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MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board  
Thursday, March 26, 2015, 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; Vicki Rowland, Fayette County; Larry Gibbs, Clayton County; Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County

Others in attendance: Krista Rostad, IDOT; Rod Marlatt, Fayette County; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Al Miller, Fayette County; Dory Yauslin, City of Hawkeye; Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Schellhammer
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thompson, seconded by Gibbs, approved unanimously
3. A motion to approve the 1-9-15 minutes was made by Govern, seconded by Rowland, approved unanimously.
4. An update on TIP administrative modifications since last meeting was provided by Organist:
  - TPMS 20045 in Allamakee, moved from FY14 to FY15. EDP-CO03(046)--7Y-03
  - TPMS 20124 in Winneshiek, had to resubmit after removing funding source. STP-S-CO96(118)--5E-96
  - TPMS 22088 in Decorah, needed to change FA amount to reflect previously authorized PE. STP-ES-1867(612)-8I-96
  - TPMS 24780 in Winneshiek, needed to change FA amount to reflect previously authorized PE. STP-ES-CO96(120)--8I-96
  - TPMS 22288 in Allamakee, moved from FY14 to FY15. SB-IA-C003(053)—7T-03.
5. Motion to open the Public Hearing to review and receive comment on the RPA 1 Passenger Transportation Plan and two TIP amendments was made by Gibbs and seconded by Arendt at 1:05 p.m. Motion approved unanimously
6. Public hearing was held to discuss the following:
  - RPA-1 Passenger Transportation Plan
  - Fayette County: The Fayette County Road Department requests to MOVE a pavement marking project on portions of W33, V68 and W14 from FY14 to FY15. HSIP-S-C033(113)--6C-33
  - Fayette County: The Fayette County Road Department requests a CHANGE to the total project costs on a bridge project on S Ave. over the Volga River from \$150,000 to \$425,000 and the FA amount from \$120,000 to \$252,000. This project is also being moved from FY17 to FY15. BROS-C033(96)--8J-33

Project sponsors provided background for each item. Hearing no additional public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by McGovern, seconded by Thompson, and was approved unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 1:12 p.m.

7. A motion to approve and adopt by resolution the RPA 1 Passenger Transportation Plan as presented was made by Gibbs, seconded by McGovern, on roll call, all unanimously approved
8. A motion to approve and adopt the FFY2015 TIP amendments as presented was made by Roland, seconded by Thompson, all approved.

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9. STP/TAP/TAP-FLEX: Organist presented the DOT targets and eligible uses of these funds and reviewed the current balances with the board.
  10. Following a discussion of the committee-recommended STP projects for inclusion in the FY 2016-2019 TIP, A motion was made by McGovern, seconded by Gibbs, to include the following STP projects in the TIP:
    - FFY16 Change: City of Decorah Locust Road project change (\$550,000)
    - FFY19: Allamakee County A26 project (\$2,800,000)
    - FFY19: Upper Explorerland planning/TA and Admin application (\$30,000)All approved
  11. After hearing the recommendations of both the Enhancement Committee and the Technical Committee for TAP funding and much discussion, a motion was made by Gibbs, seconded by Thompson to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee to include the following projects in the FY 2016-2019 TIP:
    - FFY16: Fayette County TRRC bridge and trail extension project (\$50,000)
    - FFY16: SRTS Coordinator activities in NE Iowa to fill funding gap (\$24,000)
    - FFY19: Winneshiek County Dry Run Trail Phase VI bridge project (\$116,000)All approved.  
NOTES: The Policy Board wanted to ensure that the Elkader project is discussed with the County engineer, county supervisors and county conservation board. The consensus was that the PE could be done (or partially done) through the engineer's office - saving money and getting an earlier start.
  12. Following a discussion regarding the TAP-FLEX funds, a motion was made by Rowland, seconded by Thompson, to program the 2019 TAP-FLEX funds 80% to STP and 20% to TAP, and approve the adjustments as presented to TAP FLEX distribution in FFYs 16, 17 and 18. All approved
  13. RPA Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP): Organist shared the work elements as proposed for the coming FY. Policy Board members asked questions and offered feedback. The formal resolution adoption for the TPWP will take place at the May Board meeting.
  14. DOT updates (Rostad):
    - With gas tax increase, one goal of the governor is to look at finishing US 20 across the state. This may use up these additional funds for a while. Did do some project amendments, but none in our region.
    - DOT Commission is doing its five year planning now.
    - A new fed transportation bill is not looking very promising until after the presidential election. DOT expects continuing resolutions.
  15. Hearing no items from board members, a meeting was set for May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Postville.
  16. A motion was made by Arendt, seconded by Gibbs to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.