

## **RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee**

Minutes of January 7, 2015 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on Wednesday, January 7, 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	City of Glenwood
Charles Parkhurst	Shelby County Supervisor
Russell Kurth	Harrison County Supervisor
Terry Cox	City of Harlan

#### **Technical Committee**

Perry Cook	City of Glenwood
John Rasmussen	Pottawattamie County Engineer
Kevin Mayberry	Mills County Engineer
Steven Struble	Harrison County Engineer

#### **Staff/Non-Voting Members**

Scott Suhr	Iowa DOT
Mike Helgerson	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Ashley Myers	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Megan Walker	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

### **1. Approval of the Minutes: (Action)**

MOTION by Parkhurst, SECOND by Kissel, to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees.

MOTION PASSED.

### **2. FY2015 TIP Amendments: (Action)**

Helgerson presented three TIP amendments to the Committees:

Harrison County – L16: NCL Woodbine to 156<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection – reprogramming the Harrison County L16 project with \$1.12 billion of Regional-STP funding moved from FY2016 to FY2015.

Shelby County – Nishna Avenue Bridge Replacement – increasing the FY2015 STP-HBP funding from \$272,000 to \$400,000.

Harrison County – Bridge over Mosquito Creek – program in FY2016 with \$560,000 of STP-NHP program funding.

Suhr asked if Woodbine had contacted MAPA about its FY2016 Highway Bridge Program and Helgerson said they had not. Struble said he would contact the engineer and Helgerson said it may be an amendment later this year. Mayberry confirmed that funding for the Harrison County bridge project was Highway Bridge Program funding.

MOTION by Parkhurst, SECOND by Mayberry, to approve the amendments to the FY2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED.

### **3. Review of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Applications: (Action)**

Helgerson said there are three TAP applications received and they scored comparably with the major differences being in the versatility and local match sections given each project had a different matching level. From the versatility section, they were related to the different project categories and all were good projects. Helgerson said the Committees are being asked to make recommendations for funding levels for projects which will be incorporated into the new TIP.

#### **City of Avoca – Buttermilk Flat Trail**

There was no representation from Avoca to discuss this project with the Committees. Rasmussen questioned Avoca's prior award and Helgerson said there has been discussion with the City Manager and progress was slowly being made with construction. With this \$200,000 Avoca award remaining outstanding, the Committees requested finality for that project be presented to them. The Committees discussed imposing time limits on awards.

MOTION by Cox, SECOND by Mayberry, to table City of Avoca application until the March meeting and that the City of Avoca will present to the Committees on both projects.

MOTION PASSED.

#### **Harrison County – Easton Trail Scenic Overlook**

Struble told the Committees the Easton Trail Scenic Overlook project is a small project on top of Murray Hill where the parking area is in poor condition. The area needs to be rebuilt so it can be a better tourist attraction and improve the safety of the roadway. It's cost is expected to be around \$115,000. Mayberry told the Committees that he served on the Loess Hills Byways Board and that they would likely sign a letter of support for this project.

MOTION by Rasmussen, SECOND by Parkhurst, to fully fund the Easton Trail Scenic Overlook project with Regional TAP funds.

MOTION PASSED.

#### **Harrison County – L20 Bike Lane**

Struble described the \$393,000 bike path project running from Missouri Valley up to the Modale Highway running west from Loess Hills. It's very tourist friendly with scenic views over the Missouri bottom along the Loess Hills trail. This project will also correct problems with shoulders.

MOTION by Rasmussen, SECOND by Kurth, to fully fund the L20 Bike Lane project with Regional TAP funds.

MOTION PASSED.

### **4. Call for Surface Transportation Program (STP) Projects: (Information)**

Helgerson told the Committees there is not a formal process for the call of STP project requests. At the next meeting a brief comparison sheet will be available to see what funding is available and what programming dollars are available for the next TIP. He will be in contact with County Engineers and local officials to determine if there are additional new projects to be added to the TIP.

A potential project Mayberry brought to the Committees is one on 190<sup>th</sup> Street but it's pending a functional classification change of the roadway to be eligible for STP funding. He added there may be a joint application between the City of Glenwood and Mills County for roads shared on the east and west boundaries that are needing attention.

**5. Project Status Update: (Information)**

Helgerson said he'll be contacting the City Engineers to gather information for more discussion on possible projects.

**6. Additional Business: (Information)**

No additional business was discussed.

**7. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees is March 11, 2015.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.