



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Zuroske, City of Rockford CIP; Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Traffic; Nathan Bruck, City of Loves Park Community Development; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park PW; Ben Ackert, Village of Winnebago; Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway; Kathy Miller, Boone-Belvidere Planning; Dan Long, IDOT District 2; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago Co. Highway; ; David Townsend, Winnebago Co. Highway; Sue Mroz, Winnebago County Planning; Craig Lawler, City of Belvidere PW; Brent Anderson, City of Belvidere Public Works; Jim Johnson, RMTD; Bunny Anderson, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chicago/Rockford Airport, Village of Roscoe, FHWA, Village of Machesney Park; Village of Cherry Valley, RAEDC, RRWRD.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Ernst, Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, RMAP Staff; Brian Plum, Traffic Control Corp; David Anderson, Next Rockford; Eddie Rybarski, WREX.

With a quorum present Mr. Ernst called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 26, 2010 RMAP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES: Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to approve the August 26, 2010 Technical Committee minutes. Motion to approve by Rich Lundin, Boone County Highway, seconded by the Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works. Motion carried.

2. AGENCY REPORTS:

2.1 Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2: Mr. Long reported that Meridian Road at US 20 bridge replacement is on schedule for a mid-October completion.

IL 2 Fuller Creek is getting close to the deck pour for the second half and on target for a late October completion.

IL75 from Meridian Road to Rockton is pretty much done but there may be some periodic lane closures to tie up some loose ends.

IL 2 from Auburn to Riverside has no change from last time, the roadway work is complete, but they still have utility adjustments to go.

Alpine Road at US 20 ramp resurfacing should have started this week and should only take a week or two to complete.

IL 2 from Roscoe Road to Latham Road resurfacing is complete.



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US BUS 20 from 7th Street to Fairview is waiting on striping. The nationwide shortage has caught up to Illinois.

IL 251 from Forest Hills to Windsor in Loves Park resurfacing project will have striping begin this week and should take a week and a half.

I-39/US 20 – 6 Bridges along the Rockford Bypass replace expansion joints started two weeks ago. Avoid if possible and expect long back-ups.

US 20 from Harrison Avenue to Farmington Way project has the patching complete and they have started milling and resurfacing the Eastbound lanes two weeks ago. Expect both night and day work. Realistically they'll probably get the Eastbound lanes complete and come back next Spring for the Westbound lanes.

US 20 at McKinley Avenue stage 1 is complete and stage 2 is underway. It's still hit and miss, but we are anticipating a late October completion.

IL 173/IL 251 to Alpine we have the 90% plans in house and in a few months should have plans approved and ready for submission to Springfield. Land acquisition is underway. We are looking to next summer to get the culverts and widening done and for November have this corridor open for the holidays.

IL 173 - Alpine Road out to the Park revisions are being made to the plans and the consultant is on board and ready to go

IL 2 - South Main North half construction limits have been submitted to Land Acquisition and they are in the initial stages of getting plats prepared. South half mission is ahead of schedule and we are working with the City on sidewalk and bike path solutions.

IL 2 Auburn to Riverside CAG meeting is complete and a logo has been chosen. At the meeting CSS process was explained and then came up with a need. CAG Group was sent home with a survey to fill out. Next meeting will be in late October.

IL 2 – North Main plans are nearly complete. Revised the IL 2/Latham intersection and now have Land Acquisition problems due to some frontage road concerns. Looking at a June letting.

2.2 Winnebago County Highway Department: Mr. Vlk reported that Bell School Road to Newburg Road is waiting for traffic signals and the same for the Ralston Blue Bonnet project.

Perryville Road bridge over the south branch of the Kishwaukee River should be open possibly as early as tomorrow or early next week.

Condore Road between Kishwaukee Road and South Bend Road for the next two weeks for some shoulder work. The road will be closed during day time work hours.

Hononegah Road project has started and we are hoping to get 90% of the work done this year.

Meridian Road project letting has been pushed to the spring due to right of way issues.

2.3 City of Rockford, Public Works Department: Mr. Zuroske reported that all projects are either complete or in progress for completion.



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The 2011 CIP is almost complete and they will be introducing to the City of Rockford City Council in the next couple of weeks.

Rockton Avenue from Auburn to Fulton Avenue and Kishwaukee Street from Harrison to Brooke has been narrowed down to 3 lanes and has been re-striped. Mr. Zuroske stated no complaint has been received from citizens. Alderman Bill Timm is quite pleased with change for Rockton Avenue (9th Ward).

2.4 City of Loves Park, Public Works Department: Mr. Jacobson has no report. Just one concern which is the new soil disposal requirements the state has enforced. All communities will probably be affected by new soil disposal requirements which will drive up the cost of most projects. The City of Loves Park is very concerned with this issue. Mr. Jacobson asked if RMAP can look into this issue? Other cities and municipalities in the northern Illinois region are concerned as well.

2.5 Village of Machesney Park: Not present.

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: Mr. Bruck reported that Arc Design has presented their plans on the Riverside Corridor Project to City of Loves Park staff and Michael Maddox of RMAP. Arc Design is now is finalizing the project. There will be a public meeting held in mid to late October.

2.9 Village of Cherry Valley: Not present.

2.10 City of Rockford, Community Development Department: Mr. Zuroske reported that the consultant has been chosen for the South Main Project. Lakota Group, Ty Lin, CLUE and ARC Design is a consortium of folks hired for the South Main Corridor Plan. Technical members are welcome to participate in the process.

2.11 Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department: Ms. Mroz reported that their big item is bringing Embry-Riddle Aero University to open up a campus at the Airport.

Ms. Mroz reported that the 2030 Land Use Steering Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2010 regarding re-infrastructure and sustainability was cancelled.

Ms. Mroz stated that it might be worthwhile for Tech members to research the 1099 Section of the US National Healthcare Bill. Details regarding this bill can be found through USCM.

2.12 Belvidere/Boone County Regional Planning Department: Ms. Miller reported that they have tentatively scheduled an open house for public viewing and comments for the existing Comprehensive Plan and it is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:00p and held in Belvidere.

2.13 Boone County Highway Department: Mr. Lundin reported that 4 of the 5 ERP projects has been completed. The 5th project should be starting tomorrow with resurfacing beginning next Monday. County resurfacing project are waiting for thermo plastic. They also have another thermal plastics project but they are waiting to see if they even do the project since materials are so hard to obtain currently.



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

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 Highway6 Authority: Ms. Anderson reported on the construction on Eden Spur which is a major lane from 294 into the City of Chicago. A resurfacing and rehabilitation of the five mile of Eden Spur and work began in April and should be completed by the end of the year.

IPASS milestone, there is 3 million I-Pass account and 4 million private active transponders. A year ago there was only a million counted.

Ms. Anderson stated that starting in January an overview of projects to the board every month. I-90 presentation is available on Illinois Tollway website for viewing. Other projects are also available for viewing online.

Ms. Anderson stated that the Tollway has done a study through MPC on congestion pricing on variety of areas in Northern Illinois including the I-90 corridor. Tollway will be starting presentation starting early October. RMAP is hosting one of these presentations on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 1:30p and held at Anderson Gardens.

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 a public hearing is scheduled for SLATS UWP on September 15, 2010 from 3:00-6:00p. Mr. Soltau stated that there are SLATS meeting scheduled for October 4, 2010 and October 25, 2010 and held at 10:00a to discuss their Bike/Pedestrian Plan.

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. Ernst reported that RMAP received 4 grants for ITEP. Grants were received from the Rockford Park District, City of Rockford, Winnebago County and the City of Belvidere.

IBED starts Sunday, September 26, 2010 and will be held at the Coronado. Would like to see a great turn out for this years' IBED.

Mr. Ernst stated that the Sustainable communities grant has been submitted and we have not heard from HUD yet but Steve did receive an email asking for more information.



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RMAP has negotiated a contract with IDOT's vendor that does their traffic counting. They will be setting special counters to collect speed data for us to use for a congestion map. This is one of the requirements for our congestive management process. Actual field data is needed for verification. Comp and vehicle classification data will also be collected.

3. RMAP FY 2010-2013 TIP:

Copies of two (2) letters from RMAP staff to IDOT in Springfield alerting them to some administrative modification made to the existing TIP were provided to Tech Members for their review. This item is just alerting Tech members no action is required.

4. RMAP FY 2011-2014 TIP:

Mr. Ernst stated this item is the adoption of the new TIP 2011-2014. Mr. Ernst stated that he feels the document has captured all of the local municipalities programs. The TIP 2011-2014 document is available on RMAP's website. RMAP can provide a digital or hard copy if needed. Mr. Diipla provided a brief statement regarding the new TIP 2011-2014 and stated that this item will need Technical Committee's recommendation. Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to approve recommendation of Resolution 2010-13. 1st motion by Mr. Zuroske, City of Rockford Public Works, 2nd motion by Mr. Jacobson, City of Loves Park Public Works. Motion carries.

5. CITY OF ROCKFORD BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PLAN PRESENTATION:

Mr. Jeremy Carter presented the City of Rockford Bike/Pedestrian Plan. After a brief presentation and discussion, Mr. Zuroske stated that they are looking for comments from Technical members and are looking forward to working with the surrounding municipalities to make any additions necessary to better enhance the 10-Year Bike Plan.

Mr. Zuroske acknowledged and thanked Mr. David Anderson from Next Rockford who has been very supportive of the process.

Mr. Jacobson asked RMTD also be recognized for implementing their project on installing bike racks on all buses.

6. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

6.1 & 6.2 NICTI Alternative Analysis & Amtrak Service to Rockford Metro Area:: Mr. Ernst stated that he will be providing a presentation to Policy on Thursday, September 30, 2010.

6.3 RMTD East Side Transfer Center: Mr. Johnson reported that construction has started.

6.4 Regional Fiber Optic and Broadband: Mr. Ernst reported that a Discretionary ARRA Grant was awarded and the IT folks from the local municipalities did a great job obtaining this grant.

6.5 RMAP Regional Freight Study: Mr. Ernst reported that Mr. Gary McIntyre has completed all the work he is responsible for and is waiting for the consultant to finish the report.



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6.6 RMAP Mobility Subcommittee: Mr. Diipla stated there is nothing new to report but that the next RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 10:00a and held at YWCA on East Stated Street. Mr. Diipla stated that a Call for Projects might be put out and will be discussed further at the next RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting.

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

6.8 Housing, Human Services & Workforce Development Subcommittee: Mr. Ernst reported that the Sustainable Community Grant has been submitted and waiting to hear back.

6.9 Stormwater / Drainage Subcommittee: Mr. Lawler stated that the Belvidere County group is meeting tonight (September 23, 2010) at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at Belvidere City hall.

Mr. Vlk reported that Winnebago County has submitted their grant application and waiting to hear back.

6.10 State Route IL-173 (IL-251 to I-90): See Agency Report 2.1.

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

6.12 Greater RMAP Environmental-Education Network (GREEN): Mr. Ernst reported that the consultant team is moving ahead and working on the GIS portion of the greenway plan.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

None

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

8.1 Mr. Zuroske stated that Machesney Park and the Harlem School District received a \$250 thousand Safe Route to School's grant and congratulates them on receiving this grant.

8.2 Mr. Zuroske asked Technical members if there is any new news on the possibility of MFT allocations might be taken by state to assist with state. No decision has been made but they have till January 2011.

8.3 Mr. Zuroske stated that they are working on Westside One way Pair Conversion Open House and it is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 from 3:00-7:00 and held at RMAP Office Planning Room. Mr. Zuroske stated Technical members are welcome to attend and provide comments.

8.4 Mr. Ernst stated that Machesney Park did win their EECBG grant that they applied for – they were the only applicant.

8.5 This meeting was Mr. Craig Lawler's last RMAP Technical meeting as he will be retiring. Mr. Brent Anderson will replace Mr. Lawler.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ernst entertains a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Mr. Lundin, Boone County Highway and seconded by Mr. Lawler, City of Belvidere Public Works. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m. with a unanimous voice vote.