

**MEETING NOTES: RPA 1 Transportation Technical Committee**  
**Thursday, March 31, 2016 10:30 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; Lindsay Erdman, Decorah; Krista Rostad, IDOT.

**Others in attendance:** Rod Marlatt, Fayette County Conservation; Mallory Marlatt, RC&D/TRRC; Sheryl Struthers, Fayette County Enhancement Committee Member; Darla Kelchen, Clayton County Economic Development; Jenna Pollak, Clayton County Conservation Board; Gary Rustad, Decorah City Council; Ron McCartney, Clayton County Supervisor; Jennifer Cowsert, Elkader City Admin.; Casey Mai, UERPC

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Rissman
2. Motion to approve the January 28, 2016 minutes was made by Fantz, seconded by Bjerke, approved unanimously
3. Report on TIP administrative modifications made since last meeting:
  - TPMS 29305 in Fayette, Request to change Project Scope (Ground In Wet Reflective Pavement Markings On W33 From IA3 North to IA187; V68 From IA3 North to the Winneshiek County Line; W14 From Main Street Hawkeye North to the Transition From PCC to HMA Pavement North of 275<sup>th</sup> St. (B44)) and the Total Project Costs on a pavement marking project to \$282,000, with total FA amount of \$252,000, TSIP of \$28,000, and Local funds of \$2,000. HSIP-S-C033(113)--6C-33
  - TPMS 12427 in Winneshiek, total cost amount needs adjusted from \$290,000 (\$232,000 FA) to \$410,000 (\$328,000 FA). BROS-C096(131)--8J-96
  - TPMS 34691 in Fayette, IA 150 Pavement widening project. HSIPX-150-4(61)--3L-33
4. Review of federal fund balances: Committee reviewed the local distribution spreadsheet. Standings to date:

END OF FFY BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	\$421,648	% of Regional Allocation to Date	Long Term Distribution Target	Difference
ALLOCATION (w/out TAP FLEX):	\$2,085,000			
ALLAMAKEE		20.32%	17.5%	2.82%
CLAYTON		17.20%	19.0%	-1.80%
FAYETTE		18.80%	19.0%	-0.20%
HOWARD		13.61%	13.5%	0.11%
WINNESHIEK		17.89%	19.0%	-1.11%
IDOT		5.45%	5.0%	0.45%
DECORAH		2.45%	3.0%	-0.55%
OELWEIN		2.09%	2.0%	0.09%
UERPC		1.27%	2.0%	-0.73%
BALANCE TO WORK WITH (LESS TAP FLEX):	\$2,506,648	99.09%	100%	

5. STP applications were reviewed and discussed. Each project sponsor presented their project(s) for consideration. There were 12 project requests for FFY2020 totaling \$22,610,000.00 and 1 project change request for FFY2016:

Applicant:	STP request:	Project Name:
Allamakee County	\$2,400,000.00	W4B from IA 51 to W60 & X16 from IA 76 to Clayton Co.
Clayton County	\$4,000,000.00	Great River Road overlay - Pikes Peak Rd. to Buck Cr. Rd
Clayton County	\$3,000,000.00	Little Port Road Rehab
Fayette County	\$1,760,000.00	D. Ave (W51) North of Wadena city limits to HWY 187

Fayette County	\$3,200,000.00	R Ave (W14) from US 93 to Hawkeye CL
Howard County	\$2,850,000.00	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	\$1,000,000.00	Locust Road, College Dr to Pine Crest Dr
IA DOT	\$500,000.00	US 18 from Clermont to Postville
UERPC/RPA 1	\$30,000.00	RPA Planning, Technical Assistance, Administration
Winneshiek County	\$1,800,000.00	County Road W20 Bluffton Road
<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 Koopman, seconded by Bjerke to approve the change request to move the FFY2016 project submitted by the City of Decorah to FY2020, 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. The City then increased its request so it equaled \$1,000,000 (asking for the difference of \$450,000).

After much discussion of the projects and consideration of the available funding, a motion was made by Bjerke, to recommend funding the Upper Explorerland application (\$30,000) and putting the remainder of the funds (approx. 2.5 mil) toward the Clayton County Little Port Road Rehab project. Motion was seconded by Fantz for approval of the Policy Board for inclusion in the FFY 17-20 TIP. All approved, motion passed.

- The Enhancement Committee's recommendations for funding were reviewed and discussed. After much discussion, a motion was made by Bjerke, seconded by Fantz, to recommend the Enhancement Committee's project choices to the Policy Board. NOTES: Koopman indicated that the Elkader project needed to discuss their options regarding land acquisition from private owners further before moving forward. Proposed awarding Howard County and Winneshiek County instead with the Policy Board approval allowing 100% of flex to be utilized by TAP funds.

TAP-FLEX: A motion was made by Fantz to recommend an 80% (STP) – 20% (TAP) split for FFY2020 and seconded by Koopman, all approved.

- DOT Updates (Rostad): Updates were given at the end of the Policy Board meeting due to time constraints.
- RPA TPWP: Due to time constraints, Mai shared the proposed Transportation Planning Work Plan elements for the coming FY and requested feedback at the Policy Board meeting.
- Floor Items:
  - No Items were discussed.
- Next meeting scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- A motion was made by Bjerke, seconded by Ridenour to adjourn the meeting - meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.