
MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board
Wednesday, May 30, 2012, 12:00 p.m.
Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Board members in attendance: Jan McGovern, Howard County; Don Arendt, City of Decorah; John Logsden, Winneshiek County alternate; Larry Gibbs, Clayton County; Darrel Dolf, Fayette County alternate; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County.

Others in attendance: Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair McGovern
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Schellhammer, seconded by Logsden, approved unanimously
3. Motion to approve the 4-19-12 minutes was made by Schellhammer, seconded by Arendt, approved unanimously
4. Motion to open the Public Hearing to discuss two amendments to the 2012 TIP and the FY 2013 Transportation Planning Work Program was made by Logsden and seconded by Schellhammer at 12:10 p.m. Motion approved unanimously
5. The Board and public held discussion regarding the following items and were provided with an explanation of each by Board Chair, Jan McGovern and Allamakee County Engineer, Brian Ridenour.
 - An amendment to the FY 2012 TIP to add RPA-1 Project SRTS-PA01()-2U-00: UERPC SRTS Planning Study.

This project was originally scheduled for inclusion in the 2013 FY with a November 1 start date, but permission has been granted to begin work in September. UERPC hopes to be able to take full advantage of the school year, as well as a period of better weather to begin to do some sidewalk assessments.
 - A state amendment to the FY 2012 TIP to add DOT resurfacing project on IA 24 (STP()-2C-96): CO RD V68 in Jackson Jct. to US52/IA 150 in Calmar.

Regional STP funds were previously approved for this project and work is now being scheduled. Regional funds in the amount of \$350,000 were approved by the board at a July 15, 2010 meeting. The project will be underway before Nov. 1, so it needs to be in the FY 2012 TIP. Engineer Koopman inquired as to whether this would impact the region's fiscal constraint as it was originally approved for FY 13, but after review of the latest constraint spreadsheet by Engineer Bjerke, it appeared that it would not.
 - RPA-1 Transportation Planning Work Program, FY 2013

Since this document was originally reviewed by the board in St. Lucas, the DOT sent out new target amounts. FHWA-SPR and FHWA-5311 funds were changed from an original target of \$23,480 from each program to \$23,631 for each program. That increase necessitated an increase from the UERPC local match so that number changed from \$17,490 to \$17,566. STP funds did not change. Overall the budget was increased by \$378. The budget was recalculated and this money mostly went into finance and admin costs of the "pool."

Hearing no further public comment, and having received no written or electronic public comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Logsdon, seconded by Dolf, and was approved unanimously.

6. A motion to approve and adopt the two 2012 TIP project amendments (SRTS and DOT projects) was made by Dolf, seconded by Schellhammer, and approved unanimously.
7. A motion to adopt a resolution approving the 2013 RPA 1 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) was made by Arendt, seconded by Gibbs, and on roll call, was unanimously approved.
8. The Draft 2013-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was presented for review and discussion. Items discussed included:
 - Enhancement project descriptions need to be verified for accuracy – accompanying maps should be adjusted too.
 - Iowa DOT projects follow a different FY than the federal government. FY 2013 for the state begins July 1, where the FY for the federal government begins November 1.
 - Engineers should review the bridge selection process and provide any feedback to Organist.
 - Draft is due to the state on June 15th and final will be due on July 15th. A public hearing will be required before submission. The document is currently up on the UERPC website for public comment.
9. Updates: (1) The federal transportation extension expires June 30th, most expect another extension. (2) UERPC is hosting a legislative wrap-up on June 15th at the Calmar Dairy Center at 9:00 a.m. for anyone interested in attending.
10. Hearing no floor items, the Policy Board scheduled their next meeting for July 9th at 1:00 p.m. in Postville.
11. Motion to adjourn was made by Logsdon, seconded by Schellhammer, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.