

MEETING NOTES: RPA 1 Transportation Technical Committee  
Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 11:30 a.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: Joyce Bakewell, City of Ossian; Lora Friest, Northeast Iowa RC&D; Rod Marlatt, Fayette County Conservation; Krista Rostad, IDOT; Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting called to order at 11:40 a.m.
2. Motion to approve the 10-9-12 minutes was made by Bjerke, seconded by Rissman, approved unanimously
3. Election of chairperson: nomination was submitted for Brian Ridenour to continue as chair. Motion was made by King and seconded by Rissman. All approved Ridenour as chair.
4. Review of MAP-21 funding pools. Region will be getting an STP allocation, a TAP allocation and a new FLEX allocation – which can be used for STP, TAP, Transit or even bridges. The TAP and FLEX funds start right away and new things are now eligible that previously had their own pools of money will now be applying locally. This will impact the Enhancement Committee as they will be accepting apps for projects that could be in each of the FFYs 2014 to 2017.
5. Committee reviewed current STP budget status, with new targets, no SUDAS and an updated cost on one of the Winneshiek County projects from 2013. With the reduced targets, some programmed projects took the RPA 1 balance into the red, so it was discussed that some of the FLEX money could be used to make those programmed projects whole.
6. Discussion regarding Winneshiek County's Advance Construct request. Bjerke explained the project and shared the letter he will be requesting the Policy Board to send on his behalf. This proposal will put the STP balance into the red by moving this project from FFY 2015 into FFY 2014, which requires the DOT's approval, but we as the RPA need to verify that our other programmed projects in 2014 won't be delayed or can't be switched to FFY2015. Both Ridenour and Koopman indicated that their projects were on schedule and didn't expect any delays. Motion to recommend the signing of the AC letter to the Policy Board was made by Koopman, seconded by King, all approved with Bjerke abstaining from the vote. If approved by the DOT, this project will be moved to FFY 2014 as part of the TIP process.
7. Review, discussion and recommendation of STP project applications:  
  
16 project applications were submitted for a total request of over 18.5 million (see table). Applicants described their projects and after much deliberation, a motion was made by Bjerke, seconded by Rissman to recommend the following STP projects to the policy board for funding and inclusion in the TIP: City of Ossian, \$400,000; Fayette County, \$2,200,000; and RPA 1/UERPC \$28,000 (for FY 2014-2017). In addition, the

committee requests that \$20,000 of the FLEX funds be allocated to STP in 2015. Motion approved unanimously. NOTE: THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS ADJUSTED BY THE POLICY BOARD SO THAT PROJECTS WERE FUNDED AS SHOWN IN THE CHART BELOW (SEE POLICY BOARD MINUTES 3/12/13):

Applicant:	Total Project:	STP request:	STP funded:	Project Name:	Sponsor:
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
Allamakee County	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,280,000.00		A16 from IA 76 to Minnesota	Allamakee County
Clayton County	\$3,400,000.00	\$2,700,000.00		Great River Road Dowel Bar Retrofit and PCC Overlay	Clayton County
Clayton County	\$900,000.00	\$720,000.00		Great River Road Bike Trail Overlay	Clayton County
Fayette County	\$2,835,000.00	\$2,200,000.00	\$2,200,000.00	Golden Road Overlay (B64), West Union to Elgin	Fayette County
Howard County	\$2,250,000.00	\$1,800,000.00		A46 from Hwy 63 east to V58	Howard County
Howard County	\$1,625,000.00	\$1,300,000.00		B17 Elma East to Hwy 63	Howard County
Winneshiek County	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,200,000.00		Co. Rd. W20 from 244th Ave. to Co. Rd. A34	Winneshiek County
City of Decorah	\$1,126,000.00	\$900,000.00		North College Drive	City of Decorah
City of Decorah	\$1,550,000.00	\$800,000.00		Locust Road	City of Decorah
City of Guttenberg	\$816,936.00	\$653,548.00		Great River Road Improvement Project	City of Guttenberg
City of Oelwein	\$358,462.00	\$306,770.00		2nd Street SE from 2nd Ave. to 8th Ave.	City of Oelwein
City of Ossian	\$650,000.00	\$520,000.00	\$520,000.00	Jessie/Brooks/West Streets Paving Project	City of Ossian
RPA 1/UERPC	\$95,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	Regional Transportation Planning (increase of \$5000)	RPA 1
Iowa DOT	\$3,962,000.00	\$300,000.00		IA 9, Ridgeway to Decorah	Iowa DOT
<b>Total Requested:</b>		<b>\$18,548,318.00</b>			
<b>Total Funded:</b>			<b>\$2,748,000.00</b>		

8. Discussion of request to Policy Board re: change to procedure for TIP administrative modifications. A motion was made by Koopman, seconded by Rissman to recommend the Policy Board's approval of the following change to the procedure: The UERPC/RPA 1 staff is allowed to process changes requested by the project sponsor by seeking the approval of a review committee consisting of both the Chair of the Technical Committee and the Chair of the Policy Board. All approved.
9. DOT updates from Krista:
  - The Transportation Commission will be holding upcoming community input meetings in April, June, August and October. In April, they will be in Iowa City and in October, they will be in Mason City.
10. Floor items:
  - TAP applications. The new application is to be approved by the Policy Board, TAP applications will be due on April 30<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for review at the May meeting.
  - FLEX funds. Opinions as to how these funds might best be distributed were shared by attendees. Opinions varied. Comments included an interest in using the funds to maintain, rather than build; and a possible percentage split between TAP and STP.
  - Joyce Bakewell expressed her thanks to the committee for funding the Ossian project.
11. Next meeting will be held prior to the next Policy Board meeting in May. (UPDATE: MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 11:30 a.m.) Meeting adjourned at 1:05.