Regional Planning and Economic Development Department; Belvidere / Boone County Regional Planning Department.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Bunny Anderson, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, RATS Study Director; Gary McIntyre, City of Rockford and RATS Staff; Tonia Vrolyk, City of Rockford, Public Works Department, CIP Division; David Almy, Hanson Professional Services; Charlie Smith, Hanson Professional Services.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernst at 10:01 a.m. with a quorum present.

VOTING MEMBERS:

2.1 – Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2	Dan Long
2.2 – Winnebago County Highway Department	David Townsend, Wayne Vlk
2.3 – City of Rockford, Public Works Department	Patrick Zuroske
2.4 – City of Loves Park, Public Works Department	
2.5 – Village of Machesney Park	
2.6 – Chicago/Rockford International Airport	Marge Bevers
2.7 – Rockford Mass Transit District	Paula S Hughes, James A. Johnson
2.8 – City of Loves Park, Community Development Department	Nathan Bruck
2.9 – Village of Cherry Valley	

2.10 – City of Rockford, Community Development Department	
2.11 – Winnebago County Regional Planning and Economic Development Dept.	Reggie Arkell
2.12 – Belvidere / Boone County Regional Planning Department	Adam Tegen
2.13 – Boone County Highway Department	Rich Lundin
2.14 – City of Belvidere, Public Works Department	Craig Lawler
2.15 – Village of Roscoe	David Noel
2.16 – Village of Winnebago	Mark Painter

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

2.17 – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	
2.18 – Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	Bunny Anderson
2.19 – IDOT, Division of Public Transportation	
2.20 – IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning	
2.21 – Ogle County Highway Department	
2.22 – Boone County Council of Aging	
2.23 – State Line Area Transportation Study	Bob Soltau
2.24 – Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division	John Donovan
2.25 – Rockford Area Economic Development Council	Janyce Fadden
2.26 – Rock River Water Reclamation District	
2.27 – Growth Dimensions	

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2.1 – Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2	Dan Long, John McCormick?
2.2 – Winnebago County Highway Department	David Townsend, Joe Vanderwerff Sr., Wayne Vlk
2.3 – City of Rockford, Public Works Department	Patrick Zuroske
2.4 – City of Loves Park, Public Works Department	Dan Jacobson
2.5 – Village of Machesney Park	Chad Atkinson
2.6 – Chicago/Rockford International Airport	Marge Bevers, Bob O'Brien
2.7 – Rockford Mass Transit District	Paula S Hughes, James A. Johnson
2.8 – City of Loves Park, Community Development Department	Nathan Bruck
2.9 – Village of Cherry Valley	David Nord
2.10 – City of Rockford, Community Development Department	
2.11 – Winnebago County Regional Planning and Economic Development Dept.	Greg Tilly
2.12 – Belvidere / Boone County Regional Planning Department	Adam Tegen
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

2.17 – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	Chuck Corley
2.18 – Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	Zona "Bunny" Anderson
2.19 – IDOT, Division of Public Transportation	Neil D. Ferrari, Jason Tai
2.20 – IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning	Les Nunez (acting)
2.21 – Ogle County Highway Department	Curtis D Cook
2.22 – Boone County Council of Aging	John Slattengren
2.23 – State Line Area Transportation Study	Bob Soltau

2.24 – Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division	John Donovan
2.25 – Rockford Area Economic Development Council	Janyce Fadden, Eric Voyles?
2.26 – Rock River Water Reclamation District	Steve Graceffa, Mike Olson
2.27 – Growth Dimensions	Kelly Galluzzo, Mark Williams?
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IDOT, OPP	Les Nunes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lew Moon, Cottonwood Airport

Maria C. Hanley, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Illinois

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2007 RATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING:

2. AGENCY REPORTS

2.1 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2 –

2.2 Winnebago County Highway Department –

2.3 City of Rockford, Public Works Department –

2.4 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department –

2.5 Village of Machesney Park –

2.6 Chicago/Rockford International Airport –

2.7 Rockford Mass Transit District –

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2.9 Village of Cherry Valley –

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3. RATS FY 2008 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP) – RATS Resolution 2007-2: RATS staff distributed the draft FY 2008 UWP at the March 29th Policy Committee meeting and at the April 19th Technical Committee meeting. The document is available for public review and comment on the RATS website at <http://www.cityofrockford.net/government/works/index.cfm?section=planning&id=977>. The Technical Committee will make a recommendation on the RATS UWP at this meeting for the May 24, 2007, RATS Policy Committee meeting.

4. RATS FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – RATS Resolution 2007-4: The Transit section of the FY 2008 TIP needs to be amended for the Federal Transit Administration Alternatives Analysis 5309 and 5339 funds.

5. RATS BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN PLAN – RATS YEAR 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Two Public Informational Open Houses are scheduled for May 31, 2007. The first will be held at Rockford City Hall from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (with a formal presentation at 12:15 P.M.). The second will be held at Machesney Park Village Hall from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (with a formal presentation at 5:45 P.M.). More information can be found at the RATS website at <http://www.cityofrockford.net/government/works/index.cfm?section=planning&id=977>.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

- 6.1 Winnebago County Smart Growth Study –
- 6.2 NICTI Alternative Analysis –
- 6.3 Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area –

6.4 RMTD East Side Transfer Center –

6.5 IL 173 Corridor Planning Study (by Machesney Park) –

6.6 Boone County / IL 173 Corridor Study

6.7 RATS TIP for FY 2008 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2011)

6.8 RATS & Regional Planning

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:35 a.m., Mr. Ernst entertained a motion to adjourn. It was moved by **(AGENCY 1)** and seconded by **(AGENCY 2 - Tegen)**. The motion was unanimously approved and adopted.