RPA 18

Regional Planning Affiliation - Region 18 Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting

Aug 21, 2024 11:00 AM   Training Room ▾   📍 17501 Eastern Hills Dr , Council Bluffs, IA

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83876073749

MINUTES

In attendance:

Policy Board Voting Members
- **Gene Gettys Jr.** - City of Harlan
- **Charlie Parkhurst** - Shelby County, Policy Board Chair
- **Angie Winquist** - City of Glenwood
- **John Rasmussen** - Pottawattamie County (alt)
- **Steve Struble** - Harrison County (alt)

Technical Board Voting Members
- **Jamey Clark** - City of Glenwood
- **Chris Fredericksen** - Shelby County
- **John Rasmussen** - Pottawattamie County, Technical Committee Chair
- **Steve Struble** - Harrison County

Non-Voting/MAPA Staff
- **Jim Boerner** - MAPA
- **Lindsey Button** - MAPA
- **Rachel Goettsch** - MAPA
- **Mia Haschenburger** - MAPA
- **Carlos Morales** - MAPA

Charlie Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 11:02am

The slides noted the meeting was held in accordance with Chapters 21 and 22 of the Iowa Code and was live-streamed on MAPA's YouTube page.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Agenda (Policy)

Charlie Parkhurst called for a motion to approve the agenda. No changes were made to the agenda.

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Policy Board: Gene Gettys motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Angie Winquist. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Comment

The floor was opened to give members of the public the opportunity to comment. No remarks were made.

C. Approval of the Minutes: July 10, 2024 Meeting (Policy)

Charlie Parkhurst called for a motion to approve the minutes. No changes were made to the minutes.

Policy Board: Steve Struble motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by John Rasmussen. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Planning Area Boundary Update

Jim Boerner presented the updated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Management Area (TMA) Boundary and corresponding RPA-18 Boundary changes.

The TMA boundary changes are to be presented at the MAPA Board of Directors meeting to be held on August 22, 2024.

Technical Committee: Steve Struble motioned to recommend the Policy Board:

- **Approve the MPO TMA and RPA-18 planning area boundary updates**

Motion was seconded by Chris Fredericksen. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Board: John Rasmussen motioned to approve the Technical Committee recommendation. Motion was seconded by Jamey Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

E. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Input

Mia Haschenburger reviewed input received during a July LRTP map comments exercise, and led a discussion on further input.

Carlos Morales emphasized the need for input and asked the members to share the RPA-18 LRTP survey with other stakeholders and partners.

Mia Haschenburger pointed out that the printed maps provided at the previous meeting were brought if the members had additional comments or input to give.

F. Review/Update of Bylaws

Mia Haschenburger reviewed bylaws and presented potential updates. The current bylaws were last updated in 1994 and contain a variety of outdated technical terms and policy references, as well as geographical boundaries that are recommended for update.

Group discussion centered on how the geographical boundaries are defined in the text and what factors those are based on (e.g. urban area population >5,000).

Carlos Morales noted that MAPA staff will complete a more comprehensive assessment of bylaw changes before presenting those to the membership for adoption.

G. Project Selection Criteria

Mia Haschenburger reviewed project selection criteria and led a discussion on potential updates, including a more complete evaluation of safety factors.

Scott Suhr asked whether the safety design features of the roadway are being taken into account within the safety criteria. Jim Boerner confirmed and referenced the development of the High Injury Network that, once completed, will aid in identifying safety areas of concern. He also noted that individual county safety action plans would be taken into consideration.

Carlos Morales and Steve Struble discussed the nuance of weighting criteria decisions, and emphasized that the membership will determine the final criteria.

The members completed a Menti poll ranking the following STBG Project Selection criteria:

1. Crash History
2. Pavement Condition & Age
3. Regional Significance
4. Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)
5. Bridge Factors/Sufficiency Rating & Multi-Jurisdictional Relevance
6. Functional Classification
7. Local Match

Group conversation centered on concerns over the impact that Federal Functional Classification has on the project selection results and other relevant initiatives, including concerns that Federal Functional Classification is not consistent between TPMS and other tools.

Carlos Morales noted that MAPA staff are working to assemble a comprehensive adjustment of the project selection process to present recommendations to the membership at a later date.

H. Additional Business

    a. Pottawattamie County and Shelby County Safety SS4A Meetings
- John Rasmussen noted that the meeting would be held on September 20, 2024, at the Pottawattamie County Secondary Roads building.
- Chris Fredericksen noted that the meeting for Shelby County would be on September 25, 2024, at the Harlan Library Meeting Room.

    b. Iowa Traffic Counts
Scott Suhr noted that Iowa traffic count efforts are underway. Currently this is being completed county-by-county.

    c. Iowa Trail Summit
Mia Haschenburger noted that the Iowa Trails Summit registration is currently open. The event covers trails-related topics.

    d. Next RPA Meeting Location
September's RPA-18 meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Pottawattamie County's Secondary Roads Department, dependent on availability to be confirmed by John Rasmussen.

I. Adjournment

Charlie Parkhurst called for a motion for the meeting to adjourn.

Angie Winquist motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:53pm.

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FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **RPA-18 Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting**: September 11, 2024 at 11:00am
- **RPA-18 Call for Projects FY2026 Opens**: October, 2024