

RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee
Minutes of July 17, 2019 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on July 17, 2019, in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Charles Parkhurst, Shelby County, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Policy Committee

Ron Kohn
Charles Parkhurst

Glenwood Mayor
Shelby County Supervisor

Technical Committee

Perry Cook
Cory Gaston
John Rasmussen

City of Glenwood Public Works
Mills County Engineer
Pottawattamie County Engineer

Staff/Non-Voting Members

Greg Youell
Michael Helgerson
Travis Halm

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1. Approval of the Agenda and of the Minutes: (Action)

Charles Parkhurst, Shelby County introduced the minutes from the June 12, 2019 meeting.

MOTION to approve by Rasmussen

SECOND by Gaston

MOTION CARRIES

2. Final FY2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP): (Action)

Travis Halm, MAPA introduced the Final Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Halm noted that the RTIP draft had been presented last month, but had been updated to reflect changes to Mills County, based upon changes to their highway program after flood repair events.

Corey Gaston, Mills County, confirmed that Bunge Ave had been repaired using flood money and that the culvert project had been resolved. Both of these items were on the 2020 TIP. Mr. Gaston stated that he intended on moving L-55 at Silver City forward and to hopefully do the project in one year, but would likely need to split funding into two.

Mr. Halm added that after this issue, the Final TIP had to be slightly worked and made fiscally constrained for DOT programming in TPMS.

Mr. Halm added that he would need project updates for items from the FY19 TIP.

MOTION to approve by Rasmussen

SECOND by Gaston

MOTION CARRIES

3. **Project Prioritization & Regional Funding Summary: (Discussion)**

Michael Helgerson began the discussion of project prioritization and funding for FY 2021 and beyond.

Helgerson said that a two and five year comparison of funding and funding equity has been prepared for the members of the board, showing that the two year comparison allows counties to stay more close to regional equity.

John Rasmussen, Pottawattamie County stated that there has been a lot of struggle with guessing what amount of money will be available, and that this simplified process will ease the ability to combine these funds with other funding sources they use.

Helgerson stated that Harlan had never had a federal revenue project through this process, and that this process ensures that communities can have a seat at the table when necessary. This had been a concern of the Iowa DOT.

Helgerson also added that this also allows for a transit component with SWITA.

4. **RPA 18 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): (Discussion)**

Michael Helgerson, began the discussion on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) public involvement process.

Helgerson stated that they would be undergoing a series of public presentations at county boards and city council meetings.

Helgerson added that speaking to other civic or business groups, including chambers of commerce would be able to

Helgerson stated that surveying and feedback would be collected, including using social media like Facebook.

Helgerson stated that MAPA would be contacting counties within the next two weeks.

Charles Parkhurst suggested contacting the Shelby County Auditor to schedule with the county commission.

Halm inquired whether all county commissions were coordinated through county auditors and all board members said yes.

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

None

6. **Next Meeting: (Information)**

The next meeting of the RPA is scheduled for August 7, 2019 at 11:00 am.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.