

**MEETING NOTES: RPA 1 Transportation Technical Committee**  
**Thursday, March 26, 2015 10:30 a.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville**

**Committee members in attendance:** Nick Rissman, Howard County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County; Al Miller, Fayette County; Tom Stewart, Oelwein; Lindsay Erdman, Decorah; Krista Rostad, IDOT.

**Others in attendance:** Dorthy Yauslin, City of St. Lucas; Rod Marlatt, Fayette County Conservation; Lora Friest, RC&D; Barb Schroeder, Winneshiek County Conservation; Harlan Satrom, Winneshiek County Enhancement Committee Member; Sheryl Struthers, Fayette County Enhancement Committee Member; Darla Kelchen, Clayton County Economic Development; Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Ridenour
2. Motion to approve the October 30, 2014 minutes was made by Koopman, seconded by Rissman, approved unanimously
3. Report on TIP administrative modifications made since last meeting:
  - TPMS 20045 in Allamakee, moved from FY14 to FY15. EDP-CO03(046)--7Y-03
  - TPMS 20124 in Winneshiek, had to resubmit after removing funding source. STP-S-CO96(118)--5E-96
  - TPMS 22088 in Decorah, needed to change FA amount to reflect previously authorized PE. STP-ES-1867(612)--8I-96
  - TPMS 24780 in Winneshiek, needed to change FA amount to reflect previously authorized PE. STP-ES-CO96(120)--8I-96
  - TPMS 22288 in Allamakee, moved from FY14 to FY15. SB-IA-C003(053)—7T-03
4. Review of federal fund balances: Committee reviewed the local distribution spreadsheet. Standings to date:

END OF FFY BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	\$1,041,277	% of Regional	Long Term	Difference
ALLOCATION (w/out TAP FLEX):	\$2,016,000	Allocation to Date	Distribution Target	
ALLAMAKEE		14.39%	17.5%	-3.11%
CLAYTON		17.12%	19.0%	-1.88%
FAYETTE		18.92%	19.0%	-0.08%
HOWARD		13.70%	13.5%	0.20%
WINNESHIEK		17.97%	19.0%	-1.03%
IDOT		5.49%	5.0%	0.49%
DECORAH		2.47%	3.0%	-0.53%
OELWEIN		2.10%	2.0%	0.10%
UERPC		1.22%	2.0%	-0.78%
BALANCE TO WORK WITH (LESS TAP FLEX):	\$3,057,277	93.38%	100%	

5. STP applications were reviewed and discussed. Each project sponsor presented their project(s) for consideration. There were 14 project requests for FFY2019 totaling \$19,453,440 and 1 project change request for FFY2016:

Applicant:	STP request:	Project Name:
Allamakee County	\$2,466,000.00	A26 from IA26 South and Westerly to X20
Clayton County	\$2,976,000.00	Great River Road overlay - Pikes Peak Rd. to Buck Cr. Rd
Fayette County	\$1,600,000.00	Apple Road (B60) from Clermont CL to Clayton Co.
Fayette County	\$3,200,000.00	R Ave (W14) from US 93 to Hawkeye CL
Howard County	\$2,280,000.00	V10 (Dale Ave) from Hwy 9 north to MN border
Howard County	\$960,000.00	V58 (Victory Ave) from A23 north to MN border
Howard County	\$1,680,000.00	B17 (185th St) from V18 east to Hwy 63
City of Decorah	\$900,000.00	Locust Road, Shady Lane Dr to Pine Crest Dr

<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>STP request:</b>	<b>Project Name:</b>
IA DOT	\$400,000.00	US 18 from ECL West Union to WCL Clermont
City of Oelwein	\$298,240.00	2nd St SE, 1800' to 2nd Ave
City of St. Lucas	\$320,000.00	B44 (W Main St) 500 ft. west of W14
UERPC/RPA 1	\$30,000.00	RPA Planning, Technical Assistance, Administration
City of West Union	\$423,200.00	N Pine St from Hwy 18 to north side of HS entry
Winneshiek County	\$1,920,000.00	W4B (Frankville Rd) from Hwy 9 to Allamakee Co.
<b>SPECIAL APPLICATION: 2016 CHANGE REQUEST TO REPLACE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 2016 PROJECT</b>		
City of Decorah	\$550,000.00	Locust Road, College Dr. to Shady Lane Dr.

A motion was made by Rissman, seconded by Koopman to approve the change request to the FFY2016 project submitted by the City of Decorah, all approved. NOTE: Originally Decorah received \$900,000 for a FFY16 project, but the city wanted to change the scope of the project, which reduced the STP dollar request. The DOT suggested the application be resubmitted through the TIP application process.

After much discussion of the projects and consideration of the available funding, a motion was made by Koopman, to recommend funding the Upper Explorerland application (\$30,000) and putting the remainder of the funds (approx. 3.1 mil) toward the Allamakee County A26 project. Motion failed for lack of a second. A motion was then made by Miller to recommend funding the Allamakee County A26 project at \$2,800,000 and the Upper Explorerland project at \$30,000 to the Policy Board for inclusion in the FFY 16-19 TIP, motion was seconded by Koopman. All approved, motion passed.

- The Enhancement Committee's recommendations for funding were reviewed and discussed. After much discussion, a motion was made by Rissman, seconded by Miller, to recommend the Enhancement Committee's project choices, with the exception of the Elkader Project to the Policy Board. All approved with Erdman abstaining. NOTES: The committee indicated that the Elkader project could utilize the county engineer's services for the PE and that the parties needed to discuss that option before moving forward. This could also help the project move forward faster if it didn't have to wait for FFY19 funding.

TAP-FLEX: A motion was made by Koopman to recommend an 80% (STP) – 20% (TAP) split for FFY2019 and approval of the adjustments to TAP-FLEX in FFY's 16, 17 and 18 to allow fiscal constraint in the TAP account, seconded by Miller, all approved.

- DOT Updates (Rostad):
  - DOT is in 5-year planning mode
  - Feds are still operating under a CR, but apart from Obama's proposed "Grow America" – there has been no activity on a transportation bill or CR.
- RPA TPWP: Organist shared the proposed Transportation Planning Work Plan elements for the coming FY and requested feedback.
- Floor Items:
  - The committee reviewed the items being discussed in the Policy Board's public hearing – two Fayette County project adjustments and the Passenger Transportation Plan.
- A motion was made by Rissman, seconded by Koopman to adjourn the meeting - meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.