
MEETING MINUTES: RPA 1 Transportation Policy Board
Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 11:30 a.m. - Upper Explorerland RPC, Postville

Board members in attendance: Jan McGovern, Howard County; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Vicki Rowland, Fayette County; John Logsdon, Winneshiek County; Don Arendt, City of Decorah; Larry Gibbs (by phone), Clayton County

Others in attendance: Rafe Koopmant, Clayton County; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County; Joel Fantz, Fayette County; Nick Rissman, Howard County; Krista Rostad, Iowa DOT; Rachelle Howe & Karla Organist, UERPC

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Schellhammer
2. After adding and item 9.1) Title VI Plan, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Rowland, seconded by McGovern, approved unanimously
3. A motion to approve the 7-7-15 minutes was made by McGovern, seconded by Arendt, approved unanimously.
4. Report on TIP administrative modifications made since last meeting:
 - TPMS 25202 in Fayette, Upper Iowa U - Volga River Gazebo TAP-R-2525(601)-8T-33: adjusted the TPMS map at the DOT's request
5. Committee discussed the recent DOT Commission meeting. Krista shared the tour route and highlights; Don and Rachelle gave the welcoming speech; the City of Decorah's RISE grant was formally approved and TRRC received a State Rec Trail grant for \$750,000
6. A motion to open the Public Hearing to review and receive comment on the proposed amendments to the FFY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made by Logsdon and seconded by Arendt at 11:40 a.m. Motion approved unanimously
7. Public hearing was held to discuss the proposed FFY2016 TIP amendments:
 - Howard County Conservation (TPMS 21022): **CHANGE** the federal DEMO funding from \$227,048 to \$276,133. The increase is due to an unspent balance transfer from another portion of the project (TPMS 6418). This project is also being **moved** from FY15 to FY16. EDP-C045(065)-7Y-45
 - Winneshiek County: **ADD** a bridge project that will replace BR# 73 on Trout Run Rd. between Middle Calmar Rd and the Fish Hatchery. BROS-CO96(133)-8J-96
 - Winneshiek County: **ADD** a 2-year countywide bridge inspection project. BROS-CO96(134)-8J-96
 - Clayton County (TPMS 29316): **CHANGE** the total project cost of a bridge project from \$250,000 to \$400,000, and FA from \$200,000 to \$320,000. BROS-C022(082)-8J-22
 - Fayette County (TPMS 4811): **CHANGE** the total cost of a bridge project from \$200,000 to \$347,000, and FA from \$160,000 to \$260,000. BROS-C033(77)-8J-33

Project sponsors and Organist provided background on the requests. Hearing no additional public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by McGovern, seconded by Rowland, and was approved unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 11:44 a.m.

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8. A motion to approve the FFY 2016 TIP amendments was made by McGovern, seconded by Arendt, all approved
 9. Review of federal fund balances: Board reviewed the local distribution spreadsheet, no changes had been made to the balances since the last Policy Board meeting
 10. TIP project discussions
 - Garnavillo: FY 2016 project cost has increased to about 850k. Gibbs reported that they may not be able to come up with a match for the new total and may want to reduce the scope of the project. Either way, the request will need to be processed as an amendment. Organist will contact Garnavillo and let them know that they will have to take formal action at a city council meeting and then the RPA can take the necessary action.
 - Elkader: The Enhancement Committee had discussion regarding this project application from last year. It was hoped at the time that the County could help with the PE. Koopman reported that they did establish a route, with a broad estimate of 15 million. He believes they should start the project from Elkader toward Elgin. By doing this, they can do some easier segments and put money into concrete rather than engineering. It is expected that Elkader will resubmit an application this year.
 11. Public Participation Plan: the RPA is working on a complete update of this plan. The committee discussed ways to better engage the public in the process as well as ways to let them know what we do.
 12. Title VI Plan: Organist shared the proposed FTA Title VI Plan for the RPA. Policy Board members reviewed the draft and discussed the content. Organist will submit the document to the DOT by November 1st.
 13. DOT Updates (Rostad):
 - Working on statewide LRTP, will focus more on asset management and performance-based measurements
 - Bike/Ped plan is in draft form
 - Nationally, CR on MAP-21, but funding ends Oct. 31st. Trust fund is flush through May, Senate has proposed a DRIVE Act – 6 year bill, but funded for 3.
 - Next funding awards will include ICAAP, statewide TAP and Fed Rec Trails.
 14. Hearing no floor items, the next Policy Board meeting was set for December 1, 2015 at 10:30 in Postville
 15. A motion was made by Arendt, seconded by Rowland to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.