

**MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Technical Committee**  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2015 10:00 a.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville**

**Committee members in attendance:** Nick Rissman, Howard County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County; Joel Fantz, Fayette County; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County; Krista Rostad, IDOT.

**Others in attendance:** Rachele Howe & Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Ridenour
2. Motion to approve the March 26, 2015 minutes was made by Koopman, seconded by Fantz, approved unanimously
3. Report on TIP administrative modifications made since last meeting:
  - TPMS 25202 in Fayette, Upper Iowa U - Volga River Gazebo TAP-R-2525(601)--8T-33: adjusted the TPMS map at the DOT's request
4. Committee members provided information on the proposed FFY 2016 TIP Amendments:
  - Howard County Conservation (TPMS 21022): **CHANGE** the federal DEMO funding from \$227,048 to \$276,133. The increase is due to an unspent balance transfer from another portion of the project (TPMS 6418). This project is also being **moved** from FY15 to FY16. EDP-Co45(065)--7Y-45
  - Winneshiek County: **ADD** a bridge project that will replace BR# 73 on Trout Run Rd. between Middle Calmar Rd and the Fish Hatchery. BROS-CO96(133)--8J-96
  - Winneshiek County: **ADD** a 2-year countywide bridge inspection project. BROS-CO96(134)--8J-96
  - Clayton County (TPMS 29316): **CHANGE** the total project cost of a bridge project from \$250,000 to \$400,000, and FA from \$200,000 to \$320,000. BROS-Co22(082)--8J-22
  - Fayette County (TPMS 4811): **CHANGE** the total cost of a bridge project from \$200,000 to \$347,000, and FA from \$160,000 to \$260,000. BROS-Co33(77)--8J-33

After discussion, a motion was made by Rissman, seconded by Bjerke to recommend approval of the TIP amendments, all ayes.

5. Review of federal fund balances: Committee reviewed the local distribution spreadsheet. Organist will email the DOT's quarterly report out to the committee.
6. TIP project discussion. The committee discussed an inquiry from Garnavillo. Their FY16 project will be more costly than expected and they want to ask for additional STP funds. There has been some discussion about the project in Clayton County about the ability to make the match, but nothing formal. Whether the city asks for additional funding or scales down the scope of the project, the RPA will need to process as an amendment.
7. Public Participation Plan: the RPA is working on a complete update of this plan. The committee discussed ways to better engage the public in the process as well as ways to let them know what we do. Ideas included: more RPA advertising, celebrating our projects, Facebook, outreach to various organizations
8. DOT Updates (Rostad):
  - Working on statewide LRTP, will focus more on asset management and performance-based measurements
  - Bike/Ped plan is in draft form
  - Nationally, CR on MAP-21, but funding ends Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Trust fund is flush through May, Senate has proposed a DRIVE Act – 6 year bill, but funded for 3.

9. Floor Items:

- There was discussion regarding the LIFTS program. Pattison Sand has made an application
- Ridenour noted that there were several opportunities to serve on committees for the ICEA
- Bjerke reported that the TIGER project was done
- Organist shared the FTA Title VI Plan for the RPA and asked for feedback
- All were reminded that the 6-County meeting is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> in Fredericksburg

10. A motion was made by Bjerke, seconded by Rissman to adjourn the meeting - meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.