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MEETING NOTICE

August 7, 2019

TO: RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees

FROM: Charles Parkhurst, RPA-18 Policy Committee Chair
John Rasmussen, RPA-18 Technical Committee Chair
Michael Helgerson, Transportation & Data Manager / RPA-18 Administrator

RE: August 14, 2019 Meeting

The RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees will meet on **Wednesday, August 14 at 11:00 am** in the MAPA offices at 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

As a quorum is needed to approve the agenda items, please contact me if you cannot attend.

AGENDA

- 1) **Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes for the August 14, 2019 meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees. **(Action Item)**
- 2) **RPA 18 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Meetings:** Staff will distribute a calendar of local LRTP meeting dates with county and city commissions in August and September. **(Discussion)**
- 3) **RPA 18 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Executive Summary:** Staff will lead discussion of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) executive summary. **(Discussion)**
- 4) **Project Prioritization:** Staff will continue discussion on project prioritization and regional equity. **(Discussion)**
- 5) **Additional Business (Information)**
- 6) **Next Meeting (Information):** The next scheduled meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees is on September 11, 2019 at 11:00 am.
- 7) **Adjournment**

RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee
Minutes of August 14, 2019 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on August 14, 2019, in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. John Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 11:01am.

PRESENT

Policy Committee

Ron Kohn
Gene Gettys

Glenwood Mayor
Harlan City Administrator

Technical Committee

Brandon Burmeister
Perry Cook
John Rasmussen
Steven Struble

Shelby County Engineer
City of Glenwood Public Works
Pottawattamie County Engineer
Harrison County Engineer

Staff/Non-Voting Members

Michael Helgerson
Travis Halm

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

John Rasmussen, Pottawattamie County, introduced the minutes from the July 17, 2019 meeting.

MOTION to approve by Burmeister

SECOND by Struble

Steven Struble, Harrison County Engineer, requested to confirm that quarterly statements from the DOT would remain in the minutes from the previous month.

Travis Halm, MAPA, confirmed that would be noted from his June request.

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2. Final FY2020 LRTP Public Meetings: (Discussion)

Michael Helgerson, MAPA, informed the committee that MAPA would be contacting members or auditors to have an informal discussion on transportation with city councils and county commissions of transportation priorities at the county level.

Helgerson added that the Highway 30 bypass of Missouri Valley was an example of a local priority with regional benefit.

Helgerson added that Travis Halm, MAPA, had put together a schedule.

Helgerson stated that the plan would also have data on projects, population projections, and other data-related items.

Helgerson added that the presentation would be no more than 5 minutes and likely include a presentation.

3. RPA 18 LRTP Executive Summary: (Discussion)

Travis Halm, MAPA introduced the executive summary for the Long Range Transportation Plan that had been created, along with the first two chapters of the LRTP document.

Halm stated that this project was done in some tandem with the “Connect GO” Planning process with the Greater Omaha Chamber, which is being done to plan for future transportation goals and priorities with job retention and economic development.

Helgerson added that Shelby and Harrison County were included under CEDS components for their counties.

Halm explained various chapters, which included goals and priorities, quantitative data (of the census; population, job growth, aging information) from the recent American Community Survey.

Helgerson noted that most counties in Iowa were not predicted to grow up to the 2050 threshold.

Halm added that natural disaster resiliency and environmental issues was a key component of this plan, and that these demographics

Struble added that there was a mistake on officials’ page.

Helgerson added that it’d be changed.

Rasmussen added that some species had changed on the endangered list.

Halm added to expect seeing MAPA staff in their local communities soon.

4. Project Prioritization (Discussion)

Helgerson asked the committee of their thoughts on an upcoming schedule for the funding and reporting process for funding equity.

Helgerson stated that 2-3 weeks in advance of the next meeting or October would be created for the draft and final TIP.

Helgerson stated that there would be a calendar for 2021, and then an analysis comparing current projects and projects from the previous three years.

Helgerson said there would be a draft recommendation in September to have an October calendar changed so that county project lists and TPMS match.

Helgerson stated the intent of MAPA is to have a call for projects in October to get out ahead of the process, and understand what the fiscal constraint will wind up being.

Rasmussen inquired whether Mills County would be inside their target on regional equity.

Helgerson confirmed that those recent changes have brought Mills County closer to the target amount.

5. Additional Business: (Information)

Helgerson inquired from committee members on flood relief efforts, both with highways and levees.

Struble stated that a levee review was underway that day, noting that he has to keep informed but levees are administered by a separate authority.

Rasmussen added that there were large amounts of traffic through Crescent on Old Lincoln Highway due to I-29 being closed.

6. Next Meeting: (Information)

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

7. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.