

RPA18

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

Sep 11, 2024 11:00 AM Boardroom, Main Level 2222 Cuming Street

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83430738831>

MINUTES

In attendance:

Policy Board Voting Members

- **Gene Gettys** - City of Harlan*
- **Susan Miller** - Pottawattamie County*
- **Charlie Parkhurst** - Shelby County, Policy Board Chair
- **Angie Winqvist** - City of Glenwood*

Technical Board Voting Members

- **Jamey Clark** - City of Glenwood*
- **Jacob Ferro** - Mills County, Technical Committee Chair
- **Chris Fredericksen** - Shelby County
- **John Rasmussen** - Pottawattamie County*

Non-Voting/MAPA Staff

- **Lindsey Button** - MAPA
- **Rachel Goettsch** - MAPA
- **Mia Haschenburger** - MAPA
- **Mike Helgerson** - MAPA
- **Carlos Morales** - MAPA*
- **Scott Suhr** - Iowa DOT
- **Travis Halm** - Iowa DOT*

**Attended virtually*

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.



Policy Board: Chris Fredericksen motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Susan Miller. 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: August 21, 2024 Meeting (Policy)

Charlie Parkhurst called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mia Haschenburger noted that Jamey Clark had seconded the motion to approve the Technical Committee recommendation to approve the update to the planning area boundary. Since Jamey Clark is a Technical Committee member, and not a Policy Board member, the motion should have been seconded by someone from the Policy Board. A simple way to correct this would be to list Angie Winqvist as seconding the motion to approve the recommendation. Angie Winqvist agreed to the vote exchange. Scott Suhr also noted that he was present at the August meeting but his name was absent from the minutes attendance list. His name was added to the attendance list post-meeting.

Policy Board: Susan Miller motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Charlie Parkhurst. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D. Project Selection Criteria

Mia Haschenburger reviewed project selection criteria and led a discussion on potential updates. This includes a review of the County Safety Action Plan (SAP) and the Safe Systems Approach (SSA). If SAP plans were pursued, they would allow jurisdictions to apply for SS4A planning and implementation grants. The incorporation of stronger safety metrics into project selection processes was discussed.

Jacob Ferro noted that the ICAT data should be used 10 years back which Chris Fredericksen and Scott Suhr agreed with.

Susan Miller pointed out that new development and land use changes at or near transportation/roadway projects should be taken into account.

John Rasmussen concurred on the 10-year ICAT data use and also asked whether



Jacob Ferro agreed and noted that the SAP has different safety criteria. Mia Haschenburger summarized, saying that we want consistency of safety criteria between the County SAPs and the RPA project scoring.

Carlos Morales noted that the goal of adjusting the safety criteria is to determine not only how many crashes there are, but what type, their severity, KSI results, and more involved safety data. John Rasmussen stated that he thinks the SAP will be more beneficial than the safety data itself. Jacob Ferro agreed with Rasmussen, noting that it is more beneficial to capture the effect of risk in the safety criteria. The SAP ensures more proactive action whereas relying on the data encourages reactive action, i.e., it is better to look forward rather than backwards. Scott Suhr, Mike Helgerson, John Rasmussen noted that there are many missing safety enhancements that could be explored.

E. Application Process

Mia Haschenburger discussed rationale for focusing on the TA Set-Aside (TASA) program, while pausing applications for the STBG program.

F. Additional Business

a. MAPA Trails Development Workshop

Mia Haschenburger noted that Kevin Belle from Great American Rail Trail is the guest speaker at a trails workshop at Arrowhead Park in Neola on October 9.

b. RPA-18 October Meeting

Mia Haschenburger noted that the October meeting conflicts with the MAPA Trails Development Workshop. The membership agreed to move the October RPA-18 meeting from October 9 to October 16. John Rasmussen volunteered the Pottawattamie County Secondary Roads building to host the meeting as MAPA's parking lot will still be under construction.

c. MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting

Mike Helgerson noted that this meeting is being held on October 9 and is open to the membership.

d. RPA LRTP Survey

Mia Haschenburger noted that the survey remains open to members of the committee and the public.

G. Adjournment

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

Chris Fredericksen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:29am.



FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **RPA-18 Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting:** October 16, 2024 at 11:00am
- **RPA-18 Call for Projects FY2026 Opens:** October, 2024

