

## **RPA 2 POLICY BOARD MINUTES**

**NIACOG Office, 525 6<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. Mason City, IA**

**October 11, 2017**

Stan Walk, Mitchell County  
Terry Durby, Winnebago County  
Mark Smeby, Worth County  
Casey Callanan, Cerro Gordo County  
Doug Kamm, Floyd County  
Brent Trout, City of Mason City  
Jim Erb, City of Charles City

Don McGregor, Kossuth County  
Teresa Nicholson, Winn-Worth Betco

### **Others Present:**

Chris Diggins, NIACOG  
Krista Rostad, IDOT  
Doug Miller, Kossuth County

Chairman Walk called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and asked for everyone to introduce themselves, which all attendees did.

A motion was then made by Durby, seconded by Callanan to approve the afternoon's agenda and minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting. All present voted Aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walk then opened the public hearing on amendments to the FY 2018-FY2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for two bridge projects in Kossuth County that had to revise the proposed budget by more than 30%. Diggins provided a brief summary of the projects with the Doug Miller, Kossuth County Engineer also in attendance to answer any questions. Following Diggins and Miller's comments, Chairman Walk asked if there were any comments from any members of the Board or public. Chairman Walk then asked if staff had received any public comment prior to the meeting. Diggins responded by stating no comments had been received. Chairman Walk then asked one final time for comments prior to closing the public hearing.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Walk asked for a motion to close the public hearing. A motion was then made by Callanan, seconded by Smeby to close the public hearing. All present voted Aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walk then asked for consideration on the adoption of the 2018 – FY 2021 TIP amendments. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Durby, seconded by Kamm to approve the proposed FY 2018 – FY 2021 TIP amendments. All present voted Aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walk then moved to the discussion of the RPA 2 STP and TAP financials. Diggins then provided a summary of the STBG and TAP financial pages, noting that TAP will be discussed later in the meeting as a result of the TAP process being finalized at the State level.

This then segued into the TAP process update. Diggins provided information on how the State was able to go back to the TAP process prior to FHWA having an issue with how the funds were distributed. The IDOT is using other federal funds for the new Iowa Transportation Alternative

Program in lieu of federal TAP funds that have very prescriptive restrictions on the distribution and use of funds. Diggins will be convening a TAAP committee meeting soon, and there is still the previously approved Cerro Gordo project application that has been submitted, reviewed at the State and recommended for funding at the local level that will be officially programmed in the next TIP cycle.

The next item on the agenda was the Public Participation Plan update. Diggins stated that this update had been begun about a year ago, but that IDOT mentioned several changes to be included. Diggins reviewed those changes and has incorporated those comments into this draft. He said the plan was to have this draft copy available for comment until the next Policy Board meeting in January. Any changes or comments should be relayed prior to that meeting and they would be incorporated or discussed at that meeting prior to adoption. There was no action necessary on this item.

Diggins then moved onto the Federal Funds Swap discussion and updates provided by Stu Anderson at the IDOT. This process is progressing nicely and there is a good deal of agreement on how this will happen. Diggins provided handouts and with the Kossuth County Engineer present, he was able to provide insight into an engineer's view of the process. Diggins will provide additional information as he receives it and it impacts the RPA2.

The next item was IDOT updates. Rostad mention two (2) significant projects in the area. The first being the IA 122 project in Mason City and how that is progressing. Another was the Hwy 65 project on the north side of Mason City. The Floyd Interchange was also discussed and is progressing to a future letting.

Chairman Walk then asked if there was any other business or comments for the good of the cause. Hearing none, he said the next meeting would be held January 10, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at the NIACOG office.

Chairman Walk then pointed out that since Mitchell County is the Chair, he declared the meeting closed at 3:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Chris Diggins, Local Assistance Director  
Recording Secretary