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MEETING NOTES: RPA 1 Transportation Technical Committee  
Thursday, May 22, 9:00 a.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Committee members in attendance: Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County; Al Miller, Fayette County

Others in attendance: Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Motion to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes was made by Miller, seconded by Koopman, approved unanimously
3. An update was provided on current STP balance – a credit of \$95,689 was returned to the account from a closed-out Clayton County project, putting the current projected FFY 2019 starting balance at \$524,187
4. The draft TIP document was provided to the group for review. Karla will be submitting this week in advance of the June 15<sup>th</sup> due date.
5. Engineers explained their FFY 2014 TIP amendment projects:
  - Winneshiek County: **ADD** lighting project at intersection of US 52/College Dr. and St. Hwy 139/Co. Rd. A18. HSIP-C096(127)-6C-96
  - Howard County: **ADD** lighting project at intersections of A46 at V58 and A46 at Hwy 63. HSIP-S-C045(73)-6C-45
  - Howard County, **ADD** guardrail project on T68 at Bridge J-8A and on T68 at Bridge J-9. HSIP-S-C045(74)-6C-45
  - Fayette County: **ADD** pavement marking project on W33 from IA3 No. to IA 187; on V68 from IA 3 no. to Fay/Winn CL; and on W14 from north Hawkeye CL no. to B44. HSIP-S-C033(113)-6C-33
  - Allamakee County: **ADD BY REPLACING** TPMS 14246, part of the DEMO project for design/engineering on bike/ped facilities on X52 from Red Oak Rd to La Fayette Ridge Dr. EDP-C003(046)—7Y-03
  - Clayton County: **CHANGE** the total project costs on a bridge project on Iowa Ave. over Elk Creek from \$450,000 to \$800,000 and the FA amount from \$330,000 to \$640,000. BROS-C022(073)-8J-22
  - DOT in Winneshiek County: **ADD** pavement rehab project on Hwy 9 from 2 miles E of Ridgeway to US 52 in Decorah. NHSX-009()-3H-96

A motion to recommend approval of the amendments was made by Bjerke, seconded by Miller, all approved.

6. DOT Updates:
  - Iowa DOT has a new website for construction projects. It shows each project. you can click on one and see the updated progress, budget, timeline and what is happening currently. [www.iowadot.gov/travel](http://www.iowadot.gov/travel) scroll down and click “Plan Ahead,” and go to “highway construction,” then to “current projects.”
  - Legislative appropriations – see attached handout (not yet signed by the Governor).
  - The Obama Administration submitted its transportation bill: GROW AMERICA ACT; which proposes changes based on tax reform. The senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House have all submitted their Reauthorization of MAP 21. No word yet on how these will work out. MAP 21 ends on Sept 30th. GROW AMERICA ACT proposes more TIGER grants, increases to Transit and Rail,

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connecting people to opportunity and work programs, public participation, regional planning and cooperation, performance based approaches. It is a four year bill.

- The Highway Trust Fund may reach a balance of \$4 Billion this July at which point they will cease to reimburse on projects. In this event Iowa DOT will continue payments to local projects underway as long as it can. More to come on this matter as it develops. Also, if it reaches this balance, no authorizations will take place on new projects. The Iowa DOT Commission will look in the Five Year program to see what projects won't move forward.

Project Updates in RPA 1:

- Slurry seal at locations on IA 76/US 52/US 18 – This is a carryover project from last year. Contractor should finish strip sealing IA 76 this week and take an additional 3 weeks for everything else.
- Mississippi River dolphin project – Only work remaining is to seal the outer sheeting. Water level needs to recede 3'.
- IA 9 HMA resurfacing Riceville to US 63 – Most of the patching is completed, 2 separate crews continue with pipe extensions, and culvert extensions should be underway next week.
- US 63 paved shoulders Minn. border to Lime Springs – paved shoulders may already be finished by now.

7. Floor Items:

- Discussion regarding politics and road funding – an increase to the RUT has been added to the Republican platform.
- Discussion/comparison of county LOST - %age breakdown for roads, responsible party for 911 signs.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

## Modal Program Appropriations

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Program	FY 2014 Legislative Appropriation	FY 2015 DOT Request	FY 2015 Governor's Budget Request	FY 2015 Legislative Appropriation
Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
State Recreational Trails	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$6,000
Public Transit Infrastructure	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Freight Transportation Fund *	\$0	\$5,500	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,750</b>	<b>\$13,750</b>	<b>\$8,250</b>	<b>\$13,750</b>

\* Appropriation requested from General Fund. All other appropriations were requested from Rebuild Iowa's Infrastructure Fund (RIIF)

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## Other Provisions

- Public Transit Study

*The department of transportation shall conduct a study to identify administrative needs, projected demand, necessary capital and operating costs, and public transit service structures including park-and-ride lots, employer or public van pool programs, and traditional fixed-route transit. The department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the general assembly on or before December 15, 2014.*

- Legislative intent is a study of these issues in the Iowa City to Cedar Rapids corridor.

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## Other Provisions

- State Recreational Trails Appropriation

*Of the amount appropriated in this lettered paragraph, \$1,000,000 shall be used only for grants to refurbish existing trail bridges that have documented historical and architectural significance. A grant recipient that receives funding pursuant to the allocation in this paragraph shall not receive more than \$500,000 for a project and the grant recipient shall provide at least a dollar-for-dollar match from both private and public sources excluding funding from the state. Any match requirements regarding federal moneys shall not apply to grants received from moneys allocated in this paragraph.*

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## Other Provisions

- Commercial Air Service Retention and Expansion Committee

*... is established within the aviation office of the department. The membership of the committee shall consist of the director or the director's designee; the managers of each airport in Iowa with commercial air service; two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the minority leader of the house. Legislative members are eligible for per diem and expenses as provided in section 2.10, for each day of service. The committee shall, on or before December 31, 2014, develop a plan for the retention and expansion of passenger air service in Iowa. The committee shall meet as the committee deems necessary to assess progress in implementing the plan and, if necessary, to update the plan."*

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