

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 4, 2016

(Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main Street, Rockford)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Mayor Larry Morrissey, City of Rockford; Mr. Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Mr. Masood Ahmad, IDOT District #2.

Pastor Herbert Johnson, RMTD arrived at 3:14pm.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Loves Park.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Gary McIntyre, Jon Paul Diipla, Christina Washington, Colin Belle, Sydney Turner, Anna Ma, Marlana Dokken, Michael Hren, Ivy Hood, RMAP; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway; Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Jim Johnson, RMTD; Holly Ostdick, IDOT Metropolitan Planning Section; John A. Bennett, REMI.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 3:01 PM.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

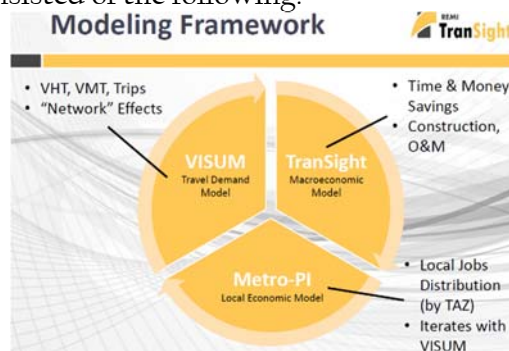
None.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 26, 2016 AND JUNE 9, 2016 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

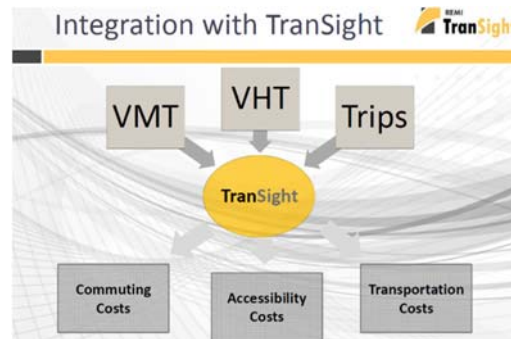
Motion to approve the May 26, 2016 and June 9, 2016 RMAP Policy Committee meeting minutes was made by the City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

4. **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – USING REGIONAL ECONOMICS AS THE DRIVER:**

Mr. John Bennett, REMI is in attendance to provide a presentation regarding the use of Regional Economics. REMI is a firm based out Amherst, MA that is engaged in software development and economic policy research. REMI builds software based economic impact analysis and economic forecasting tools. Mr. Bennett provided a brief REMI presentation which consisted of the following:



Mr. Bennett stated that REMI is increasingly being used at the state level but is fairly novel in the regional and municipal level which makes RMAP ahead of the curve.



TDM Integration

- TDM outputs needed as inputs to TranSight
 - Region to region annual totals:
 - VMT
 - VHT
 - Trips
- Using TDM outputs, TranSight calculates...
 - Number of truck trips per hour
 - Accessibility
 - Average trip time
 - Commuting costs
 - Overall network speeds
 - Transportation costs
- Accessibility Costs
 - Commodity Access Index
- Commuting Costs
 - Labor Access Index
- Transportation Costs
 - Final delivered prices with market shares

Policy Results

Economic Results

- Employment, Personal Income, Output and Demand, GDP, Consumption, Relative Costs, Compensation, Occupation, and others

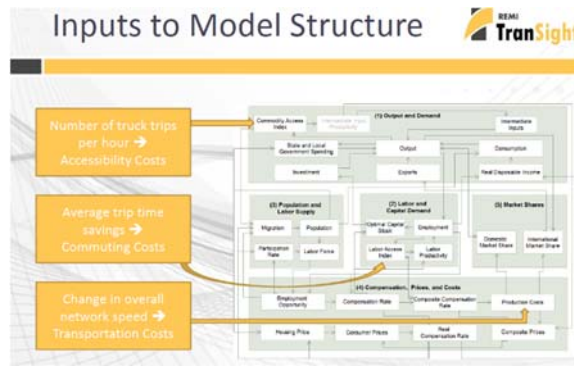
Demographic Results

- Population (Age, Race, and Sex)
- Components (Births, Deaths, Migrants)

Transportation Results

- Benefit Cost Analysis
 - *Customizable Benefit/Cost ratio*
- Transportation Summary
 - *Labor and Commodity Access*
 - *Production Cost and Delivered Price Impacts*
- Domestic Trade Flows
 - Evaluate impact of transportation efficiency on the community and economy

Inputs to Model Structure

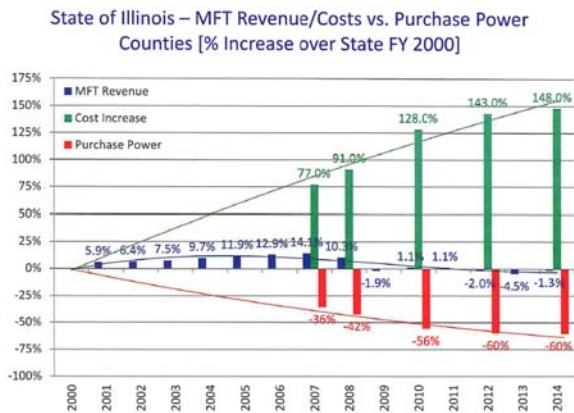


Mr. Bennett held a brief Q&A with Policy members.

5. MFT FUNDING PRESENTATION

Mr. Dunn stated that Mr. Craig Fink, County Engineer for Tazewell County Highway Department provided this MFT Funding presentation at the Illinois MPO meeting held on July 1, 2016 in Champaign, Illinois. Mr. Dunn stated that this is an appropriate subject for the RPC as a whole, not just the MPO because it focuses on legislative advocacy and funding.

Mr. Fink has led the charge and has worked with Secretary Blankenhorn in explaining that MFT funding has not caught up with the current cost structures of managing a system as a County Engineer or Public Works Director. Mr. Dunn referred to slide one (1) which shows from 2000 to 2014 the MFT Revenue /Costs vs. Purchase Power.



Revenue has stayed flat and costs have sky rocketed and the purchasing power has decreased.

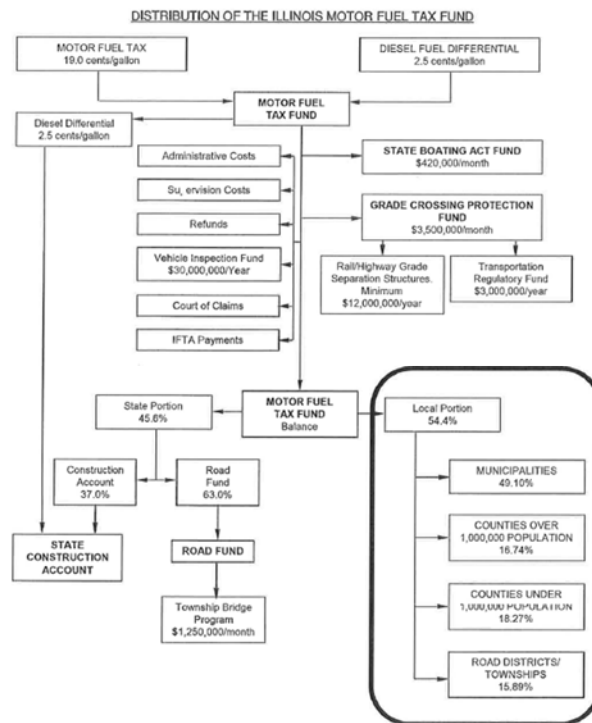
User Fees Collected by State (A Portion Returned to Roads)

- Motor Fuel Tax (MFT)
 - Paid at the Pump
- Motor Vehicle Revenue (MVR)
 - Paid at Secretary of State
 - Vehicle Registration
 - Driver's License
 - Certificates of Title

VERY IMPORTANT POINT TO BE MADE

Local Roads share directly in the revenue stream of MFT but they do NOT share directly in the MVR revenue stream.

In other words, if the MFT revenue collected by the State increases, Local Roads share of that revenue automatically increases proportionally. If the MVR revenue collected by the State increases, Local Roads receive none of that increase. This shapes advocacy for the increase of one revenue stream over another.



Local Roads carry 40% of the statewide traffic and generate 40% of the Highway User Fees Collected by the State but in 2014 they received back only 21.5% of those fees to reinvest in Local Roads. That is less than 54cents for every \$1 generated!

HOW BIG AN IMPACT IS THAT?

In 2014 Local Roads . . .

- . . . **generated \$1,249 Million.**
- . . . **received back \$672 Million.** (\$561 Million in MFT distributions)

In effect, that is a

\$577 Million unfunded mandate!

In Conclusion

40% of every highway user fee dollar collected by the State of Illinois as well as 40% of any additional investment in transportation by the State of Illinois needs to be returned to Local Roads through existing formula.

6. FEDERAL FHWA/FTA PROPOSED RULE ON MPO PLANNING/CONSOLIDATION

Mr. Dunn thanked Ms. Holly Ostidick for attending the RMAP Policy Committee meeting and stated that Ms. Ostidick is leading the charge on behalf of IDOT regarding the Federal FHWA/FTA Proposed Rule on MPO Planning/Consolidation.

Mr. Ostidick summarized that one census defined urban area has to be covered by one (1) MPO or if it's covered by multiples that that it produces a joint Long Range Plan and a joint TIP. In Illinois it would only effect

RMAP/SLATS and CMAP. In the instance between RMAP/SLATS it's just the urbanized areas are adjacent to each other.

Mr. Dunn stated that CMAP is 100% against the proposal. The RMAP Policy Committee can determine a position to move forward with.

A brief discussion took place regarding the FHWA/FTA proposed rule on MPO Planning/Consolidation.

7. CURRENT PROJECTS REVIEW

Mr. Dunn stated that in the spirit of an RPC RMAP/EDDNI has collaboratively been working on the following projects:

- Mr. Dunn and Mr. Bona is working on a Regional Site Selection Qualified Site Website for greenfield/brownfield development. The website would consist of any listing that Growth Dimensions or the RAEDC believes is a qualified site that could be marketed on a nationwide level.
- Mr. Dunn and Mr. Bona on behalf of the City of Rockford is kick starting the quarterly Economic Data meetings to create a quarterly reporting metrics that can report back out to the five (5) zones in the community.
- Ms. Turner has updated and re-formatted the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2017-2020.
- Mr. Diipla has received all the sites from each member of the STP-U Ad-Hoc Committee and RMAP will be prioritizing them per RMAP's planning documents, size of the projects, the stage of engineering that's been completed on the projects and the cost of the projects. In the near future RMAP will be re-convening the STP-U Ad-Hoc Committee to present RMAP's first draft of project prioritization.
- RMAP/EDDNI will be looking at creating a public/private TIGER Committee to look at future opportunities to submit a TIGER application that would be best for the region.
- Mr. Belle has led the charge in updating the Bike & Pedestrian Plan update.
- Mr. McIntyre is training Mr. Belle, Ms. Turner and Ms. Ma on REMI.
- Mr. Diipla and staff is assisting the City of Loves Park on updating their Comprehensive Plan.
- Ms. Turner is working on Performance Measures and updating the Public Participation Plan.
- Ms. Northcott and Mr. Dunn hosted the EDA on July 22, 2016 while they visited Rockford and she has also worked on several grants for the City of Rockford.
- Ms. Northcott and staff is also working on grants for RHA, Boone County Veterans Association and Boone County Health Department and has submitted an RFP to Rockford Health Council to do a study for them.
- RMAP has received applications from IDOT on a few local projects that applied for ITEP funding. Staff reviewed and scored the projects and submitted the results to IDOT.

Mr. Dunn stated that RMAP/EDDNI is always willing to take on work that all the member's might need assistance with.

8. FY16 BUDGET RESULTS:

Mr. Dunn referenced the budget report he handed out and stated that the report was also submitted to IDOT which then gets submitted to FHWA/FTA as a closeout of RMAP FY16 UWP. RMAP had a budget of \$1,009,873 in total expenses but only expensed \$856,164.91 because RMAP cut back on expenses not knowing when SPF funding would be received from IDOT. Mr. Dunn stated there is a signed contract for FY16 with IDOT but it's still unsure when those funds will be received. When RMAP does receive the IDOT funding; RMAP is allowed to work on planning processes that would have otherwise been worked on in FY16 which would have made the expensed the \$1,009,873. When IDOT states RMAP can use the FY16 SPF funding in FY17; RMAP will be working on additional projects in FY17 that was put on hold in FY16.

9. CLOSED SESSION

City of Rockford moved that the committee move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Village of Machesney Park seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (5-0). The committee moved into closed session at 4:25pm.

At 4:41pm the City of Rockford moved that the committee back into Open Session, RMTD seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

10. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, Boone County made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Approved unanimously (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.