

**RPA 14/ATURA Transportation Planning Affiliation  
Policy Board**

**May 11, 2010  
SICOG Office - Creston, IA**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Mark Olive called the ATURA Planning Affiliation Policy Board meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 11, 2010 at the SICOG office in Creston, IA.

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

The attendance sheet was passed around and those in attendance were as follows:

Policy Board

Adair County	John Twombly
Adams County	Mark Olive
Taylor County	Rob Lundquist
Union County	Mike King
City of Creston	Warren Woods

Technical Committee

Adair County	Charles Marker
Ringgold County	Zachary Gunsolley
Adams & Taylor County	Eldon Rike
Union County	Steve Akes
City of Creston	Kevin Kruse
Ex-Officio / Southern Iowa Trolley	Pam Stow

Administrative

SICOG	Timothy Ostroski
SICOG	Becky Nardy
SICOG	Judy Brimm

**III. Additions to Agenda**

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

**IV. Approval of March 9, 2010 Minutes**

A motion was made by Woods to approve the March 9, 2010 meeting minutes of the ATURA Transportation Planning Affiliation Policy Board. Twombly seconded the motion, all ayes. Motion carried.

**V. Action Items**

- A) **Amendment to RPA 14 / ATURA FY 2010 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)** – Rike stated that the Technical Committee recommends approval of the amendment as mailed to the members. Woods made a motion to approve the amendment to RPA 14 / ATURA FY 2010 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) as recommended by the Technical Committee. Twombly seconded the motion. All ayes motion carried.
- B) **Approval of the Final RPA 14 / ATURA FY 2011 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)** – Rike stated that the Technical Committee recommends approval of the Final TPWP as mailed to the members. Nardy reported that the IDOT suggested only minor changes to the draft TPWP and the total contract amount would be increased (over the FY 2010 contract) by approximately \$1,500. The portion to be paid by the counties and the city of Creston will increase by approximately \$50/each. Twombly made a motion to approve the Final RPA 14 / ATURA FY 2011 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) as recommended by the Technical Committee. Woods seconded the motion. All ayes motion carried.
- C) **Approval of the Final RPA 14 / ATURA FY 2011 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) Update** – Rike stated that the Technical Committee recommends approval of the final RPA 14 / ATURA FY 2011 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) Update as mailed to the members. Nardy stated that the IDOT suggested only minor changes to the draft. Nardy also informed the members that this document is used to help justify funding for the transit agencies. Discussion followed.

Lundquist expressed his concerns regarding affordable transportation to the out-lying areas, especially to the residents in Taylor County. Stow agreed and stated that it is the same for all rural areas and not just Taylor County.

Due to a previous commitment, King arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Lundquist feels that since the new buses were purchased with funds from the Stimulus program, there should be funds available to provide less costly services to the out-lying areas. Stow stated that funding to purchase buses and funding for operating expenses are allocated through different funding sources and that additional funds for vehicle purchases didn't mean that there was any additional operating funds.

Stow stated that the SIT has not increased the cost of rides for approximately 3 or 4 years in an effort to keep the prices affordable for those that do use the

services. Stow stated that AAA supplements the cost of some of the rides for the elderly.

Stow also explained that once a week a bus goes to Clearfield and brings approximately 7-people to Creston. Lundquist indicated that he was not aware that service was being provided to Taylor County residents. Stow stated that they still have to support the cost of operating the buses and to pay the drivers.

Stow stated that they tried to get residents in Lenox to use their services. They went door-to-door, ran radio ads offering free rides for 2-months and only had a response from 5 or 6 people. It appears that the residents of Lenox were not interested in utilizing their services.

Nardy stated that the last page of the FY2011 PTP Update mentions mobility funds and how they may be used to supplement the cost of the rides.

King made a motion to approve the Final RPA 14 / ATURA FY 2011 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP) Update as recommended by the Technical Committee. Twombly seconded the motion. All ayes motion carried.

## **VI. Discussion Items**

### **a. Technical Committee Reports**

Rike reported that three (3) bridges would be let in June.

Akes reported that a bridge project has been completed on P27 South and the Green Valley Road project using STP funds will be let next Tuesday.

Gunsolley reported that one (1) bridge has been completed and another bridge will be let in June.

Marker reported that the Bridgewater pavement project will be let on May 18<sup>th</sup> and they have the bridges scheduled for this fall or winter. Marker also reported that Hwy. 92 will be closed and the detour will be from Massena to Greenfield – all state highways; however, the county roads will be open.

### **b. Southern Iowa Trolley**

Stow reported that all of the buses have been ordered with the Stimulus funds. They will be returning approximately \$64,000 to the state to be re-allocated to other transit agencies within the state of Iowa.

Stow stated that RPA 17 provides funding to help with the purchase of a bus. Stow stated that because of the Stimulus funds they received for buses, they would wait until December and order a 2011 bus.

Stow informed the members that the surveillance cameras have been installed in eleven (11) buses to date. The cameras are working great and drivers are requesting to drive the vehicles equipped with the cameras. Currently 50% of the vehicles are equipped with cameras.

**c. IDOT**

No report.

**d. SICOG**

Nardy expressed her appreciation to the members for approving the amendment and the planning documents.

Nardy stated that she is working on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and her goal is to have the “draft” completed by December and available for public and IDOT comments.

Nardy stated that she will be attending the quarterly RPA meeting in Ames tomorrow (Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>).

**VII. Informational Items**

None

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the Lenox Depot.

The regular meeting is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>; the Engineers will check the date for their semi-annual meeting. If the Engineers meetings are being held on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the ATURA meeting will be rescheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Twombly to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. King seconded the motion. All ayes motion carried.

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Secretary

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Date