

# RPA18

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

Oct 16, 2024 11:00 AM Training Room ▾  17501 Eastern Hills Dr , Council Bluffs, IA

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87455726461>

## MINUTES

### In attendance:

#### Policy Board Voting Members

- **Susan Miller** -  
Pottawattamie County
- **Charlie Parkhurst** - Shelby  
County, Policy Board Chair
- **Angie Winquist** -  
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

- **Rachel Goettsch** - MAPA
- **Mia Haschenburger** - MAPA
- **Carlos Morales** - MAPA
- **Scott Suhr** - Iowa DOT

### Charlie Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 11:03am

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:** Angie Winquist 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. Jacob Ferro informed the membership that he was tapped to act as an alternate for Richard Crouch under Policy. Mia Haschenburger noted that there was adequate quorum for policy regardless of whether Ferro chose to vote as a Policy alternate.

## **C. Approval of the Minutes: September 11, 2024 Meeting (Policy)**

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

**Policy Board:** Susan Miller motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Angie Winquist. Motion passed unanimously.

## **D. FY 2026 RPA-18 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program Call for Projects**

Mia Haschenburger reviewed present targets and guidelines for Regional TA Set-Aside funding, and requested the committee to open the FY2025 Call for Projects. Mia Haschenburger explained the application process.

**Policy & Technical Committees (joint vote):** Jacob Ferro motioned to:

- Approve the proposed TA Set-Aside projects timeline

Motion was seconded by John Rasmussen. Motion passed unanimously.

**Policy & Technical Committees (joint vote):** Susan Miller motioned to:

- Open the call for FY2026 TA Set-Aside Call for projects

Motion was seconded by Angie Winquist. Motion passed unanimously.



# DISCUSSION ITEMS

## E. Additional Business

### a. MAPA Trails Workshop

Carlos Morales and Mia Haschenburger noted the Trails Development Workshop was held October 9 at Arrowhead Park in Neola, where Kevin Belle from Rails to Trails Conservancy discussed Great American Rail-Trail efforts and impacts. Participants of the workshop expressed interest in maintaining momentum & continuing, renewing, and expanding collaborations. Carlos Morales discussed potential strategies for funding and collaborations.

### b. RPA-18 Committee Meeting Future Locations

Mia Haschenburger asked the membership whether the Pottawattamie County Secondary Roads Center was an acceptable location for upcoming November and February meetings. John Rasmussen commented that he would have to double check building availability, but that hosting would likely be doable.

### c. Civil Rights Policy

Carlos Morales noted that the MAPA Civil Rights Policy was being updated and would be brought to the committee for review.

### d. RPA-18 LRTP Survey

Mia Haschenburger noted that the RPA-18 LRTP Survey was still open for responses. Carlos Morales noted that MAPA has attended Board of Supervisors meetings in all four counties, the majority of comments received pertain to safety, and that this fits in well with the additional work regarding safety that MAPA is doing. Carlos Morales also noted that MAPA is looking into whether there can be enhanced funding for projects related to safety.

### e. Road Damage from Farm Equipment

The membership discussed the damage that increasingly heavy farm equipment is causing to local county roads and the safety impacts this might have on road users.

### f. Iowa Roadway Fatalities

Susan Miller noted the increased coverage of Iowa roadway fatalities, and asked Scott Suhr whether this was indicative of an increase in overall fatalities. Suhr responded saying that there has been a spike in Iowa fatalities particularly involving motorcycles, ATVs, and UTVs for users in their 20s-40s.

## F. Adjournment

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

**Angie Winquist motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:30pm.**



# FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **RPA-18 Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting:** November 13, 2024 at 11:00am
- **RPA-18 Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting:** February 12, 2025 at 11:00am

