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## Meeting Minutes

### RPA-1 Transportation Technical Committee

Thursday, January 20th, 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); Joel Fantz, Fayette County Engineer; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County Engineer; Jeremy Bril, Decorah City Engineer; Ray Peterson, Clayton County (alternate for Rafe Koopman, Clayton County Engineer); Victor Kane, City of Oelwein.

**Members Absent:** Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer;

**Others in attendance:** Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Lorraine Borowski, City of Decorah; Jenna Pollock, Clayton County Conservation Board; Lori Egan, NEICAC EARL Transit Director; Darla Kelchen, Clayton County Development Group;

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Rissman.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

A motion to nominate Rissman as Chair was made by Ridenour, seconded by Bril, and passed unanimously.

A motion to nominate Bjerke as Vice Chair was made by Ridenour, seconded by Fantz, and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Fantz, seconded by Ridenour, and passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Ridenour, seconded by Kane, and passed unanimously

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment

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Detter and Fantz provided information on the proposed TIP amendment, making funding changes to Project# BROS-C033(77)--8J-33, 240th Street Bridge Replacement, sponsored by Fayette County, prior to the July letting.

An motion to recommend approval of the TIP amendmen was made by Ridenour, seconded by Brill, and passed unanimously.

6. STBG and Iowa's TAP application cycle (FFY 2026 funding)

Detter explained the application process for the current call for STBG and Iowa's TAP funding for programming in federal fiscal year 2026. He noted that approximately \$2.2 million in STBG funding and \$133,000 in Iowa's TAP funding is expected to be available, and applications are due February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

7. RPA-1 Staff Updates

Detter provided RPA and general transportation updates including:

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Decorah Sidewalk GIS work
- Pending Policy Board approval, processing the TIP amendment (Fayette County 240th Street Bridge Replacement)
- UERPC office consolidation at Decorah building

8. Iowa DOT Updates

Detter provided Iowa DOT updates provided by Krista Billhorn, Iowa DOT District 2 Planner, including:

- Commission Tours and Input meetings proposed, to be final in February:
  - i. April - Council Bluffs
  - ii. June - Iowa City
  - iii. August – Sioux City
  - iv. October – Des Moines
- \$50.9M Amendment to the 5yr Program includes project in Clayton County:
  - i. IA 13 Resurfacing, intermittent over dowel bar retrofit, from IA 56 in Elkader south to Strawberry Point. Rural sections only, full pavement width, including the existing 4 foot shoulders and rumble strips.
- Iowa's TAP statewide funds awarded to INRCOG and Upper Explorerland – Safe Routes Partnership \$221,050
- State Long Range Transportation Plan to be release in late February with a 45-day comment period
  - i. Emphasis areas: asset management and “right-sizing”; emphasis on super twos; PEL studies
- IIJA – Discussion of implications for Swap funding

9. Floor Items

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Ridenour asked if any other Counties are getting ARPA funding and members discussed. Fantz commented that Fayette County is looking at those funds to update the communication system for the county instead of bonding.

10. Set next meeting date

Detter noted that the next meeting would be in mid- to late March to accommodate the STBG and Iowa's TAP application cycle, and as usual he will contact everyone about a month in advance to schedule the meeting.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Brill, seconded by Ridenour, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

APPROVED