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MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board  
Monday, July 9, 2012, 1:00 p.m.  
Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Board members in attendance: Jan McGovern, Howard County; Larry Murphy, City of Oelwein (via phone); Bill Ibanez, Winneshiek County; Larry Gibbs, Clayton County; Vicki Rowland, Fayette County; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County.

Others in attendance: Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County; JD King, Fayette County; Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair McGovern
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Gibbs, seconded by Rowland, approved unanimously
3. Motion to approve the 5-30-12 minutes was made by Schellhammer, seconded by Ibanez, approved unanimously
4. Motion to open the Public Hearing to review the 2013 - 2016 TIP was made by Gibbs and seconded by Ibanez at 1:15 p.m. Motion approved unanimously
5. Public hearing was held to discuss the Transportation Improvement Program for the 2013 – 2016 FYs. Organist reviewed the changes since the initial draft was posted and answered clarifying questions from the Policy Board. It was noted that one additional change to the project description for TPMS 22088 would be made but did not affect any funding amounts.

Hearing no public comment, and having received no written or electronic public comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Schellhammer, seconded by Rowland, and was approved unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 1:25 p.m.

6. A motion to adopt a resolution approving the 2013-2016 RPA 1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Ibanez, seconded by Schellhammer, and on roll call, was unanimously approved.
7. DOT updates -
  - Transportation bill was signed into law on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Krista sent an email with some highlights:
    - Reauthorizes funds through Sept. 30, 2014
    - In general, maintains current transportation investment levels
    - Maintains the 80/20 split between highway and transit funding
    - Focuses highway funding on the Interstate System and the expanded National Highway System
    - Eliminates or consolidates approximately 60 programs
    - Eliminates dedicated funding for Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School and National Scenic Byways (although those projects are eligible under a new Transportation Alternatives program)
    - Streamlines the environmental review process
    - Includes \$500 million in general funds for Projects of National and Regional Significance
    - Adds many performance measure requirements
    - Requires states to develop Asset Management Plans (this is already in place in Iowa)

- Retains the threshold for Metropolitan Planning Organizations at 50,000 but recognizes a new category, “Regional Transportation Planning Organizations,” similar to RPAs in Iowa
  - Allows time for implementation (most provisions do not take effect until Oct. 1, 2012)
  - Will leave a \$4 billion balance in the Highway Trust Fund at the end of FY 2014
  - TSIP (formerly TSF) applications are due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Lee shared his experience with the program. Karla will forward the notice to the cities.
  - There is a DOT Commission Meeting on the 10th – anyone can listen to the audio stream – will be discussing a little from the new bill.
8. Hearing no floor items, the Policy Board scheduled their next meeting for October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Postville.
9. Motion to adjourn was made by Gibbs, seconded by Schellhammer, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.