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## Meeting Minutes

### RPA-1 Technical Committee

Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

UERPC offices, 134 West Greene Street, Postville, IA

**Members in attendance:** Nick Rissman, Howard County Engineer (Chair); Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County Engineer; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer; Joel Fantz, Fayette County Engineer; Jeremy Brill, Decorah City Engineer.

**Others in attendance:** Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Dean Eastman, Howard County Supervisor.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rissman at 10:03 a.m.

2. Approval of the agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Fantz, seconded by Ridenour, and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes

A motion to approve the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Fantz, seconded by Brill, and passed unanimously.

4. RPA-1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Detter discussed the role of the TIP and explained its development process. He noted that the Policy Board members and committee members had had the chance to review and provide comments and that the document had been out for public review for longer than the minimum 15-day review period. He informed the committee members that he had received no public comments on the document.

A motion to recommend approval of the FFY 2022-2025 RPA-1 TIP to the Policy Board was made by Brill, seconded by Joel, and passed unanimously.

5. RPA-1 Staff Updates

Detter provided RPA-1 staff updates on completed RPA work products and deadlines, and timelines for the next RPA meetings. He noted that, once approved, he will submit the final TIP document to the Iowa DOT by the July 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline.

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Detter notified committee members that UERPC will be updating the regional trail map in the coming months, and hopes to include a new feature which is inset maps of some of the other trails in the region that are not part of the Backbone system.

Detter informed committee members of a new funding opportunity which is special CDBG funding specifically for Covid/pandemic-related projects, which is funded through the Cares Act. He explained some of the eligible projects and parameters.

6. Iowa DOT Updates

Detter read Iowa DOT updates that had been provided to him by Iowa DOT District 2 Planner Krista Billhorn.

7. Floor Items

Ridenour talked about a record number of utility permits for underground fiber creating an extra burden on staff. He noted there is so much money for broadband right now, which is driving construction, adding that this is a good thing because Allamakee County has lots of dead spots for coverage. A general discussion of underground utilities and wireless towers continued.

Committee members discussed the American Rescue Plan funding and other stimulus dollars, as well as current material prices.

8. Set next meeting date

Committee members decided to wait and see what the Policy Board does.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Fantz, seconded by Ridenour, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.