

RPA 1 Transportation Enhancement Committee

MINUTES: March 20, 2014

Present: Rod Marlatt, Elaine Govern, Harold Chapman, Dean Hilgerson, Jim Janett, Robin Bostrom, Tim Engelhardt, Barb Schroeder, Jennifer Cowsert and Karla Organist

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by chair, Rod Marlatt
2. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bostrom, second by Janett, all approved
3. Motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2014 was made by Janett, seconded by Hilgerson, all approved.
4. Long Range Transportation Plan - Comments and suggestions from the public (via website, emails and from the public presentations) were discussed. The committee decided to recommend a change to one goal and the addition of a two objectives under Roads and Bridges:
 - a. Goal: Roads and bridges bring economic value to the region by providing transportation linkages for the transport of agricultural, commercial and industrial goods, *as well as tourists and travelers.*
 - b. Added Objectives:
 - *Maintain and improve access roads to tourist and recreational destinations*
 - *Consider efforts to improve and maintain Scenic Byway roadways*
5. Review of Enhancement Funds Status – highlighted cells have been recently updated with new targets:

	ENHANCEMENT		DESCRIPTION
FFY 2013	BALANCE:	\$239,520	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$167,004	Actual
	Projects:	(\$192,000)	Howard Wapsi
	Adjustment	\$2,236	Oelwein close-out return from '09
	Adjustment	\$13,110	Guttenberg close-out return from '11 (\$9767 yet to be returned – need FHWA release)
	Adjustment	\$64,000	Return from Postville project
FFY 2014	BALANCE:	\$293,870	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$116,761	Actual
	FLEX:	\$17,840	20%
	Projects:	(\$294,000)	Clayton TRRC (234k)/SRTS (10k)/UIU-Fayette (50k)
FFY 2015	BALANCE:	\$134,471	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$115,517	Target
	FLEX:	\$17,591	20%
	Projects:	(\$152,000)	Howard Wapsi
FFY 2016	BALANCE:	\$115,579	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$116,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$17,600	20%
	Projects:	(\$191,000)	Winneshiek TRT
FFY 2017	BALANCE:	\$58,179	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$116,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$17,600	20%
	Projects:	(\$117,000)	Winneshiek DRT bridges

FFY 2018	BALANCE:	\$74,779	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$116,000	Target
	FLEX:		
	Projects:		
	BALANCE:	\$190,779	

6. Review and discussion of TAP applications and scores. Project requests totaled \$476,600 and were described and scored as follows:

Applicant	Project	TAP Request	Year	Average Score:
Winneshiek County Conservation Board	Dry Run Trail - Phase V	\$115,000	2018	21.75
Fayette County Conservation Board	TRRC: Prairie Farmer Trail to Motor Mill	\$115,000	2018	20.96
Fayette County Conservation Board	TRRC/Bridge and Trail Construction	\$50,000	2015	20.54
City of Elkader	Reconstruction of Pedestrian Crossing on Keystone Bridge	\$91,000	2018	17.71
Clayton County Secondary Roads	Great River Road Bike Trail	\$96,000	2018	17.04

7. After much discussion, a motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Hilgerson to recommend the 2018 Winneshiek County project (\$115,000) and the 2015 Fayette County project (\$50,000) to the Tech Committee and Policy Board for inclusion in the FFY 15-18 TIP, all approved (Schroeder and Marlatt abstained). A motion was then made by Janett, seconded by Schroeder to request that FFY 2018 TAP-FLEX funds be split 50-50 between TAP and STP, all approved.

8. No new updates on the backbone economic impact study – Barb should know soon about the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities

9. DOT Updates:

- a. Regional staff waiting for lettings on spring projects – have been working on maintenance issues in the area – pothole filling
- b. Reminder of the Federal Aid overview seminar scheduled for May 12 in Ames. This seminar provides a complete overview of the entire Federal-aid project development and construction process – project sponsors are encouraged to attend.
- c. DOT Commission will be reviewing state projects in May, then approving in June so that they will be included in our draft TIP due June 15th.
- d. Fuel tax increase at state level not looking very promising
- e. MAP-21 expires on September 30. Usually backfilled with general funds, but not a certainty given the climate in WA. The Highway Trust Fund is nearly broke, and senior DOT officials say they may have to slow down reimbursements to state and local governments as soon as July.

10. Items from the floor included updates from committee members:

- a. Marlatt reported on his testimony to the state legislature regarding REAP on Environmental Lobby Day in Des Moines – he was interviewed by Channel 5 too.
- b. Regional trail count project is moving forward this spring.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.