
Meeting Minutes

RPA-1 Transportation Policy Board

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 at 11:00 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 Policy Board 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: Janell Bradley, Fayette County; Lorraine Borowski, City of Decorah; Mark Vick (Chair), Winneshiek County; Larry Schellhammer, Allamakee County; Dylan Mulfinger, City of Oelwein; Dean Eastman, Howard County.

Members Absent: Ray Peterson, Clayton County.

Others in attendance: Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Krista Billhorn, Iowa DOT District 2 Planner; Joel Fantz, Fayette County Engineer; Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer; Nick Rissman, Howard County Engineer; Vic Kane, City of Oelwein; Rafe Koopman, Clayton County Engineer.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Vick.

2. Approval of the agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Eastman, seconded by Borowski, and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the May 25th, 2022 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the May 25th, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Borowski, seconded by Bradley, and passed unanimously.

4. Public Hearing: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment

Vick opened the public hearing.

Detter and Koopman gave the details of a Clayton County project that needed to be added to the current-year TIP, programmed in FFY 2023, as an “illustrative” project in order to meet the requirement of the Community Project Funding congressional earmark opportunity, that the project must appear in the TIP/STIP.

Detter noted that the Technical Committee had voted to recommend approval of the amendment.

Hearing no further comments, Vick closed the public hearing.

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A motion to approve the amendment was made by Borowski, seconded by Mulfinger, and passed unanimously.

5. Floor Items

Billhorn informed members of an informational webinar to be hosted the following day, June 15th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. by Iowa DOT to discuss the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and its affect on IDOT programs and policies, especially pertaining to SWAP.

Billhorn also noted that the 2023 Five Year Program had been adopted as of that morning by the Iowa DOT Commission and would be in force as of July 1st.

6. Set next meeting date

Detter explained the mid-July timeframe for the next meeting to accommodate the TIP submittal schedule. He said members could pencil in Wednesday, July 13th as the likely date, but that he would follow up to coordinate that as usual with the Board and committees.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Eastman, seconded by Bradley, and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.