
MEETING NOTES: RPA 1 Transportation Technical Committee
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013, 8:00 a.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Decorah

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

Others in attendance: Larry Gibbs, Clayton County; Larry Murphy, City of Oelwein; Peggy Sherrets, City of Oelwein; Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting called to order at 8:12 a.m.
2. Motion to approve the May 9th, 2013 minutes was made by Koopman, seconded by Rissman, approved unanimously
3. Report on TIP amendments –
 - TPMS #26652 sponsored by the Iowa DOT: Add project on IA 9 from the eastern city limits of Cresco to 2 miles east of Ridgeway. NHSX-9-7(34)—3H-45
 - TPMS #21079 sponsored by Winneshiek County: Add TIGER IV Grant - HMA pavement rehab, pedestrian/bike grade and pave project on A6W from Decorah Corporate Limits to FHWA Bridge #347271. HDP-C096(124)–6B-96Motion to recommend the approval of these TIP amendments to the Policy Board was made by Rissman, seconded by Koopman, approved unanimously
4. Long Range Transportation Plan:
 - The committee reviewed the working draft and requested additional narrative in the funding paragraph under the “Roads” section.
 - Discussed the funding concepts recently released by the IDOT
 - Added to the roadway and bridge strengths and challenges section
 - Discussed opportunities and threats
 - Reviewed the needs and concerns from earlier LRTP meetings. After some discussion, it was determined that the committee members would review and send comments via email.
 - Committee will meet on November 20th to focus on this further
5. Discussion of DOT planning review recommendations
 - It was felt that small city representation was not needed as they are represented by their respective county. Cities are welcomed to submit STP applications and need the county’s support for those anyway.
 - Programming process: felt that we already do a form of discussion/consensus approach to project selection. If we went to a score-based system, some important projects would have difficulty competing. If money were no object (had more money than important projects), a point system might be appropriate for our region.
6. DOT Updates were sent by Rostad via email:
 - The DOT has scheduled public meetings about the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Long Range Plan
 - IA 3 project is reopening
 - Funding Concepts
7. Floor Items: Lee gave an update on the TIGER project
8. Next meeting will be held on November 20th and prior to the next Policy Board meeting on January 14th. Motion to adjourn made by Bjerke, seconded by Koopman, meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.