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MEETING NOTES: RPA 1 Transportation Technical Committee  
Tuesday, January 14, 8:30 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; Alan Miller, Fayette County

Others in attendance: Larry Gibbs, Clayton County; Lora Friest, NEIA RC&D; Rod Marlatt, Fayette County Conservation; Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m.
2. Motion to approve the October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes with an adjustment to item 5 regarding the discussion over small city representation on the Policy Board was made by Koopman, seconded by Bjerke, approved unanimously
3. Election of chairperson: Motion was made by Bjerke that the chair remain the same (Brian Ridenour), seconded by Rissman, approved unanimously
4. Report on TIP administrative modifications made since last meeting:
  - TPMS #22288: Requested by the DOT, this project needed to be rolled into the FY2014 TIP – it was a previously approved Scenic Byways project sponsored by Allamakee County Conservation.
  - TPMS #16540: Requested by Al Miller, the project cost needed to be adjusted. The change to federal aid was less than 30% and less than \$2 million allowing for an admin mod. In addition, funding sources were changed.
5. Discussion on TIP amendment to be presented at the public hearing and to the board for approval –
  - TPMS #26848 sponsored by Winneshiek County: Add a bridge project on 111<sup>th</sup> Ave. over Yellow River. BROS-CO96(125)—5F-96 (details provided by Bjerke)Motion to recommend the approval of this TIP amendment to the Policy Board was made by Rissman, seconded by Miller, approved unanimously
6. Long Range Transportation Plan:
  - Committee discussed proposed changes from the Enhancement Committee’s meeting and the DOT’s recommendations to include a “do nothing” option to the alternatives tables in Chapter 8. Committee members also discussed the recommendations brought by Tech Committee members. The Draft LRTP was adjusted accordingly and will be placed on the UERPC website as updated.
  - Committee discussed how the plan could be presented to the public for their comments. In addition to press releases and placing the plan on the UERPC public comment page (with links from each county’s website), committee members recommend that each county add a discussion of the plan to their respective agendas in the same week (press releases would also be timed with this). Engineers will attend to provide basic information, direct the public to the plan and answer any questions. Organist would provide talking points.
  - Board Adoption: It is recommended that this take place in mid-March in conjunction with the meeting that will be needed at that time to approve projects to be included in the coming TIP.
7. STP application was reviewed and adjusted for more clarity, due date set for Feb. 28, 2014
8. Transportation Day on the Hill will be January 29<sup>th</sup> – let Organist know if you’d like to ride together – can take UERPC vehicle.

9. DOT Updates:

- Organist reported on local statewide TAP projects to be recommended for funding to the DOT Commission (Fayette-Volga Trail & Iowa Bike Coalition – includes our SRTS Liaison position). No local projects were going to be recommended for Federal Rec. Trails funding

10. Floor Items:

- Ridenour reported on the legislative forum held in West Union on January 10<sup>th</sup> – discussion followed
- Koopman asked about FY 2014 TRRC project status – discussion followed

11. Next meeting will be held prior to the next Policy Board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.