
MEETING NOTES: RPA 1 Transportation Technical Committee
Thursday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

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

Others in attendance: Rod Marlatt, Fayette County Conservation; Peg Sherrets, City of Oelwein; Don Arendt, City of Decorah; Krista Rostad, DOT; Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Motion to approve the May 22, 2014 minutes was made by Koopman, seconded by Bjerke, approved unanimously
3. An update on the administrative modifications that have taken place since the last meeting was provided by Organist. They included:
 - TIP year changes for TPMS numbers 29514, 22088, 23616, 26706, 23620, and 23621
 - Map fix for TPMS 22088
 - Project cost changes (less than 30% FA) for TPMS 25110
4. Engineers explained their FFY 2015 TIP amendment projects:
 - Howard County: **CHANGE** the total project costs on a guardrail project on T68 at Bridge J-8A and on T68 at Bridge J-9 from \$30,000 to \$75,000 and the FA amount from \$27,000 to \$68,000. This project is also being moved from FY14 to FY15. HSIP-S-C045(74)-6C-45
 - Allamakee County: **CHANGE** the total project costs on a bridge project on W4B over Norfolk Creek from \$470,000 to \$700,000 and the FA amount from \$376,000 to \$560,000. BROS-C003(50)-5F-03

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

5. A funding status spreadsheet was provided to committee members – no adjustments had been made since the last meeting. The Tech Committee's current balance (including all programmed projects) is \$524,187.
6. Discussion of upcoming TIP process. STP application was reviewed and a due date was set for February 27th, 2015, no other changes were made.
7. DOT Updates:
 - The state should be receiving some redistribution money, they have proposed 3 projects in our region: Hwy 52, west of 18 to south city limits of Ossian, Hwy 52 from north city limits of Ossian to south city limits of Calmar, and Hwy 52 from IA 9 north 4.5 miles.
 - Construction updates (finished or in progress) in the region included:
 - District wide crack filling
 - IA 93 culvert replacement in Sumner
 - IA 26 Upper Iowa River Bridge scourer countermeasure
 - US 52 deck joint repairs at Decorah
 - IA 9 HMA resurfacing from Riceville to US 63

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- IA 9 HMA resurfacing from Cresco to 2 miles east of Ridgeway
 - MP HMA overlay, intersection of 150 and 18 in West Union
 - State rec trail awards of \$580,000 to MRT project in Clayton County (state still has some historic trail bridge money left if we have a project that fits the parameters)
 - New online winter resource up and running at www.511IA.org that includes a snowplow map and many other real time details and video
 - FHWA is focused on safety measures as the first performance measurements. We may be required to incorporate this into FFY 2017 TIP project considerations. LRTP will need to be updated to include performance measures. RPAs will be expected to develop performance measures
 - Iowa Park & Ride System plan is online for review. We are to let Krista know if there are places that people are parking to share rides to be included in the state inventory
 - Bike and Ped plan has been developed with an inclusive committee with broad areas of expertise. The plan includes a complete streets policy.
 - State will be putting a request before the legislature that snowplows be allowed to have blue lights.
8. Floor Items:
- Karla: fyi to the committee that Decorah will be requesting a project change as part of the TIP process this year – the council has changed its priority and wants to use the funds programmed in 2016 for a different project.
 - Brian: discussion on the EPA’s “Waters of the U.S.” rule proposal. DOT has submitted comments, others can express concerns online, NACE has developed a resolution counties can use
 - Lee: TIGER project update – project was re-let, but cost went up by \$140,000. Trail work should begin this fall.
 - Rafe: Discussion on bike lane liabilities when it is on a highway shoulder – ISAC has been researching this
 - Nick: Shared information on Trinity guardrail issues.
9. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.
10. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE POLICY BOARD AT 10:30 A.M. ON MARCH 26, 2015