

## RPA 1 Transportation Enhancement Committee

**MINUTES: January 13, 2014**

**Present:** Rod Marlatt, Elaine Govern, Harold Chapman, Dean Hilgerson, Bruce Palmborg, Robin Bostrom, Tim Engelhardt, Jamie Letzring, Darla Kelchen and Karla Organist

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by chair, Rod Marlatt
2. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Hilgerson, second by Bostrom, all approved
3. Motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2013 was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Palmborg, all approved.
4. Annual appointment of chairperson: A motion was made by Bostrom to reappoint Rod Marlatt to continue as chair for the enhancement committee. Second was made by Palmborg, all approved.
5. Long Range Transportation Plan - Comments and suggestions presented by committee members were discussed:
  - a. Add more in the railroad section(s) regarding the nearness of homes and businesses to the rail lines, and the proximity to the river too, as a threat to safety and the environment should an incident of some type occur.
  - b. Do we need to discuss what we would do if our population trends continue and external money declines to a point where we can't do anything? Committee felt that this need not be addressed any more than it is touched on in the plan – it is hoped that the efforts of the region in building a better quality of life will reverse the trends.
6. Long Range Transportation Plan – public input ideas:
  - a. Online Powerpoint presentation to offer convenience to those citizens interested as opposed to meetings that would have few in attendance
  - b. Press Releases directing residents to the document and presentation on the website
  - c. Links from stakeholder websites to the plan
7. Review of Enhancement Funds Status:

	ENHANCEMENT		DESCRIPTION
FFY 2012	BALANCE:	<u>\$205,654</u>	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$173,866	Actual
	Projects:	(\$140,000)	Allamakee MRT
FFY 2013	BALANCE:	<u>\$239,520</u>	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$167,004	Actual
	Projects:	(\$192,000)	Howard Wapsi
	Adjustment	\$2,236	Oelwein close-out return from '09
	Adjustment	\$22,877	Guttenberg close-out return from '11 (not reflected on DOT spreadsheets quite yet)
FFY 2014	Adjustment	\$64,000	Return from Postville project
	BALANCE:	<u>\$303,637</u>	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$115,596	Target
	FLEX:	\$17,607	20%
	Projects:	(\$294,000)	Clayton TRRC (234k)/SRTS (10k)/UIU-Fayette (50k)

FFY 2015	BALANCE:	<u>\$142,840</u>	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$117,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$18,000	20%
	Projects:	(\$152,000)	Howard Wapsi
FFY 2016	BALANCE:	<u>\$125,840</u>	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$117,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$18,000	20%
	Projects:	(\$191,000)	Winneshiek TRT
FFY 2017	BALANCE:	<u>\$69,840</u>	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$117,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$18,000	20%
	Projects:	(\$117,000)	Winneshiek DRT bridges
	BALANCE:	\$87,840	

8. Review of TAP application, committee made no major adjustments over last year's application – recommended due date to be set for February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014
9. People for Bikes Grant – committee discussed the potential of applying for these funds as the RPA to do an assessment/analysis of the economic impact of the proposed backbone trail. The project would provide the necessary information to committee members as they advocate for funding for the trail. TAP funds could possibly be used as a match for this grant if necessary. A motion was made by Kelchen, seconded by Govern to submit the LOI. Rod, Lora, Barb and Robin were tasked with determining how much such a project will cost and whether there were other match dollars available, Karla will write the LOI. After review by committee, Karla will submit the LOI by January 31.
10. Transportation Day on the Hill – January 29<sup>th</sup>, let Karla know if you would like to go along.
11. DOT Updates: Iowa Bicycle Summit will be held on January 24 & 25 – Ashley Christensen, our SRTS Liaison will be presenting; two projects in our region will be recommended for funding from statewide TAP funds, no projects were recommended for Fed. Rec Trail funding.
12. Items from the floor included updates from committee members:
  - a. Engelhardt reported on progress on Motor Mill project that received statewide enhancement funds in 2011-2012
  - b. Chapman reported on Wapsi trail progress and challenges. Gave a status update on the spending down of the various funding sources for the projects
  - c. Marlatt reported on the (TRRC Board's) re-thinking of the scope of the TRRC project – will probably need to submit a TAP application to fully fund. Would like to do two bridges with bike lanes in Fayette County
  - d. Hilgerson reported on the Marquette byways project and its current challenges.
13. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hilgerson, seconded by Kelchen, all approved - meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.