

**RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee**  
Minutes of February 12, 2020 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on February 12, 2020, in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Charles Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

**PRESENT**

**Policy Committee**

Charles Parkhurst  
Ron Kohn  
John Rasmussen

Shelby County Supervisor  
Glenwood Mayor  
Pottawattamie County

**Technical Committee**

Steven Struble  
Cory Gaston  
Brandon Burmeister  
John Rasmussen  
Perry Cook  
Gene Gettys

Harrison County Engineer  
Mills County Engineer  
Shelby County Engineer  
Pottawattamie County Engineer  
Glenwood Public Works  
Harlan City Manager

**Staff/Non-Voting Members**

Travis Halm  
Scott Suhr

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency  
Iowa Department of Transportation

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Parkhurst called for approval of the minutes.

Gene Gettys requested an edit to the roster and to add one change to Item 3, Page 2, that the item was not for lighting, but for signage.

MOTION by Rasmussen to approve with noted change.

SECOND by Struble

**2. 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:**

Travis Halm added that a TIP Amendment for a TAP Project along the Pottawattamie County trail. Iowa DOT required Pottawattamie County Conservation to specify on the map in new TPMS which specific location they'd be placing a trail.

Halm stated this was a simple process change to ensure the proper location in TPMS

MOTION by Rasmussen

SECOND by Kohn

**3. Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan**

Travis Halm added that MAPA Staff and Iowa DOT have been in coordination to make necessary changes to the Draft 2040 LRTP, as presented in previous meetings.

Halm presented new language added to LRTP and TIP processes to address the changes made to the STBG project selection process in January.

Halm requested a motion to signify continued coordination with Iowa DOT, since there were not sufficient updates to present this month.

Steven Struble, Harrison County, inquired whether items like IRI for pavement tracking would be used for the method of project tracking.

Halm added that language related to IRI and pavement tracking was in previous documents so there would be no changes to the current project selection process.

Halm also added that language related to project selection reflected the discussion and decision last week, but also included language that ensured small communities would not be excluded from the process, per Iowa DOT guidance.

MOTION by Struble

SECOND by Gaston

#### **4. FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Selection**

Halm presented a spreadsheet of four TIP applications for projects to be presented in the TIP.

Halm noted that all counties were under their forecasted amount (per the new guidelines last month) and that the projects fit.

Halm added that the four projects included:

Shelby County: M-16 Resurfacing - 2024

Harrison County: F-66/335<sup>th</sup> Street Otta-seal treatment - 2023

Pottawattamie County: G30 Resurfacing - 2024

Pottawattamie County: M47 Resurfacing - 2022

Pottawattamie County: L66 Reconstruction – 2021

Brandon Burmeister stated that the date isn't as important with new verbiage, given that projects are further out.

Steven Struble said there will be an adjustment period with the ability to program projects closer than four years out.

MOTION by Rasmussen

SECOND by Struble

#### **5. Additional Business**

Scott Suhr stated that FAST Act requirements related to pavement condition is in the STBG project selection were the cause for Steve's question earlier in the meeting. He added that it isn't a key determinant, but it can be another data point to make the case for a project.

Suhr also added that a project on US Highway 30 would be underway in Harrison County, building a bridge adjacent to the road and then lifted into place when completed. Scott stated that there are few detours for US Highway 30 in that spot for an extended period of time.

Suhr stated there would be an online public meeting and comment period for the project, and that the online process has seen a lot more feedback and positive reviews. The meeting would have all materials, including an animated video, which would be available for people to see the project.

Gene Gettys inquired whether it was a live event.

Suhr stated there's a window where items are available and that there was another time period for commenting.

Steve Struble stated that the project website for the Missouri Valley bypass has been very informative and easy to use for him.

Suhr added that this project was part of an INFRA funding grant.

Steve Struble inquired about the relationship between the Army Corps and the DOT.

Suhr stated they're currently working on a partnership with the Army Corps to ensure DOT being able to work on the road without needing permission each time from the Army Corps.

Travis Halm added that Michael Helgerson was in Washington DC as part of an annual DC trip for MAPA to meet with local elected officials.

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

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

**7. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.