

RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee

Minutes of April 15, 2015 Meeting
11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Terry Cox, City of Harlan, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Policy Committee

Brian Kissel
Charles Parkhurst
Russell Kurth
Terry Cox

City of Glenwood
Shelby County Supervisor
Harrison County Supervisor
City of Harlan

Technical Committee

Dan Ahart
Perry Cook
Kevin Mayberry
Steven Struble

Shelby County Engineer
City of Glenwood
Mills County Engineer
Harrison County Engineer

Staff/Non-Voting Members

Scott Suhr
Mike Helgerson
Michael Felschow

Iowa DOT
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

1. Approval of the Minutes: (Action)

MOTION by Cox, SECOND by Parkhurst, to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2015 meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees.

MOTION PASSED.

2. Review of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Application: (Action)

Mr. Fichter presented the City of Avoca's application and request for TAP funding.

The area is adjacent to Hwy 59 near the Mini Mart and Dollar General Stores. The purpose of the trail is to provide walking facilities to the nearby commercial areas. The trail is an 8' path with 4" concrete at a cost of \$120,000. The final design is not yet completed but the project is in the FY 2016 budget. The trail will not directly connect to the Pottawattamie County trails.

At the January 2015 meeting, a question was raised as to whether an outstanding award for a federal aid project for the City of Avoca had been used and if the project was finished. The bridge project contract has been let and the contract is for \$250,000. \$210,000 of the project has been done which includes a bridge with the approaches and 200' of a walking path that must be finished yet. An hydrology study had to be done which delayed the start of the project.

If the request for the TAP funding is approved, federal funds will become available in October 2015 for funding to the City of Avoca in spring 2016.

MOTION by Struble, SECOND by Cox, to approve the amendments to the TAP application for the City of Avoca.

MOTION PASSED.

3. FY 2015 TIP Amendments: (Action)

Proposed Amendment 3 – RPA-18 FY 2015 – 2018 TIP

Regl-TAP Projects

L-20 Scenic By-Way Bike Lane – Harrison Co - \$295,000 Regional TAP funding – FY 2016

Easton Trail Scenic Overlook Reconstruction – Harrison Co - \$80,000 Regional TAP funding – FY 2016

For these two projects, funding will be transferred between regional programs and the actual funding will be state funds

Regl-STP Projects

Harlan Community Improvements – Harlan - \$272,400 Regional STP funding – FY 2015

STP-HBP Projects

Bus Brown Drive Bridge – Woodbine - \$255,000 – STP-HBP funding – FY 2016

F66: Bridge over Boyer River – Harrison Co - \$800,000 – STP-HBP funding – FY 2018

288th Street – E of Hwy 191 over Mosquito Creek – Harrison Co - \$640,000 – STP-HBP funding – FY 2018

NHPP Projects

I-680 from Co Rd L34 to I-80 WB – Iowa DOT - \$7,286,000 – NHPP funding – FY 2015

MOTION by Mayberry, SECOND by Cox, to approve Amendments 3 – RPA-18 to the FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED.

4. Approval of Draft FY 2016 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP): (Information)

The preliminary TPWP draft has been submitted to Iowa DOT. The document is a budget of activities with the MAPA RPA team working with projects as they go through the planning process.

The main changes in the document is the scope of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) which was completed last fiscal year. There are language clarifications i.e. detailing MAPA and SWIPCO responsibilities. The document shows federal funding received, local matches which are requests to the local offices and how activities are divided.

With the draft already submitted to Iowa DOT, an approval from this meeting gives approval for it to go out for public comment and the final draft to be approved in June.

MOTION by Parkhurst, SECOND by Struble, to approve the Draft FY 2016 Transportation Planning Work Program.

MOTION PASSED.

5. Nominations for Policy Committee Chair: (Action)

Mr. Kurth was nominated for Policy Committee Chair.

MOTION by Parkhurst, SECOND by Cox, to approve the election of Russell Kurth as Policy Committee Chair.

MOTION PASSED.

6. Project Status Update: (Information)

For the STP side of the TIP, there is \$5,000,000 available for funding. For new projects, jurisdictions are asked to please get information to MAPA in the next month for the FY 2016 TIP. For new project applications, a summary will be prepared to compare all of the projects. The draft TIP will go to the public in May with the final draft ready for approval in June.

With TAP, the TIP is updated with the two Harrison County projects discussed earlier as well as the City of Avoca project. In January, the selection process will begin for the FY 2017 TIP.

7. Additional Business (Information)

There will be a Commission Tour of southwest Iowa on Monday, June 8, starting from the Interstate office in Council Bluffs. Among the sites, the tour will include

- the new interstate interchanges in Council Bluffs
- Hwy 34 to view the new bridge
- DeSoto Bend
- Hwy 6 in Council Bluffs to the airport
- Tour ends in Council Bluffs

On Tuesday, June 9, a public meeting is scheduled at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs.

8. Next Meeting (Information)

The meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.