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MEETING NOTES: RPA 1 Transportation Technical Committee  
Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 1:00 p.m.  
Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Committee members in attendance: Nick Rissman, Howard County; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County; JD King, Fayette County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County; Tom Stewart, City of Oelwein

Others in attendance: John Logsdon, Winneshiek County; Joyce Bakewell, City of Ossian; Jan McGovern, Howard County; Don Arendt, City of Decorah; Barb Schroeder, Winneshiek County Conservation; Krista Rostad, IDOT; Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Motion to approve the 10-25-11 minutes was made by Koopman, seconded by King, approved unanimously
3. Election of chairperson: nominations were submitted for JD King and Brian Ridenour. Each nominee was given time to speak. In a vote of 4 – 2, Brian Ridenour was elected chairperson for the year. There was discussion that this annual “honor” should rotate through counties alphabetically.
4. DOT updates from Krista:
  - There will be a public hearing in Mason City on March 8<sup>th</sup> to gather comment on the state’s Long Range Transportation Plan. Comments are also being accepted online.
  - A new website with information regarding FHWA recommended and proven safety countermeasures is now available at: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures>. The website also has several factsheets for each countermeasure.
  - Federal legislation looks to be stalled right now, house has dropped its bill (HR-7), senate is still working on theirs (MSP-21). Current extension expires the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, so we may be looking at another extension.
  - The 2010 Census numbers for urban area boundary updates will be out in March and Krista will be working with the counties on FFC changes if needed.
  - The IDOT is currently seeking work efficiencies in all its departments and is using a Kaizen process to do so.
  - The IDOT will be sending out a new earmark list shortly so that these projects don’t get “lost”
5. TIP project status reports: After review of the TPMS download and some discussion, the only change to the regional STP projects will be the movement of the DOT project on IA 24 from FY2012 to 2013.

6. Discussion of new projects added to FY 2012 TIP by amendment:
  - Allamakee CRD: MRT Trail [add: on X-52]: X-42 to Clayton County Line Power Plant Drive
  - Allamakee CRD: X-52: B-25 Intersection to IA 76 South
 These projects do not have any new federal aid, they are a combination of previously approved TIP projects that are being moved to FY 2012.
  
7. Discussion of administrative modification to move Fayette County project (approved last year) into the 2012 TIP (BROS-CO33(107)-5F-33): project did not get completed last year, will be started this FY.
  
8. Review, discussion and recommendation of 2016 STP project applications:

12 project applications were submitted for a total request of over 15 million:

| Applicant:              | Total Project: | STP request:           | STP funded:           | Project Name:   | Sponsor:               |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------|
| City of Garnavillo      | \$512,013.00   | \$400,000.00           | \$400,000.00          | Van Buren Street Project                                | Clayton County         |
| City of Ossian          | \$645,000.00   | \$516,000.00           |                       | Jessie/Brooks/West Streets Paving Project               | City/Winneshiek County |
| City of Oelwein         | \$258,462.00   | \$206,770.00           |                       | 2nd Street SE   | City of Oelwein        |
| City of Decorah         | \$1,126,000.00 | \$900,000.00           | \$900,000.00          | North College Drive                                     | City of Decorah        |
| City of Decorah         | \$1,550,000.00 | \$800,000.00           |                       | Locust Road   | City of Decorah        |
| Winneshiek County       | \$1,000,000.00 | \$800,000.00           |                       | HMA Overlay Bluffton Rd                                 | Winneshiek County      |
| Howard County           | \$2,700,000.00 | \$2,160,000.00         |                       | V58/A23 Cresco to Lime Springs                          | Howard County          |
| Howard County           | \$1,500,000.00 | \$1,200,000.00         |                       | B17 Elma East to Hwy 63                                 | Howard County          |
| Fayette County          | \$2,600,000.00 | \$2,100,000.00         |                       | Golden Road resurfacing                                 | Fayette County         |
| Clayton County          | \$2,625,000.00 | \$2,100,000.00         | \$1,964,000.00        | X3C HMA from C7X to 400th St.                           | Clayton County         |
| Allamakee County        | \$2,600,000.00 | \$2,080,000.00         |                       | W4B from IA 51 to W60, X16 from IA 76 to Clayton County | Allamakee County       |
| Allamakee County        | \$2,200,000.00 | \$1,760,000.00         |                       | X52 from Power Plant Dr. by Lansing to Red Oak Road     | Allamakee County       |
| <b>Total Requested:</b> |                | <b>\$15,022,770.00</b> |                       |   |                        |
| <b>Total Funded:</b>    |                |                        | <b>\$3,264,000.00</b> |   |                        |

Applicants described their projects and after much deliberation, a motion was made by Koopman, seconded by Bjerke to recommend the following STP projects to the policy board for funding and inclusion in the TIP: City of Garnavillo, \$400,000; City of Decorah, \$900,000; and Clayton County, \$1,964,000 (for FY 2014). Motion approved unanimously.

9. Review, discussion and recommendation of 2016 Enhancement project applications: Only one application was received by the Enhancement Committee. The application was from Winneshiek County Conservation and encompassed two sections of the Trout Run Trail. One connects the trail to the Prairie Farmer Recreation Trail in Calmar, the second connects the Trout Run Trail to Freeport. The Enhancement committee recommended funding at the full target amount of \$167,000 of 2016 funds plus \$24,000 returned by the City of Postville for a total distribution on \$191,000. A motion was made by Bjerke, seconded by Ridenour, to recommend the Winneshiek County Conservation project to the policy board for inclusion and funding in the TIP. Motion approved unanimously.
  
10. Motion to adjourn was made by Bjerke, seconded by King, all approved, meeting adjourned at 2:55.