

MINUTES
RPA 14/ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
Corning Community Center, 601 6th Street, Corning, Iowa
2:01 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Dredge called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. at the Corning Community Center.

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	Royce Dredge
Taylor County	Charles Ambrose
Union County	Ron Riley
City of Creston	Gary Lybarger

Technical Committee

Adair County	Nick Kauffman
Adams & Taylor County	Eldon Rike
Union County	Steve Akes
City of Creston	Kevin Kruse
Iowa DOT	Scott Suhr
Southern Iowa Trolley	Leesa Lester

Administrative

SICOG	Becky Nardy
SICOG	Nancy Groth
SICOG	Tim Ostroski

III. Additions to the Agenda

Dredge inquired if there were any additions to the agenda. Upon hearing none, Riley moved to accept and approve the agenda. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of the May 10, 2016 Minutes

Riley moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting. Ambrose seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Action Items

A. Public Hearing regarding the following: RPA 14/ATURA Final FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dredge announced it was time to open the public hearing at 2:03 p.m. Twombly moved to open the public hearing. Dixon seconded the motion. This hearing is in regard to federal spending proposed in the Final RPA 14/ATURA FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Nardy has not received any oral or written comments regarding the use of federal transportation funds for this project. No comments were made during the hearing. Twombly moved and Riley seconded the motion to close the public hearing at 2:04 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Resolution approving and adopting the Final RPA 14/ATURA FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

At the May ATURA meeting, Nardy distributed the draft version of the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Technical Committee and Policy Board for their review and comments, which were then incorporated into the final document. The Technical Committee recommended approval of this document. Upon board approval, Nardy will correct page 5 of the TIP to read "Gary Lybarger" instead of "Warren Woods".

Dixon moved to Approve and Adopt Final RPA 14/ATURA FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Lybarger seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Technical Committee

Kauffman reported on Adair County's BROS Bridge Project. This project is included in the TIP with a September letting date. However, the project will actually be let in December.

Rike informed the board that Taylor County has a BROS box culvert project and a bridge project. Adams County has two asphalt overlay projects that are STP funded.

Akes reported Union County has one bridge project in the SE corner of the county with the letting scheduled for next week.

Kruse reported Creston has one bridge project with work to begin in August. The pre-construction meeting is to be held on Thursday.

B. Southern Iowa Trolley (SIT)

Lester stated SIT received their new van. They are waiting on a quote for an additional expansion van. SIT has hired four new drivers.

Lester reviewed SIT's plans to accommodate riders during RAGBRAI as was discussed at the May ATURA meeting. She also discussed SIT's plans to transport seniors to the area's county fairs.

C. Iowa DOT

Suhr stated the IDOT director is expected to make an announcement in a press release later today. Due to a budget shortage of \$4.85 million, the DOT will reduce 67 vacant positions and close two drivers' license stations located in Spencer and Carroll. In addition, they will also close 7 maintenance garages across the state effective August 31, 2016. The Corning maintenance garage is one of the facilities that the IDOT plans to close. Affected maintenance employees will have the option to relocate to another IDOT garage.

Suhr reported the DOT HWY 169 project in Afton is near completion. They are currently working on the approaches.

The city of Stuart wanted to embargo a road that trucks use to haul grain. You can only legally embargo a road 90 days. The city is concerned about the cost of road repair in the future if heavy truck usage continues. Stuart is located in the middle of two RPA's. They have been told in the past that if they have a project, they can apply for federal funds. However, the city wants to start collecting money directly to save for road repairs.

Dredge discussed the recent accident in Ringgold County at the intersection of P27/Hwy 2 that claimed five lives. While some citizens are questioning the need for more signage at the intersection, others feel the signage is adequate. Suhr replied he was not familiar with the signage at that intersection or the cause of the accident.

He did report that fatalities in Iowa are up 25%. While signage is extremely important to safety, in general many drivers are distracted. Despite signage and rumble strips, ultimately it is the responsibility of the driver to be focused and drive cautiously.

C. SICOG

1. Long Range Transportation Plan

Nardy continues to work on the RPA 14/ATURA 2016 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). She plans to complete the draft LRTP by early September and will contact technical committee and board members at that time and distribute copies of the draft. Upon reviewing the document, members are encouraged to contact Nardy

with any questions, comments or concerns. It was the consensus of the board that will not be necessary to hold an ATURA meeting in September.

VII. Informational Items

None.

VIII. Set Date of Future Meeting and Host County

Discussion was held that the next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2016 in Adair County.

IX. Adjournment

Twombly moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Date