

MINUTES
RPA 14/ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 18, 2017
Ringgold County Courthouse, Board Room
Mount Ayr, Iowa
1:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ambrose called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Ringgold County Courthouse.

II. Roll Call of Policy Board, Technical Committee and Guests

The following people were present:

Policy Board

Adair County	John Twombly
Adams County	Merlin Dixon
Ringgold County	Lyle Minnick
Taylor County	Charles Ambrose
Union County	Ron Riley
City of Creston	Gary Lybarger

Technical Committee

Adair County	Nick Kauffman
Ringgold County	Trevor Wolf
Union County	Zachary Gunsolley
City of Creston	Kevin Kruse
Southern Iowa Trolley	Leesa Lester

Administrative

SICOG	Becky Nardy
SICOG	Nancy Groth
SICOG	Tim Ostroski

Guest, Brian Moore, Wapello County Engineer, representing the Iowa County Engineers Association was also present.

III. Additions to the Agenda

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Twombly moved to accept and approve the agenda. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of the May 9, 2017 Minutes

Dixon moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Action Items

A. Public Hearing regarding the use of federal transportation funds: RPA 14/ATURA Final FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ambrose announced it was time to open the public hearing. Dixon moved to open the public hearing at 1:34 p.m. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. This public hearing is in regards to federal spending proposed in the RPA 14/ATURA Final FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Nardy has not received any oral or written comments regarding the use of federal transportation funds for this project. No additional comments were made during the hearing for this item.

Dixon moved to close the public hearing at 1:35 p.m. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Resolution Approving and Adopting the Final RPA 14/ATURA FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Riley moved to Approve and Adopt Final RPA 14/ATURA FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the mobile lift project by Southern Iowa Trolley added to the Transit Element. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Public Hearing regarding the use of federal transportation funds: Amendment to RPA 14/ATURA Final FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – adding City of Adair 5th Street Bridge Project into FY2018

Ambrose announced it was time to open the second public hearing. Dixon moved to open the public hearing at 1:35p.m. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. This public hearing is in regards to federal spending proposed in the Amendment to RPA 14/ATURA Final FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – adding City of Adair 5th Street Bridge Project into FY2018.

Nardy has not received any oral or written comments regarding the use of federal transportation funds for this project. No additional comments were made during the hearing for this item.

Riley moved to close the public hearing at 1:36p.m. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Resolution Amending the Final RPA 14/ATURA FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the City of Adair 5th Street Bridge Project into FY2018

Riley moved to Approve and Adopt Resolution Amending Final RPA 14/ATURA FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adding the City of Adair 5th Street Bridge Project into FY2018. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Federal Aid Swap – Brian Moore – Iowa County Engineers Association

The Iowa Senate has passed the change in state code to allow primary road fund money to be spent on non-primary roads. Moore stated the goal is to help local governments avoid federal paperwork and to streamline completion of projects. Surrounding states have already engaged in road fund swaps. The Iowa DOT will start calling meetings by the end of July to determine regulations along with the roles of Iowa’s counties, cities, and RPAs.

Moore informed the group of three known facts:

1. The exchange rates will be dollar for dollar
2. Funds will be used for construction
3. Projects will be let through the DOT

The amount of DOT oversight is yet to be determined. Gunsolley inquired about how long the process would take. Moore explained the Federal Aid Swap would be a phased in process over a period of several years. Ostroski noted that the RPAs have worked well in Iowa during the past 25 years and inquired if there will be representatives from the MPOs and RPAs involved in setting guidelines for this process. That collaboration is expected to continue.

Moore indicated the Technical Committee and the Policy Board will be kept informed as regulations are determined and plans move forward. However, if anyone has questions in the meantime, he urged them to contact their local county engineer or himself directly.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Technical Committee

Kauffman reported that Adair County has one bridge project under construction that is coming along well.

Wolf stated the Ringgold County has two bid lettings coming up in September for box culverts. The project on the Ringgold/Taylor County line will be let in December.

Gunsolley reported on a Union County project in a holding pattern with a box beams grant pending.

Kruse announce that the Adams Street Bridge near McKinley Park in Creston was completed 1 ½ weeks ago and is now open to the public.

B. Southern Iowa Trolley

Lester received notification from the Federal Transit Administration announcing the Grant for Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program FY2017 has \$226.5 million available. Lester is working with the DOT in completing an application for a facility grant that is due August 25th. SIT has outgrown their current building and they are seeking a larger facility to accommodate them more efficiently.

Lester stated that SIT has been busy transporting seniors to the region's county fairs.

Lester reported on several vehicles: received a bid for one vehicle repair; the vehicle struck by lightning was "junked" and they are using it for parts; and they sold the minivan to a Ringgold County resident.

C. SICOG

Nardy reported the Lenox Trail, funded with TAP money, is scheduled to be let in August.

She also stated the feds have had some issues with TAP funding. The DOT is working to complete a new TAP application that will be used statewide. Currently, they are not accepting any new TAP applications.

Nardy referred to the Fiscal Constraint Summary on page 22 of the FY2018 TIP. The STBG columns for 2020 and 2021 are blank because no federal aid projects have been programmed during those years. If any of the engineers have projects that could be accomplished sooner than currently planned and moved into those years, she encouraged them to consider doing so when preparing the FY2019 TIP, as a lot of regional STBG funding is sitting unused.

The recently approved TPWP used estimated funding amounts from the DOT. Nardy was recently notified that final targets have been determined and that RPA 14/ATURA actually has \$129 more in funds than previously estimated. We will leave the TPWP as is and add the \$129 in next year.

VII. Informational Items

None.

VIII. Set Date of Future Meeting and Host County

Discussion was held that the next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2017 in Adams County. (There will not be a meeting in September).

IX. Adjournment

Twombly moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:11p.m. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Date