

MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board  
 Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 1:00 p.m.  
 Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Board members in attendance: Jan McGovern, Howard County; Don Arendt, City of Decorah; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Larry Gibbs, Clayton County; Vicki Rowland, Fayette County;

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Arendt, seconded by Schellhammer, approved unanimously
3. A clarification to the March 12, 2013 minutes, item 7, was requested by Rowland. “Marlatt offered the **enhancement committee’s** proposed percentage split of **25% TAP/75% STP** of the FLEX funds.” Motion to approve the 3-12-13 minutes with the requested change was made by Rowland, seconded by Schellhammer, approved unanimously. A motion to approve the 4-4-13 minutes was then made by Schellhammer, seconded by Gibbs, and was approved unanimously.
4. The Policy Board was shown the two differing recommendations for TAP projects:
  - Enhancement Committee’s First Choice – funding top 4 projects, requesting \$140,000 in FLEX funds over FFY 16-17:

FFY 2014	BALANCE:	\$214,524	Carry over (includes \$64,000 returned from Postville)
	Allocation:	\$115,596	Target
	FLEX:	\$17,607	20%
	Previously Programmed Projects:	(\$170,000)	Fayette/Clayton TRRC (project of 234,000)
	New Projects:	(\$60,000)	UIU/City of Fayette & UERPC SRTS Liaison
FFY 2015	BALANCE:	\$117,727	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$117,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$18,000	20%
	Previously Programmed Projects:	(\$152,000)	Howard Wapsi
FFY 2016	BALANCE:	\$100,727	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$117,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$60,000	Request from total \$90,000
	Previously Programmed Projects:	(\$191,000)	Winneshiek TRT
FFY 2017	BALANCE:	\$86,727	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$117,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$80,000	Request from total \$90,000
	New Projects:	(\$232,000)	Winneshiek County Cons & City of Waukon
	BALANCE:	\$51,727	Leaves an STP balance of \$45,654

- Technical Committee's First Choice – funding top 3 projects and requesting 20% from FLEX in each year (16 and 17):

FFY 2014	BALANCE:	\$214,524	Carry over (includes \$64,000 returned from Postville)
	Allocation:	\$115,596	Target
	FLEX:	\$17,607	20%
Previously Programmed Projects:		(\$170,000)	Fayette/Clayton TRRC (project of 234,000)
	New Projects:	(\$60,000)	UIU/City of Fayette & UERPC SRTS Liaison
FFY 2015	BALANCE:	\$117,727	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$117,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$18,000	20%
Previously Programmed Projects:		(\$152,000)	Howard Wapsi
FFY 2016	BALANCE:	\$100,727	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$117,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$18,000	20%
Previously Programmed Projects:		(\$191,000)	Winneshiek TRT
FFY 2017	BALANCE:	\$44,727	Carry over
	Allocation:	\$117,000	Target
	FLEX:	\$18,000	20%
	New Projects:	(\$117,000)	Winneshiek County Conservation
	BALANCE:	\$62,727	Leaves STP with a balance of \$149,654

After an explanation and some discussion of the Tech Committee's First Choice and the Enhancement Committee's First Choice, a motion was made by Gibbs to go with the Tech Committee's recommendation to fund three TAP projects and split out the FLEX funds 80% STP and 20% TAP in each year of the TIP. The motion was seconded by Arendt. On roll call: Rowland, aye; Gibbs, aye; Arendt, aye; Schellhammer, nay; McGovern, aye. Motion carried.

5. The RPA 1 TPWP for SFY2014 was reviewed. Final numbers were received on the previous afternoon, but had not been updated in the document the Policy Board reviewed. The numbers had changed by \$366 overall, so will have no effect on the scope of work. A motion was made to adopt a resolution approving the 2014 RPA 1 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) by Rowland, seconded by Schellhammer. On roll call: Rowland, aye; Gibbs, aye; Arendt, aye; Schellhammer, aye; McGovern, aye. Motion carried.
6. DOT Updates were sent by Rostad via email:
  - To comply with Title VI and other non-discrimination laws, the Iowa DOT has contracted with CTS LanguageLink which can be used by all state, county, city and eligible nonprofits – just need to create and account. (Karla can forward information on this if interested)
  - IA 24, Fort to Calmar resurfacing is underway. After pavement scarification, base will be widened before resurfacing – will have 2 foot paved shoulders w/ milled rumble strips.
  - IA 9 Lansing Bridge painting to be underway this summer
  - IA 3, PCC overlay project, Bremer County line to 2 mi. north of Oelwein is in the May letting

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- The Iowa Legislature looks to be funding the following:
    - State Rec Trail \$3 Million
    - Public Transit Vertical Infrastructure: \$1.5 Million
    - Commercial Aviation Vertical Infrastructure \$1.5 Million
    - General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure \$750,000
    - Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant program: \$3 Million

King also added:

- Hwy 18, West Union to Postville, slurry/seal work has been let
  - Hwy 52, Postville to Calmar, slurry/seal work is in the May letting
  - Hwy 76, somewhere in Allamakee county, slurry/seal work also let
  - IA 93, Sumner to Fayette, to be part of a research project for surfacing
7. The DOT Commission meeting will be held in Mason City on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The board discussed potential reasons to be on the agenda – it was mentioned that the RPA could talk about MAP-21 and its effect on our region and how difficult the FLEX distribution was. King and Organist have been asked to speak to the Fayette County Economic Development board at the end of May, so something may come out of that discussion as well. This will be reconsidered at the next meeting.
  8. TIGER Applications – Winneshiek County may submit again for a section of the previously submitted application – Freeport Trail and River Road. Haven't decided for sure yet.
  9. Planning Update:
    - Final TPWP due June 1
    - TIP Draft due June 15, final due July 15
    - LRTP – Karla is working on sections now that just involve research (demographics and inventories). Will send to DOT as completed for feedback. Will work with committees in July and August to finalize goals and objectives, Sept/Oct/Nov for public input, stakeholder review and comments, Dec/Jan for rewrites, board adoption and DOT approval.
  10. Floor items:
    - McGovern offered her thanks to the committees and Board for their cooperation throughout the TIP project selection process.
  11. After scheduling the next meeting for Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – either as part of a 6-County meeting (Rafe will check on this) or in Postville, at a time to be set later, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Arendt, seconded by Gibbs, and approved unanimously, meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.