

RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees

MINUTES



Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68102
402-444-6866

In attendance:

Policy Board Voting Members

- ***Ron Kohn** - Glenwood Mayor
- ***John Rasmussen** - Pottawattamie County
- ***Gene Gettys** - City of Harlan
- ***Charles Parkhurst** - Shelby County

Technical Board Voting Members

- ***John Rasmussen** - Pottawattamie County Engineer
- ***Brandon Burmeister** - Shelby County Engineer
- ***Jamey Clark** - Glenwood
- **Jacob Ferro** - Mills County

Non-Voting/MAPA Staff

- **Travis Halm** - MAPA
- ***Lindsey Button** - MAPA
- **Carlos Morales** - MAPA
- ***Scott Suhr** - Iowa DOT District 4

**Attended virtually*

Travis Halm called the meeting to order at 11:05.

Action Items

A. Approval of the Agenda

Halm called for approval of the agenda.

Parkhurst motioned to approve the Agenda. Motion was seconded by Rasmussen. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Approval of the Minutes from the November 9, 2022 meeting.

Halm called for approval of the minutes.

Rasmussen motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Ferro. Motion approved unanimously.

C. TIP Amendment

Halm presented a TIP amendment for Norwalk 15 Bridge near Underwood. The bridge is part of a RAISE grant application and needs to be placed in the TIP prior to grant submission. The bridge is structurally deficient and in poor condition. It connects Underwood to I-80 and will include Bike/Ped accommodations adjacent to Pott County. Total amount 5.5 million.

Rasmussen provided additional information on the project as the area is working to keep up with growth in population and traffic. There are currently 9 counties included in a joint application for

this RAISE grant. MAPA's executive director has signed a letter of support for this project to be included in the grant application.

Halm requested a motion to approve the TIP Amendment which adds the Norwalk 15 Bridge project into the RPA-18 TIP.

Technical Committee made a recommendation to the Policy Board.

Policy Board: Parkhurst motioned to approve the TIP Amendment. Motion was seconded by Gettys. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

- D. FY2024 RPA 13-18 Passenger Transportation Plan Public Comment: Staff will allow time for public comment as part of the 30-day public comment period, which ends March 2, 2023. (Discussion)**

The PTP is currently in the 30-day public comment period for this plan. Public-comment will close March 2nd, 2023. The plan is currently undergoing Iowa DOT Review and will come before the RPA-18 board in April. To date one comment has been received on the plan, but was more pertaining to the Council Bluffs region. No members of the public were in attendance to provide comments.

- E. FY2024 STBG Call for Projects: Staff will allow time for public comment and questions related to the FY2024 STBG Call for Projects, which ends February 28, 2023. (Discussion)**

Call for projects opened at the November RPA meeting and will close February 28. TAP funding is still on hold by Iowa DOT and MAPA is awaiting federal guidance. If requesting more funding for an existing project, please submit a new or amended application.

- F. Additional Business and Public Comment**

MAPA will be hosting a Brownfields Workshop on Thursday March 20, from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm at the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition. Further information can be found at

tinyurl.com/BrownfieldsWorkshop

Rasmussen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:15. Motion was seconded by Burmeister and approved unanimously.

Future Meetings & Events

- **RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committee Meeting: March 8, 2023 - 9:00 am (note time change)**
- **Council of Officials Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - 11:00 am**
- **Brownfield Event: Thursday, March 30, 2023 - 9:30 am**
 - Link: <https://www.ksutab.org/events/workshops/details?id=559>