

RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees

MINUTES



Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68102
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In attendance:

Policy Board Voting Members

- ***Ron Kohn** - Glenwood Mayor
- **John Rasmussen** - Pottawattamie County
- ***Steven Struble** - Harrison County
- ***Gene Gettys** - City of Harlan
- **Charles Parkhurst** - Shelby County

Technical Board Voting Members

- ***Steven Struble** - Harrison County Engineer
- **John Rasmussen** - Pottawattamie County Engineer
- ***Brandon Burmeister** - Shelby County Engineer
- ***Jamey Clark** - Glenwood

Non-Voting/MAPA Staff

- **Travis Halm** - MAPA
- **Lindsey Button** - MAPA
- **Carlos Morales** - MAPA
- **Scott Suhr** - Iowa DOT District 4

**Attended virtually*

Charles Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 11:03.

Action Items

A. Approval of the Agenda

Charles Parkhurst called for approval of the agenda.

Rasmussen motioned to approve the Agenda. Motion was seconded by **Gettys**. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Approval of the Minutes from the November 9, 2022 meeting.

Charles Parkhurst called for approval of the minutes.

Rasmussen motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by **Gettys**. Motion approved unanimously.

C. TIP Amendment

Halm presented a TIP amendment for Glenwood Trail. Glenwood is ready to start prior to FY24. This trail had previously included a bridge, and has been modified to remove the bridge. Funding is available and they are far enough along in their process that staff felt it was appropriate to amend this forward, and add to FY23.

Technical Committee made a recommendation to the Policy Board.

Policy Board: Struble motioned to Amend this project from FY24 to FY23. Motion was seconded by Rasumssen. Motion approved unanimously.

D. FY2023 RPA13-18 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) Draft Approval

MAPA staff has been working closely with RPA-13 staff to develop this plan, which serves as a guiding document for SWITA. Travis Halm presented the draft update to the RPA 13-18 Passenger Transportation Plan, and requested the committee open up a 30-day public comment period.

Technical Committee made a recommendation to the Policy Board.

Rasmussen motioned to approve the draft PTP and open for public comment from February 1 to March 2, 2023. Motion was seconded by Kohn. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

E. FY24 STBG Call for Projects

Call was opened during the November meeting and will close February 28th. TAP has been placed on hold by Iowa DOT so we are waiting on guidance. This would also be a good time to request additional funding for an existing project if costs have gone up. Travis will provide the targets to the committee following the meeting.

F. Additional Business and Public Comment

Discussion as to how best to distribute meeting materials to the RPA. Halm will be posting materials on the MAPA website moving forward.

Rasmussen mentioned that Pottawattamie County is in the process of applying for a RAISE grant and will need a letter of support from the Region. They will also need to update their programming and request a TIP amendment next month. This project is concerning Mahogany Road and Underwood, and was originally programmed in the TIP as a State RISE fund, which was not awarded, and will need to be changed in the TIP to Illustrative. Halm stated that this

would be permitted to run as a virtual meeting, provided that one member of each of the Policy and Technical committees were present in person.

STBG applications are due Feb 28th.

Kohn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:38. Motion was seconded by Gettys and approved unanimously.

Future Meetings & Events

- **Next RPA-18 Meeting: March 8, 2023 at 11:00am.**
 - This meeting will be held in person at the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency.