

MINUTES

RPA 14 / ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Pizza Ranch, Creston, Iowa
1:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Ambrose called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch, Creston, Iowa.

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

Technical Committee

Adams & Taylor County	Eldon Rike
Ringgold County	Trevor Wolf
Creston	Kevin Kruse

Administrative

SICOG	Becky Nardy
SICOG	Judy Brimm
SICOG	Timothy Ostroski

III. Additions to the Agenda

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

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

IV. Approval of January 10, 2017 Minutes

Dixon moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Action Items

A. Public Hearing 1:30 p.m.

**1. Public Hearing – Final RPA 14/ATURA FY2018
Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)**

Ambrose announced it was time to open the public hearing. Kruse moved to open the public hearing at 1:31 p.m. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. This public hearing is in regards to federal spending proposed in the Final FY2018 RPA 14/ATURA Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP).

Nardy has not received any oral or written comments regarding the use of federal transportation funds for this project. Nardy noted that the targets used for this document are not final. No additional comments were made during the hearing for this item.

**2. Public Hearing – Amendment to RPA 14/ATURA Final
FY2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ambrose stated the second item for the public hearing included: a proposed Amendment to RPA 14/ATURA Final FY2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Nardy has not received any oral or written comments regarding the use of federal transportation funds for this project.

Nardy clarified that there would be ~\$1 million in city bridge funds available to complete the 5th Street Bridge project in the city of Adair.

Suhr stated that there has not been much communication between the city of Adair and the IDOT regarding this project. Suhr stated that apparently there have been discussions with the bonding company regarding them covering the cost of the expenses incurred from the original contractor. Suhr stated that there are ongoing discussions regarding the damage to the corbels. Eight (8) corbels will need to be replaced and an additional thirty-two (32) will need to be repaired. Some city representatives are considering installing a whole new bridge while others want to preserve and repair the current bridge.

Nardy noted that the city is applying for a state historical grant to help pay for a portion of the repairs. However, Nardy didn't know how much \$50,000 would cover in repairs.

Discussion included the amount of funds the city can contribute to this project. Currently the city will need to provide more than \$400,000 before ATURA will provide their \$250,000. Also, the city will be required to provide matching funds for the federal funds being received.

No additional comments were made during the hearing for this item. Twombly moved and Riley seconded the motion to close the public hearing at 1:39 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Resolution Approving Final FY2018 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Prior to the meeting, Nardy sent a draft version of the FY2018 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) to the Technical Committee and Policy Board members for their review and comments, which were then incorporated into the final document. The Technical Committee recommended approval of this document.

Nardy stated that these number are “estimates” due to the delay in funding by Congress. IDOT has projected the amount of funds they anticipate receiving. Nardy pointed out that these numbers MAY need to be revised in the future.

Dixon moved to approve the Resolution Approving Final FY2018 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Resolution Approving Amendment to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Nardy summarized the Amendment stating that the Amendment **removes** a Union County Project (TPMS #16513) STP-S-C088(51) – 5E 88 utilizing \$770,000 in regional STBG funds from the FY2017 TIP and **adds** the city of Adair 5th Street Bridge project (TPMS # Not yet determined) BHM-0022(604) – 8K – 01 utilizing up to \$250,000 in regional TAP funds to the FY2017 TIP.

Nardy noted that the remaining in City Bridge funds would be included in the TIP Resolution as previously discussed. Nardy will make the necessary changes and send the revised documents out to the members.

Riley moved to approve the Resolution approving the Amendment (as discussed) to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Technical Committee (comments/ updates)

Rike reported that the BRS project for the railroad overpass by Nodaway in Adams County will take a couple more months to complete.

Kruse updated the members on the status of the Adams Street Bridge near McKinley Park in Creston. They are currently finishing the grading and seeding. The city extended the project to include a couple extra blocks. They anticipate the bridge will be open by August 1st (weather permitting).

Wolf reported that Ringgold County will be having two (2) bid lettings in July for box culverts. Also the project on the Ringgold / Taylor County line was discussed and that project will be let in the near future.

B. Southern Iowa Trolley (SIT) (comments / updates)

None.

C. Iowa DOT (comments / updates)

Suhr reported on the micro surfacing project in Adair County on I-80.

Suhr stated that the asphalt project on Hwy. 148 (Adair/Adams County Line into Corning) should be finished this summer.

When asked about the ADA sidewalk project in Bedford, Suhr stated that project is being administered out of Ames. However, Suhr stated that those projects normally move quickly and it is anticipated that this project will be completed by the end of June or the first of July. Suhr will follow-up on this project.

D. SICOG (comments / updates)

Nardy updated the members on the Lenox Trail project and stated that this project is moving along well. Plans have been approved and the project is scheduled to go to bid in July.

Ostroski inquired about the status of the retaining wall on Townline Road. Will the cost of repairs be paid by IDOT or the city of Creston? Kruse stated that the city of Creston will be paying for those repairs and they have received a couple of bids. Discussion followed on the type of materials to be used for the new retaining wall. Kruse stated that the bids were for decorative block again. Suhr suggested that representatives from the city should research decorative concrete walls because they look better than plain concrete and they will last longer than decorative block.

Suhr stated that several have been completed in the Council Bluffs area and everyone is very pleased with the results.

Kruse inquired if there would be any asphalt plants set up in the area in the near future? Riley stated that the Creamery Road project will probably be delayed until next year (2018).

VII. Informational Items

None

VIII. Set Date of Upcoming Meeting and Host County

Nardy stated that due to the July 4th Holiday, the ATURA meeting would be moved back one week. Therefore, the next meeting will be held on July 18th in Ringgold County.

IX. Adjournment

Twombly moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Date