

RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee

Minutes of June 8, 2016 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Dan Ahart, Shelby County, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Policy Committee

Richard Crouch
Russell Kurth
Charles Parkhurst

Mills County Supervisor
Harrison County Supervisor
Shelby County Supervisor

Technical Committee

Daniel Ahart
Perry Cook
Kevin Mayberry

Shelby County Engineer
City of Glenwood
Mills County Engineer

Staff/Non-Voting Members

Mark Lander
Scott Suhr
Mike Helgerson
Matt Roth

SWIPCO/SWITA
Iowa Department of Transportation
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
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1. Approval of the Agenda and of the Minutes: (Action)

MOTION by Kurth, SECOND by Parkhurst to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2016 meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees.

MOTION PASSED.

2. FY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (TIP): (Action)

Roth said the location and estimates for the Woodbine project have changed for this Amendment. The bridge replacement is on Bus Brown Drive over an unnamed stream just east of Highway 30 and the estimate has increased by \$50,000.

MOTION by Parkhurst, SECOND by Crouch, to approve the Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment.

MOTION PASSED.

3. Draft FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program: (Action)

Helgerson presented the annual Draft FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. After the approval of the TIP, it will be forwarded to the state and federal levels for approval. Changes included are:

- Jurisdictional Information changed for the communities of Glenwood and Harlan for their representation.
- Project Selection & Prioritization – language added for the STP program.
- Changed to say “MAP-21” to FAST Act which is the latest authorization.
- Some program names were changed under the FAST Act i.e. STP is now named Surface Transportation Block Grant Program although for our purposes, it'll be called STP.

- There is a deficit in STP for FY 2019 and FY 2020 that is attributable to increases in projects over what was programmed in previous TIPS and also for new projects that were programmed.
- TAP Fiscal Constraint reflects new awards made this year.
- Local Non-Federal-Aid Revenues is summarized each year.
- Federal Funding by Program by Year includes NHPP, HSIP and STP Highway Bridge Awards.

Helgerson continued with STP Tables highlighting some significant differences including the L-55 project in Pottawattamie County that increased by \$1.4 million and the Shelby project that was reduced by \$1.8 million in FY 2018.

In regards to the Shelby County project, Ahart said the \$950,000 in FY 2018 should actually be amended to reflect \$2.75 million which could possibly impact the L-55 project in Pottawattamie County. There are also projects involving Sivers Road and 225th Street that are both on Glenwood boundaries. These roads are high maintenance and it was questioned if Glenwood will financially be able to share in the costs.

A suggestion was made by Mayberry to use funding already submitted for Sivers Road and 225th Street for L-31 and Gaston Avenue and move Sivers Road and 225th Street farther out which amounts to \$50,000 for each project.

Helgerson said if Shelby M-47 is increased to FY 2018 it, will put the TIP out of fiscal constraint because of a carryover of \$136,000 in FY 2018 so funding wouldn't be available that year. He said because of the projects in Shelby and Pottawattamie Counties in FY 2017, this Draft TIP cannot be submitted to IDOT until the issues are resolved. He said clarity is needed on establishing projects and criteria in the process to create transparency on the amount of projects being programmed.

By moving projects and delaying others, the fiscal constraint issues could be mitigated if the new requests were not in. It would go up to \$1.8 million but then reducing it by \$3 million with a nearly \$0 balance. Without all of the engineers present at this meeting and without knowledge of their five-year programs, it's not feasible to make these decisions at the meeting.

The Draft TIP is due to IDOT on June 15, 2016. Tabling this topic will require the Committees to meet either June 13th or June 14th to finalize before sending it on to IDOT.

4. Additional Business: (Information)

Suhr said a new district engineer has been named District 4. Scott Schramm has been hired for that position who was previously with IDOT in Ames.

5. Next Meeting: (Information)

The Committees will meet the week of June 13, 2016 and the next scheduled meeting is July 13, 2016.

6. Adjournment: (Information)

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.