

**RPA 1 TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2011**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jan McGovern (Howard), Vicki Rowland (Fayette), Larry Schellhammer (Allamakee), Bill Ibanez (Winneshiekie), Duane Brandt (Oelwein), Don Arendt (Decorah)

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: Tom Stewart, Brian Ridenour, Rafe Koopman, J.D.King, Nick Rissman, Lee Bjerke, Karla Organist, Aaron Burkes, Krista Rostad, Mary Jungblut

The RPA 1 (Regional Planning Affiliate) Transportation Policy Board meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. by Jan McGovern at Upper Explorerland in Postville. Introductions were made of those present.

A motion was made by Rowland/Brandt to approve the revised agenda to include approving the June 23, 2011 minutes and moving agenda item #5 ahead of #4. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Arendt/Ibanez to open the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearing opened at 11:07 a.m. The public hearing was in regard to adding the following project to the 2012 TIP: Clayton County Project HRRR-CO22(67)-5R-22 (TPMS#19669): Guard rail, C-9Y Great River Road from North Buena Vista to Dubuque County. There being no written or oral comments, a motion was made by Schellhammer/Brandt to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The hearing closed at 11:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Ibanez/Rowland to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Identification and discussion of new projects to add or modify in the FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) followed:

- 1) Rafe gave an update on the Clayton County High Risk Rural Road funding (see above) - \$63,000 (\$56,650 from HRRR);
- 2) Lee gave an update on the Winneshiekie County TIGER III Illustrative projects. There are 5 divisions:
 1. Co. Rd. A6W & A52 from Decorah Corp. limit to intersection of A6W & 260th Street – pavement rehab., ped/bike grade and pave - \$2,100,000
 2. Locust Road from Decorah NCL to intersection of College Drive – pavement rehab/widen ped/bike grade and pave grand and pave - \$3,469,000
 3. Short Street/Division Street from intersection of St. Hwy 9 to intersection of Francis Street – pavement rehab., ped/bike grade and pave - \$3,319,000
 4. Decorah – Calmar Trail from Hwy 9 & 52 intersection to village of Conover, Prairie Farmer Rec. Trail – bridge replacement, ped/bike grade and pave - \$5,176,000
 5. NICC Trail from NICC driveway on Hwy 24 to NICC Dairy Center along Hwy 150 – ped/pike ROW, ped/bike grade and pave - \$600,000

- 3) Rafe gave an update on the Turkey River Recreational Corridor Trail – Motor Mill Trail and Bridge from Pony Hollow Trail & Golden Avenue along Turkey River to Motor Mill Park – ped/bike grade and pave, ped/bike structures - \$1,213,000. This project needs to be moved from 2011 to 2012.

Consideration of adopting new projects into the 2012 TIP followed. A motion was made by Rowland/Ibanez to approve the Clayton County High Risk Rural Road funding project. A motion was made by Arendt/Brandt to approve the Winneshiek County TIGER III Illustrative project and the Turkey River Recreational Corridor Trail project. Motions carried unanimously.

A State and federal policy update followed by Krista Rostad. The transportation portion of the American Jobs Act will be discussed in the Senate next week. This amounts to \$6 billion, with a 0.7% surcharge exceeding \$1 million. These funds will be treated as stimulus funds were in the past, with \$27 million for highways or roads. SAFETEA-LU has been extended to March 2012. The Citizen Advisory Committee is meeting in Ankeny on October 26, 2011.

Due dates for 2012 were discussed:

- 1) The Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) draft is due 2/1/12, with the final due 5/1/12;
- 2) The Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) draft is due 4/1/12 and the final is due 6/1/12 – DOT/RPA contract follows;
- 3) TIP is due 6/15/12 and final due 7/15/12

The Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) update followed. This group's input to the Region will contribute to the PTP document preparation process. A committee is also needed for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. Karla is organizing these groups.

Under floor items: 1) Alternates are still needed for the Policy Board. Howard County's alternate is A. Mick Gamez. 2) Karla is still investigating the Mobility Manager position. This position requires a 80/20 match and Karla will report back at the next Policy Board meeting. Angie O'Brien is the State Mobility Manager; 3) Karla may be organizing a Multi-Disciplinary Safety Team in the near future.

The next Policy Board meeting will be held in early 2012 – Karla will work on a date with Krista and get back to the Board.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Schellhammer/Brandt. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The above constitutes my interpretation of the matters discussed and the decisions reached. Please contact the undersigned for any errors or omissions.

Vicki Rowland, Secretary