

RPA18

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

May 20, 2026 11:00 AM Training Room ▾ 17501 Eastern Hills Dr, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 ▾

MINUTES

In attendance:

Policy Board Voting Members

- **Charlie Parkhurst** - Shelby County, Chair
- **Susan Miller** - Pottawattamie County, Vice Chair
- **Richard Crouch** - Mills County
- **Angie Winqvist** - City of Glenwood
- **Gervas Mgonja** - City of Harlan
- **John Rasmussen** - Harrison County

Technical Committee Voting Members

- **Chris Fredericksen** - Shelby County, Vice Chair
- **Jamey Clark** - City of Glenwood
- **Adam Ring** - Pottawattamie County
- **Jody Marsh** - Pottawattamie County
- **Andy Wicks** - Pottawattamie County

Non-Voting/MAPA Staff

- **Lindsey Button** - MAPA*
- **Rachel Goettsch** - MAPA
- **Latifa Moro** - MAPA
- **Carlos Morales** - MAPA*
- **Scott Suhr** - Iowa DOT
- **Connie Casson** - Pottawattamie County Trails Association
- **Joe Munch** - Pottawattamie County Trails Association
- **Barbara Johnston** - Snyder & Associates, Inc

*Virtual attendance**

Charlie Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 11:08 am.

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

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

Policy Board: Richard Crouch motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Susan Miller. Motion passed unanimously.



B. Approval of the Minutes: March 18, 2026 Meeting

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

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

C. Final FY27 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Carlos Morales presented the Final FY27 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). He reviewed the FY27 work program focus areas, which included continued coordination with local communities, trail development assistance, updates to the project selection process to align with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and support for discretionary funding opportunities. He also noted that MAPA is pursuing FY26 SS4A funding in partnership with Pottawattamie County and the City of Omaha.

Carlos explained that the final work program budget includes a total federal allocation of \$56,794, a local match of \$14,199, and a total program budget of \$70,993. He also stated that no public comments were received during the public comment period and that comments from Iowa DOT and partner agencies were incorporated into the final document.

Technical Committee: Jamey Clark motioned to

- Recommend approval of the Final FY27 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Motion was seconded by Chris Fredericksen. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Board: Richard Crouch motioned to

- Approve the Technical Committee recommendation.

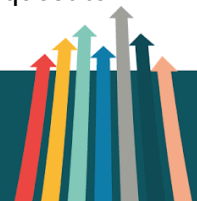
Motion was seconded by John Rasmussen. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Draft FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

a. TIP Project Updates & Selection

Rachel Goettsch presented updates on the FY27 TIP project selection process and regional project programming. She reviewed revisions to the Pottawattamie County Conservation Great American Rail Trail project from Weston to Underwood, and stated that the Regional TASA request for the project has increased from \$500,000 to \$700,000, and that it has been programmed in both the MPO and RPA TIPs due to updated planning area boundaries. She noted that the project is estimated to cost approximately \$4,555,000 and that additional state and local funding has been secured.

She also presented the Harrison County STBG amendment for the F-20 HMA Overlay project and stated that the amendment increased the STBG request to



\$3.4 million, moved the project to FY29, and revised the project scope to include termini adjustments and additional safety improvements.

She reviewed additional FY27 TIP project status reports and programming updates, including project rollovers, year changes, local match adjustments, and relinquishments. It was noted that several older STBG and TAP projects that were no longer advancing would be relinquished, returning funding to the regional programs for future use.

Andy Wicks provided clarification on the Pottawattamie County programming changes, noting that the G30 repaving project is being moved from FY27 to FY29 due to project conflicts with the Underwood bridge replacement, while the L34 repaving project is being moved from FY29 to FY28 because it is in need of more immediate replacement.

Technical Committee: Andy Wicks motioned to

- Recommend selection of Pottawattamie Conservation's "Great American Rail Trail: Weston to Underwood" project for \$700,000 in FY27 TA Set-Aside funding for inclusion in the draft FY27 TIP.

Motion was seconded by Jamey Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Board: Gervas Mgonja motioned to

- Approve the Technical Committee recommendation.

Motion was seconded by John Rasmussen. Motion passed unanimously.

Technical Committee: Chris Fredericksen motioned to

- Recommend amendment of Harrison County project TPMS ID: 39017 for \$3,400,000 in FY29 STBG funding with adjusted termini and additional safety features for inclusion in the draft FY27 TIP.

Motion was seconded by Andy Wicks. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Board: Susan Miller motioned to

- Approve the Technical Committee recommendation.

Motion was seconded by Richard Crouch. Motion passed unanimously.

b. FY27 STBG & TASA Programs

Rachel presented the updated FY27 STBG and TASA programming, incorporating the approved project amendments, new programming, and relinquished projects. She reviewed the updated programming balances and confirmed that the proposed programming remained fiscally constrained.



John Rasmussen explained that Harrison County is consolidating multiple STBG projects into a single project to address the unnecessary and burdensome federalization of programmed projects through the use of regional funding. The committee then discussed the appropriate fiscal year for programming the amended project before taking action.

c. FY27 Draft TIP and Public Comment

Rachel Goetsch presented the Draft FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She reviewed updates to the document, including revised fiscal constraint tables, updated project listings, and revisions to align with current Iowa DOT guidance. She stated that the Draft TIP includes approximately \$8,033,539 in STBG programming and \$700,000 in TAP programming for FY27. She also noted that the public comment period will be open May 20 through June 14, 2026, with the Draft TIP due to Iowa DOT on June 15 and the Final TIP due on July 15.

Technical Committee: Chris Fredericksen motioned to

- Recommend approval of the Draft FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to open the May 20 - June 14 public comment period.

Motion was seconded by Andy Wicks. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Board: Charlie Parkhurst motioned to

- Approve the Technical Committee recommendation.

Motion was seconded by John Rasmussen. Motion passed unanimously.

E. FY27-28 Officer Elections:

Rachel Goetsch opened the floor for nominations for the FY2027- 2028 RPA-18 Policy Board and Technical Committee officers. She reviewed the election process and noted that officers are elected biennially, with terms beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028. The responsibilities of the Policy Board and Technical Committee officers were also reviewed prior to the elections.

Policy Board: Gervas Mgonja motioned to

- Elect Charlie Parkhurst as Chair of the RPA-18 Policy Board.

Motion was seconded by Angie Winquist. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Board: Richard Crouch motioned to

- Elect Susan Miller as Vice Chair of the RPA-18 Policy Board.

Motion was seconded by Angie Winquist. Motion passed unanimously.

Technical Committee: Chris Fredericksen motioned to

- Elect Jacob Ferro as Chair of the RPA-18 Technical Committee.



Motion was seconded by Andy Wicks. Motion passed unanimously.

Technical Committee: Andy Wicks motioned to

- Elect Chris Fredericksen as Vice Chair of the RPA-18 Technical Committee.

Motion was seconded by Chris Fredericksen. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

F. Public Comment

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

G. Additional Business

a. MAPA updates

i. TPMS Access

Rachel Goettsch provided a brief update on TPMS access and encouraged members to contact MAPA staff if they have issues accessing or updating project information in TPMS. Several members requested updated access for several of their staff and/or officials. MAPA staff will reach out to TPMS administrators to update the access list.

ii. SRT Funding

Updates on State Recreational Trails (SRT) funding were provided, noting that applications are due July 1, 2026, and that the program is expected to provide approximately \$2.5 million statewide, pending legislative appropriation for FY27. It was also clarified that SRT funds may be used as a local match for TAP projects, although TAP funds cannot be used as a match for SRT projects

b. Safety Updates

i. RPA-13/18 Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)

Lindsey Button presented the draft RPA 13/18 Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) and announced that the public comment period is open from May 5 through May 31, 2026. She explained that the plan is intended to identify transportation safety needs, strategies, and priorities for participating RPA-13 and RPA-18 communities. She noted that MAPA and RPA 13 staff will meet individually with communities in June and July to discuss adoption of the final plan and encouraged members to review the draft and submit comments during the public comment period.



H. Adjournment

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

John Rasmussen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 pm. Motion was seconded by Angie Winqvist.

FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **MAPA Council of Officials Quarterly Meeting:** June 10 at 11:00am
- **RPA-18 Meeting:** July 8 at 11:00am - Final TIP Adoption

