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## Meeting Minutes

### RPA-1 Transportation Technical Committee

Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Electronic Meeting

This meeting took place via electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was impractical for the Transportation Technical Committee to meet in person. This meeting was open to the public and those in attendance were able to hear the proceedings and provide comments and questions as appropriate. Public notice of the meeting was issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4.

**Members in attendance:** Nick Rissman, Howard County Engineer (Chair); Jeremy Bril, Decorah City Engineer; Joel Fantz, Fayette County Engineer; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County Engineer; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County Engineer; Isaac Wiltgen, alternate for Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer.

**Members Absent:** Victor Kane, City of Oelwein; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer (alternate attended).

**Others in attendance:** Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Krista Billhorn, Iowa Department of Transportation, District 2; Dean Eastman, Howard County.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Rissman

2. Approval of the agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bril, seconded by Koopman, and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Fantz, seconded by Ridenour, and passed unanimously.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment

Detter provided a summary of the amendment, being a single bridge project that was programmed in both Ckickasaw and Fayette Counties that needs to be consolidated into a single TIP project entry to move forward. Detter noted that there is also a slight increase in Highway Bridge Program Swap funding and that the program year would be changed to FFY 2022 from 2024.

A motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the Policy Board was made by Koopman, seconded by Bril, and passed unanimously.

5. STBG applications

Detter noted that the STBG and TAP targets had been increased as of the previous Friday. Committee members discussed the funding increases and how they wanted to recommend handling them.

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Fantz asked if the funding from FFY 2023 onward would be all federal, or if there was a chance that some of the federal funds would be swapped like what's being done with bridges.

Billhorn explained that the issue is still being discussed internally at Iowa DOT and with the statewide stakeholders group.

Committee members went through and discussed the list of projects, with those applicants present describing their projects, including different funding scenarios given some of the future uncertainty of swap with regard to currently programmed projects in FFY 2023-2025.

Technical Committee members discussed a recommendation to award \$20,000 in STBG funding to Lansing for the Main Street/Iowa-9 Corridor Vision Plan in FY 2023; to award \$40,000 in STBG funding to UERPC for its TPWP planning and administration budget in FY 2026, while also increasing previously programmed amounts in FY 2023, 2024, and 2025 to \$37,000, \$38,000, and \$39,000, respectively; and to award \$2.8 million in STBG funding to Fayette County for its Juniper Road CIP/HMA overlay project in FY 2026.

A motion to make the recommendation for STBG funding as stated was made by Koopman, seconded by Ridenour, and passed unanimously.

#### 6. RPA-1 Staff Updates

Detter provided RPA and general transportation updates including:

- Next Iowa DOT quarterly MPO/RPA meeting one week from today (March 23<sup>rd</sup>), virtual.
- TPWP development, draft to Iowa DOT by April 1<sup>st</sup>; final due June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> presenting our regional trails economic impact analysis to the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque at their "Regional Roundtable" meeting.
- Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> we'll have our RPA-1 Planning Review with Iowa DOT, virtual.
- TIP development May-June; draft due to Iowa DOT by June 15<sup>th</sup>; final TIP due by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7. Iowa DOT Updates

Billhorn provided Iowa DOT updates including:

- The Commission is working on next five year program which they'll approve in June
- Construction season generally begins April 1<sup>st</sup> if not sooner.
- Lansing Bridge project still in final design; on course for letting in July of 2023.
- Swap funding and STBG up for discussion based on new IIJA federal transportation bill; discussions going on with statewide stakeholders.

Vick asked if there has been any road usage tax ideas regarding electric vehicles. Billhorn noted that there was to be a study written on it and she has not heard anything.

#### 8. Floor Items

No floor items.

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9. Set next meeting date

Detter noted the timeline of next May for the next meetings and that he will coordinate as usual with the Board and committees.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Fantz, seconded by Ridenour, and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Approved