
MEETING MINUTES

RPA-1 Technical Committee

Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – Upper Explorerland RPC, Decorah

Committee members in attendance: Jeremy Bril, City of Decorah; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Joel Fantz, Fayette County; Vic Kane, City of Oelwein.

Others in attendance: Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Rissman.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bril, seconded by Ridenour, and approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the May 30, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Kane, seconded by Fantz, and approved unanimously.
4. Detter discussed the proposed revisions to the RPA-1 Transportation Policy Board Bylaws, as presented at the May 30 meetings of the Enhancement Committee, Technical Committee, and Policy Board. He explained that, per the bylaws, the Policy Board would now consider adoption of the revised bylaws at their July 11, 2019 meeting. Without further discussion by Committee members, Rissman moved to the next agenda item.
5. Fantz explained the proposed amendment to the FFY 19-22 TIP for his 240th Street bridge project in Fayette County. Detter read the amendment language verbatim from the public notice as follows: “The project is replacement of a bridge over Turner Creek on 240th Street in Fayette County. Funding is programmed in FFY 2019. Amendment increases federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding from \$240,000 to \$440,000 and increases local matching funds from \$70,000 to \$110,000, for a total project cost of \$560,000. All other project details remain unchanged.”
After brief discussion by Committee members, Ridenour made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP amendment to the Policy Board. The motion was seconded by Kane and approved unanimously.
6. Detter discussed the draft FFY 2020-2023 TIP, confirming that committee members had reviewed their project information for accuracy. He explained that the Policy Board would be considering approval via resolution of the FFY 2020-2023 TIP at their July 11, 2019 meeting. Without further discussion by Committee members, Rissman moved to the next agenda item.
7. Detter informed committee members that he had submitted all remaining draft sections of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to Iowa DOT for their review and comment by the June 28 deadline, and that after he incorporates any Iowa DOT changes, he will share the draft with the Policy Board and Committees for their review and comment, before finalizing a draft for public review prior to adoption in September. He explained

that, given that the final, approved LRTP is due to Iowa DOT by September 20, he recommended setting a next meeting date of September 19.

8. Detter provided construction updates from Iowa DOT District 2 Planner Krista Billhorn. He also informed committee members that the Iowa DOT Commission would be having its next public input session on September 10 in Okoboji and that anyone is welcome to attend and speak to the commission. He let committee members know that Oelwein City Administrator Dylan Mulfinger would be attending and presenting on behalf of the Highway 150 Coalition regarding efforts to improve safety and operations on Iowa 150.
9. As floor items, Committee members discussed over-weight truck permitting issues, weather and flooding maintenance, and other maintenance issues they are experiencing in their jurisdictions.
10. Committee members set the next meeting date to coincide with the Policy Board (likely September 19, 2019).
11. A motion to adjourn was made by Ridenour, seconded by Kane, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

APPROVED