**RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee**

Minutes of September 11, 2019 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on September 11, 2019, in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. John Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 11:01am.

**PRESENT**

**Policy Committee**

Charles Parkhurst Shelby County Supervisor

Ron Kohn Glenwood Mayor

**Technical Committee**

Steven Struble Harrison County Engineer

Perry Cook Glenwood Engineer

Cory Gaston Mills County Engineer

**Staff/Non-Voting Members**

Michael Helgerson Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

Travis Halm Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

James Boerner Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

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

Charles Parkhurst introduced the minutes from the August 14, 2019 meeting.

MOTION to approve by KOHN

SECOND by COOK

MOTION CARRIES

1. **RPA 18 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Meetings: (Discussion)**

Travis Halm, MAPA presented an update on public meetings that took place in three cities (Glenwood, Missouri Valley, Harlan) and all four county commissions.

Halm explained that many meetings included generic funding questions, and that all communities were receptive with the process of planning long range for transportation in the region.

Michael Helgerson, MAPA, explained that the meeting he attended in Mills County and Pottawattamie County included conversation on the actual funding process that was discussed during regular RPA meetings.

Helgerson added that pavement management monitoring was discussed somewhat frequently in the Pottawattamie Meeting.

Helgerson added that annual meetings in each community/ county would be a good idea moving forward.

Halm added that staff is willing to travel to any meetings if questions about RPA issues are inquired upon by bodies.

1. **Project Prioritization: (Discussion)**

Travis Halm presented the proposed regional equity review process, designed to solidify two year funding targets.

Halm stated that October 2019 would be the Equity and Application Review process, including the determination of funding flexibility, the review of application materials (project limits, funding requested, type of work, and interjurisdictional components) and the distribution of the application to eligible representations.

Halm added that applications would be due in December, reviewed by January, and a regional federal aid program would be finalized by the January meeting of the RPA committee. Draft TIP approval would take place in June of 2020, and Final TIP in July.

1. **Pavement Management: (Information)**

James Boerner, MAPA, presented the new pavement management tracking system being implemented by staff.

Boerner explained that MAPA had contracted with the Iowa Pavement Management Program to obtain access to the dTIMS Asset Management Software, and receive more focused support from IPMP personnel. Boerner provided a brief overview of the utility of the software through an example from another Iowa Metropolitan Planning Organization using the software to facilitate pavement management for a city within their Transportation Management Area.

Boerner added that any information on current pavement status, and individual county or municipality pavement programs, would be provided to IPMP to add greater detail to the IPMP pavement condition dataset. Boerner briefly described the provided form, and asked for input from all attendees.

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

Michael Helgerson informed the group that there is the potential in the future of doing small corridor and/or other planning studies in the region, including creating a work program of such projects. These could be (but not limited to) roads, bridges, trails, or other access or recreation-related facilities.

Travis Halm reminded members that the MAPA Annual Dinner will take place October 9, 2019 at Blair Marina.

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

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

1. **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.