

## RPA 1 Transportation Enhancement Committee MINUTES: February 24, 2012

**Present:** Barb Schroeder, Tim Engelhardt, Rod Marlatt, Bruce Palmborg, Laura Olson, Robin Bostrom, Lora Friest, Elaine Govern, Craig Fencil, Harold Chapman, Karla Organist

1. The January 24, 2012 minutes were discussed in regard to the map included. Due to the vagueness of the drawing and the many adjustments that were suggested, the map as a clip art will be removed from the minutes so there is no confusion or any presuppositions made as to where the “backbone” may or may not be located. Motion to approve the minutes with the changes was made by Marlatt, seconded by Engelhardt, all approved.
2. Additional discussion regarding the location of the “backbone” occurred, noting the fact that none of the “backbone” reaches into Allamakee County. It was determined that when a professional map is completed, additional lines will be added to indicate the trails that the “backbone” is intended to connect with. Specifically the MRT and the two Minnesota Trails.
3. Status reports were provided by existing project sponsors, all are on track except:
  - a. The Postville project which is being discontinued at this time and the funds returned to other projects.
  - b. The Howard County Conservation Board requested that two Howard County projects (STP-E-CO45(50)-8V-45) and (EDP-CO45()-7Y-45) be moved from FY 2012 to FY 2013
4. Reviewed the submitted enhancement application by Winneshiek County Conservation Board for FY 2016. Scoring was reported as follows:

Allamakee	14
Clayton	20
Fayette	21.67
Howard	20
Winneshiek	21.67
<b>Average:</b>	<b>19.468</b>

5. DOT funding targets were received just prior to the meeting, setting the 2016 target as \$167,000. A motion was made by Marlatt to recommend the WCC project for funding and inclusion in the TIP to Tech Committee & Policy Board. Second made by Govern, all approved.

6. In addition, of the \$65,000 returned (pending official rejection from the City of Postville), \$41,000 will be redistributed to TRRC project STP-E-C033()-8V-33. A motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Marlatt to award the remaining \$24,000 (pending official notice to the DOT) to the 2016 WCC project for a total funding recommendation of \$191,000. All approved.
7. Discussed the estimated needs remaining to complete “backbone” from counties:

	Miles:	Cost per:	Totals:
Clayton	55	500,000	27,500,000
Fayette	13.5	500,000	6,750,000
Howard	36	500,000	18,000,000
Winneshiek	15.2	500,000	7,600,000
MN	4	500,000	2,000,000
Total Miles:	123.7		
	Number:	Cost Per:	
HC Bridges	3	600,000	1,800,000
CC Bridges	15	600,000	9,000,000
FC Bridges	7	600,000	4,200,000
WC Bridges	11	600,000	6,600,000
Total Bridges:	36		
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>			<b>83,450,000</b>

8. Next steps for this group are to meet again to discuss collaboration with county partners, determine how to make the ask in such a way that it is part of an omnibus bill rather than a request that takes away from regular federal transportation distributions to the state or region. Look into an appropriations request form, develop a white paper, consider a name...
9. Long Range Transportation Plan – it was determined that this group had already put time in on long range planning about a year ago. Karla will check Larry’s files for notes specific to this project.
10. Other items – per the Policy Board bylaws, this committee may select a chairperson. This person is currently Rod Marlatt and the committee reaffirmed this selection for another year by unanimous vote.
11. Next meeting date is set for Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Postville office.