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Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) Joint Teleconference Technical Advisory and Policy Board Meeting

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: ECIA, 7600 Commerce Park

Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Kinney, Chair <i>Engineer, Clinton County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Felderman <i>Engineer, Dubuque County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Bardgett <i>Delaware County Engineer (proxy Craig Davis)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clark Schloz <i>Engineer, Jackson County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Vick <i>City of Manchester</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Wagner <i>City of Maquoketa</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Lindner <i>City of DeWitt</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Horne <i>City of Clinton</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Munson <i>Regional Transit Authority (RTA)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Hart <i>Clinton MTA</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Randy Zobrist <i>Riverbend Transit</i>	

Policy Board Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Smith, Chair <i>Dubuque County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry "Buck" Koos <i>Jackson County (proxy Clark Schloz)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Maldom <i>Delaware County (proxy Craig Davis)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> John Staszewski <i>Clinton County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Milt Kramer <i>City of Manchester</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Thiltgen <i>City of DeWitt (proxy Steve Lindner)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Messerli <i>City of Maquoketa (proxy Brian Wagner)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rodger Holm <i>City of Clinton</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Konrardy <i>Small Cities, Jackson County</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Herb Sigwarth <i>Small Cities, Dubuque County</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Sampson <i>Small Cities, Delaware County</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Roth <i>Small Cities, Clinton County</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Shea* <i>IA DOT</i>		

Others Present: None

Staff Present:

<input type="checkbox"/> Kelley Deutmeyer <i>ECIA Executive Director</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chandra Ravada <i>Transportation Director</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Jake Ironside <i>GIS</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Kuhle <i>Admin. Assistant</i>
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A quorum was present.

*Non Voting Advisory Member

**Voting Member by Proxy

Call to Order

The RPA Technical Advisory Board meeting was called to order by RPA Tech Chair, Todd Kinney at 10:35 a.m.

The RPA Policy Board meeting was called to order by RPA Policy Chair, Donna Smith at 10:35 a.m. Introductions were made at this time.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Schloz, second by Bardgett to approve the agenda for the Friday, January 29, 2010 RPA Technical Advisory Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Madlom, second by Koos to approve the agenda for the Friday, January 29, 2010 RPA Policy Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve project list for Stimulus II funding

Felderman recommended that those who added projects to the list give a brief description of the project added.

Smith stated that after the Thursday, January 28th meeting Jackson County contacted Ravada and herself requesting to add an eligible project to the Stimulus II project list. Smith stated that Ravada had contacted both chairs and they agreed to allow additions to the project list with the approval of both Boards.

Shea clarified that the DOT will not accept a project list with more projects than RPA8's targeted funding of \$4.2 million. He noted that if a project on the list is not eligible, the DOT will allow the RPA the opportunity to add another project.

Smith questioned if the DOT preferred 100% funding, ninety day projects or over ninety day projects. Shea answered that the DOT's preference is 100% funding and spending the funds quickly, but not to eliminate the over ninety day projects.

Kinney clarified the objective of the RPA Technical Advisory and Policy Board is to review the list and present a list to the DOT without exceeding the target Stimulus II funding amount of \$4.2 million, thus reviewing the list and eliminating projects or determining an allocation to each project.

Ravada said that he would like clarification from Shea on whether a project will be eligible without 100 % funding by Stimulus II funds. Shea said that it is acceptable but is not preferred by the DOT. Kinney noted that the email that he received from Stu Anderson stated that the DOT preferred to fund a few projects that are 100% funded but it was not required.

Schloz stated that according to requirements with Farm to Markets funds his project would not be eligible.

Discussion followed.

Felderman asked if the RPA could sub-allocate the Stimulus II Funds. Shea answered that the DOT encourages the RPA's not to sub-allocate the Stimulus II funds.

Ravada stated that if the RPA chooses to sub-allocate Stimulus II funds, the City/Counties who may receive a RPA sub-allocation for a project must identify the funding source for the outstanding cost of the project.

Vick indicated that the City of Manchester would not have an eligible project at this time and would like their sub-allocation directed towards Delaware County.

Motion by Felderman, second by Vick to recommend to the RPA Policy Board to amend the Stimulus II list of projects as presented and administer a direct sub-allocation of the Stimulus II funds based on the RPA's current allocation formula, not to exceed \$4.2 million, with the City of Manchester's sub-allocation being redirected to Delaware County. The motion passed unanimously.

Roth explained he would object to the motion because his understanding of Stu Anderson's email was that the DOT was not supportive of sub-allocation and requested that the projects be prioritized. Roth question Shea whether RPA's motion would cause any issues in the future.

Shea stated that the email from Anderson clearly stated that the DOT recommended that the RPA's not sub-allocate Stimulus II funds and prioritize the projects but he could make comments on the DOT position on the motion.

Discussion followed.

Roth stated that the time-frame which was given to the RPA by the DOT to develop a project list was to short but he also felt that the RPA was not accomplishing the mission that was set forth by the DOT.

Motion by Koos, second by Madlom to approve the amendment to the Stimulus project list as presented and administer a direct-sub-allocation of the Stimulus II funds based on the RPA current allocation formula, not to exceed \$4.2 million, with the City of Manchester's sub-allocation being redirected to Delaware County. The motion passed with a nay from Roth.

Discussion followed.

Ravada reminded Board members that those who submitted projects must have their project information and funding sources to him by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2010, thus allowing staff time to submit the project list to the DOT by 2:00 p.m.

Comments from the public

There were no comments at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Schloz, second by Bardgett to adjourn the RPA Technical Advisory Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Motion by Kramer, second by Koos to adjourn the RPA Policy Board Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully,

Chandra Ravada,
Transportation Planner