



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP Mobility Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 10, 2015  
RMTD East Side Transfer Center

**ATTENDEES:** Chairman Steve Haight; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Lisa Brown, Paula Hughes RMTD; Justyn Miller, Boone County; Janna Bailey, Wesley Willows; John Strandin, WIB; Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Jon Paul Diipla, Colleen Hoesly, Christina Washington, RMAP.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Haight called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Haight entertains a motion to approve the agenda. First Motion moved by Ms. Brown, RMTD; seconded by Mayor Chamberlain, City of Belvidere. Motion carried.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE 11/18/14 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the November 18, 2014 minutes. Motion was made by Mr. Justyn Miller, Boone County; second motion was made by Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere. Motion carried.
- 5. RMAP 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE:** Mr. Diipla stated that the Long Range Transportation Plan update was made available for public comment on February 24, 2015 and the formal comment period for the first draft is until April 3, 2015. At that time all feedback will be reviewed and revisions will be made to produce a final draft. A second set of open houses will be scheduled in early to mid-May-2015 for that draft. RMAP anticipates formal adoption by the RMAP Policy Committee in July-2015. The Long Range Transportation Plan update, as required by Federal Transportation law, reassesses and updates the document every five (5) years. During this period of time RMAP is updating certain elements of the plan, it is not a complete re-write. Mr. Diipla stated that the new Long Range Transportation Plan has been titled Transportation 2040 Tomorrow: A long range transportation plan for the Rockford region. The document is available on RMAP's website. Mr. Diipla provided a brief overview of the updated sections of the plan.
- 6. FTA 5310 PROGRAM:** Mr. Diipla stated that IDOT has contacted all the organizations that have applied for the CY2014 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program. Mr. Diipla stated that he has received a listing of the organizations that received vehicles for CY2010. Three organizations applied; RMTD, Barbara Olson Center of Hope and Wesley Willows. RMTD and Wesley Willows were awarded vehicles through this round. Mr. Diipla provided a brief summary and update on the regionally allocated 5310 funds for the Rockford MPA. Mr. Diipla indicated that FY2013 dollars are available for apportionment. The timeframe to program the FY2013 funds is the year of apportionment plus two (2) years (FY2015) as stated in the FTA 5310 Circular. This means that the FY2013 funds would need to be programmed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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Approximately \$268,000 will need to be programmed for vehicles by that point. A brief discussion took place among members on the process and the possible application to submit.

Ms. Hughes proposed that RMTD apply for the replacement of paratransit vehicles for the FY-13 funds so that there is no possibility of the funds lapsing. The RMTD replacement vehicles will be used to continue quality paratransit service to the Rockford urbanized area with more reliable vehicles that help ensure the safety of riders.

A discussion took place among members on the best way to program the funds.

**7. DISCUSSION:**

**TRANSPORTATION FUNDING & POSSIBLE STATEWIDE FUNDING CUTS**

Ms. Brown provided a brief summary of the possible cuts and how that would affect RMTD and service. The current 65% funds received could possibly be cut to 55% which would affect RMTD service and ridership.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chairman Haight introduced the new Executive Director of RMAP, Michael P. Dunn, Jr.,

**9. PROGRESS REPORTS:**

Ms. Hughes stated that RMTD has installed new bus shelters; six (6) on West State Street and two (2) on South Main Street.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to adjourn the March 10, 2015 meeting. Motion by Ms. Lisa Brown, RMTD and second motion was made by Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere, meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.