**RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee**

Minutes of November 13, 2019 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on November 13, 2019, in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. John Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

**PRESENT**

**Policy Committee**

Charles Parkhurst Shelby County Supervisor

Ron Kohn Glenwood Mayor

**Technical Committee**

Steven Struble Harrison County Engineer

Cory Gaston Mills County Engineer

Brandon Burmeister Shelby County Engineer

John Rasmussen Pottawattamie County Engineer

Perry Cook Glenwood Public Works

**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 Minutes**

Parkhurst called for approval of the minutes.

MOTION by Burmeister

SECOND by Kohn

1. **2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft: (Action)**

Halm presented the draft for the 2040 LRTP Draft, including copies for each member.

Halm remarked that this plan would be completed before the January meeting, with enough time for members of the board to review the final draft before coming to them again in January for approval.

Halm stated that upon approval the report would be sent to Iowa DOT for their review.

Halm described that the plan was split based upon goals in the plan:

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| **Preservation** | Prioritize maintenance of existing transportation assets– including roadways, bridges, trails and transit vehicles |
| **Safety** | Support investments in projects and programs that enhance the safety of the transportation system  |
| **Economic** | Invest in transportation facilities that promote economic development and support the safe and efficient movement of goods |
| **Environment** | Develop a transportation system that balances investment in all modes and protects the environment |
| **Transportation Options** | Promote opportunities to enhance the connectivity between modes and the transportation choices available to residents in the RPA-18 region |
| **Land Use & Growth** | Maintain and invest in a transportation system that supports coordinated, compact development in communities |

Halm added that these items were consistent with the “Connect GO” effort, given the relation between the two regions, but was created separately since there are different elements to both planning processes.

Michael Helgerson, MAPA, added that the fiscal constraint section at the end of the plan would be added once a clearer idea of funding strategy moving forward was determined.

MOTION to approve by Struble

SECOND by Houser

MOTION CARRIES

1. **Regional STBG Project Lists: (Discussion)**

Michael Helgerson, MAPA, provided background on the discussion in October about STBG project selection. Helgerson noted that staff had developed a revised and simplified application to facilitate this year’s call for STBG projects. Helgerson also noted that the committees agreed to a January 17th due date for applications for regional STBG and TAP. Helgerson noted the applications would be accepted for years three and four, and the committee would have regional balances available to inform decisions about prioritizing projects. Helgerson noted the TIP selection would also guide the project selection for the initial projects listed in the 2040 LRTP.

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

There was no additional business.

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

The next meeting of the RPA is scheduled for January 8 at 11:00 am.

1. **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.