

RPA18

Regional Planning Affiliation - Region 18 Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting

Jul 10, 2024 11:00 AM Boardroom, Main Level ▾ 📍 2222 Cuming Street

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84118184935>

MINUTES

In attendance:

Policy Board Voting Members

- **Charles Parkhurst** -
Shelby County,
Policy Board Chair
- **Richard Crouch** -
Mills County
- **Susan Miller** -
Pottawattamie County
Policy Board Vice Chair

Technical Board Voting Members

- **Chris Fredericksen** -
Shelby County
- **Steve Struble** -
Harrison County

Non-Voting/MAPA Staff

- **Lindsey Button** - MAPA
- **Rachel Goettsch** - MAPA
- **Mia Haschenburger** - MAPA
- **Carlos Morales** - MAPA
- **Travis Halm** - Iowa DOT*
- **Mark Lander** - SWIPCO*

**Attended virtually*

Charlie Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

The slides noted the meeting was held in accordance with Chapters 21 and 22 of the Iowa Code and was live-streamed on MAPA's YouTube page.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Agenda (Policy)

Charlie Parkhurst motioned to approve the agenda. No changes were made to the agenda.



Policy Board: Susan Miller motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Richard Crouch. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the Minutes from the May 22, 2024 meeting.

Parkhurst called for approval of the minutes. Minor updates to the minutes were made by MAPA staff after they were sent in the committee packet. These changes will be reflected in the final approved minutes.

Policy Board: Richard Crouch motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Susan Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

C. FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Lindsey Button presented the Final FY 2025 TIP for Approval. A TIP is required annually of all MPOs and RPAs by Iowa DOT and lists capital and noncapital projects/services for FY2025-28 (starting on October 1) within the boundaries of the RPA proposed for federal aid and Swap funding. Regional projects (STBG, TASA) are selected based on established regional priorities in alignment with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), project selection for which occurred in March. The timeline of TIP review is as follows:

- Technical Committee & Policy Board review of Draft TIP..... May 22
- Open public comment period for Draft TIP..... May 23 - June 21
- Draft due to Iowa DOT for review and comment..... June 15
- **Technical Committee & Board approval of Final TIP..... Today**
- Final TIP due to Iowa DOT..... July 15

Since the May draft was reviewed, the following changes have been made:

- No public comments were received
- City of Logan SRTS project moved from FY26 to FY25
 - TASA projects only need to show fiscal constraint over the full four-year period of the TIP, not year by year. Logan’s State TASA award is for FY25, and they are looking to start construction sooner than FY26, so MAPA staff propose shifting this project from FY26 to FY25 to bring it in alignment with its other funding sources.
 - Steve Struble asked whether Logan was fiscally constrained. Lindsey Button stated that Iowa DOT requested MAPA move the project as requested , and if there are issues with acquiring the local match for apportioned funds, the state will handle those.



- Revisions to Table 2 to account for the shift in funding year for the above Logan project
- Projects in the list will be updated to “TIP Approved” following approval of the document today
- Minor revisions will be made to Table 5 based on latest changes by Iowa DOT

Technical Committee: Steve Struble motioned to recommend the Policy Board:

- **Approve the Final FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

Motion was seconded by Chris Fredericksen. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Board: Charlie Parkhurst motioned to approve the Technical Committee recommendation.

Motion was seconded by Richard Crouch. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D. Planning Area Boundary Update

Jim Boerner presented a draft update to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Management Area (TMA) Boundary and corresponding RPA-18 Boundary changes

I. Recommended TMA Boundary Change

Noting that Underwood and Crescent were overlapping the TMA boundary.

Steve Struble questioned what the change was to the map after observing the previous version. Jim Boerner and Carlos Morales explained the adjustment.

II. Alternative TMA Boundary Change

Jim Boerner presented an alternative TMA boundary change that would add one census block to include all of the Crescent incorporated area, as well as several census blocks to add Underwood to the MPO.

MAPA staff recommended the first version for the Policy Board to adopt.

Susan Miller asked about the two RPA “islands” within the TMA boundary. Jim Boerner responded, noting that this was a result of the TMA boundary development process.



E. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Goals

Mia Haschenburger presented and led a discussion on goals to be included in the LRTP update. Discussion included a hands-on activity where members added stickers and written notes to two printed RPA-18 maps, one for **Concerns** and the other for **Projects** and other **Future**-related comments.

I. Summary of Concerns

- A. Harrison County
 - 1. Safety and Security - 5
 - 2. Transportation Options - 3
- B. Mills County
 - 1. Safety and Security - 4
 - 2. Economic Vitality - 3
- C. Pottawattamie County
 - 1. Safety and Security - 2
 - 2. Preservation and Resilience - 3
 - 3. Economic Vitality - 5
 - 4. Land Use and Growth & Sustainability - 1
- D. Shelby County
 - 1. Safety and Security - 6
 - 2. Economic Vitality - 1
 - 3. Land Use and Growth & Sustainability - 2

Carlos Morales summarized the results, noting that there were many safety concerns. If the members aren't able to complete the Projects/Future map, there may be a possibility of resuming the activity during the August meeting.

II. Summary of Future Projects/Needs

Projects for the future (next 20 years) that require federal funding.

- A. Harrison County
 - 1. Safety and Security - 6
 - 2. Transportation Options - 1
- B. Mills County
 - 1. Preservation and Resilience - 1
- C. Shelby County
 - 1. Transportation Options - 6

F. Public Comment

Lindsey Button opened the floor to give members of the public the opportunity to speak. No comments were made.



G. Additional Business

a. Rural Road Safety Week

The National Center for Rural Road Safety is hosting Rural Road Safety Week. Mia Haschenburger provided information on the slides to the free participation signup.

H. Adjournment

Charlie Parkhurst called the meeting to adjourn.

Susan Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:03pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **RPA-18 Meeting: August 14th at 11:00am**
 - Bylaws update
 - Project Selection Criteria discussion

