

MINUTES
RPA 14/ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Jamie's Coffee Mill and Deli, Mount Ayr
1:09 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Riley called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. at Jamie's Coffee Mill and Deli in Mount Ayr.

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

Adair County	Nick Kauffman
Adams County	Travis Malone
Ringgold County	Jared Johnson
Union County	Zachary Gunsolley
City of Creston	Kevin Kruse
Southern Iowa Trolley	Leesa Lester
Non-voting; Iowa DOT	Scott Suhr (by phone)

Administrative

SICOG	Stu Burzette
SICOG	Nancy Groth
SICOG	Tim Ostroski

Guest

Mayor of Corning	Jan Leonard
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III. Additions to the Agenda

Riley inquired if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none. Twombly moved to approve the agenda. Ambrose seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of the January 14, 2020 ATURA Policy Board Meeting Minutes.

Twombly moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting. Ambrose seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Action Items

A. Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the RPA-14/ATURA Final FY2021-2026 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)

Riley announced it was time to open the public hearing. Twombly moved to open the public hearing at 1:10 p.m. Minnick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. This public hearing is in regard to discuss the RPA 14 / ATURA Final FY2021-2026 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP).

Burzette reported he has not received any oral or written comments regarding the Passenger Transportation Plan. No additional comments were made during the hearing for this item.

Dixon moved to close the public hearing at 1:11 p.m. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Adoption of Resolution Approving the Final FY2021-2026 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)

The ATURA Technical Committee and the ATURA Policy Board have reviewed the Final FY2021-2026 PTP. The draft document had been made available for public review and comments. No comments were received from the public. He received comments from the DOT and has incorporated several minor changes into the draft. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the document to the Policy Board.

Dixon moved to adopt the Resolution approving the RPA-14/ATURA Final FY2021-2026 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP). Ambrose seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Application from the City of Corning for \$120,000 in FY2021 Regional Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds for a trail project.

Ambrose moved to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee and approve an award of up to \$120,000 in FY2021 Regional Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds to the City of Corning for a trail project. Twombly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Discussion or Informational Items

A. Iowa DOT – Scott Suhr

The bridge project in Adair County on Hwy 92 is to be let on March 16th. The detour route will be P-33 to Henry Wallace Road to Orient, then back to Hwy 92.

Ringgold County has a future bridge project on Hwy 169. Malone asked where the official detour for 169 will be, because two of the farm-to-market roads are rough. Suhr is not sure of the detour route and said the project has not been let yet. He will have more details after the letting.

Twombly asked if Suhr has heard any more about moving the district office from Atlantic to Council Bluffs. Suhr does not have any further information on relocation. He thinks the earliest the DOT would bring the request to the State would be in 2022-2023. The new DOT director will be visiting the district within the next several months and Suhr will probably know more after that.

Gunsolley stated that several engineers will be going to the Capitol tomorrow to talk to legislators and wondered if their input would be of any benefit. Suhr stated that the engineers could certainly continue to express their thoughts against the relocation of the district office.

B. Technical Committee
Adair County – Nick Kauffman

The Adair County SWAP project is almost finished.

Bids for P-28 came in at \$3.6 million so they will be using the full \$3.1 million STBG-SWAP funds they requested. The bid was more than they expected. The contract is for 17 miles of asphalt.

Adams County – Travis Malone

The bridge letting on the Corning road is scheduled for March 30th.

EWP letting is on April 6th. A third EWP will be let 2 weeks later.

Corning's Hull Street bridge is to be let late fall to early winter.

Prescott was awarded funds for a city-state bridge project for FY23.

Ringgold County – Jared Johnson

Ringgold County has a box culvert project in April.

They also have a couple of bridge replacements later in the year and some road projects as well.

Union County – Zach Gunsolley

Union County's bridge letting scheduled for February has been delayed to July. A chemical stabilization was completed in February.

City of Creston – Kevin Kruse

The letting of the bridge project on Sycamore Street has been moved back to September.

Southern Iowa Trolley (SIT) – Leesa Lester

With the widespread COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation, Lester is working closely with staff on a plan to protect public transit drivers and riders. As a preventative measure, she has been purchasing disinfectant products for each bus, but available supplies are limited. The Government has emergency funds available for transit authorities to fight against the COVID-19 virus. She will leave tomorrow to attend a DC Fly-In on Capitol Hill this weekend. Lester is hoping to get additional information on assistance and disinfectant supplies for buses. With SIT located in a rural area, it may be difficult to find extra help to disinfect the buses.

Due to a decline in ridership numbers, SIT will be receiving \$55,000 to \$60,000 less in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding than last year. Lester is hoping to make ends meet without having to lay off any SIT drivers.

C. SICOG - Stu Burzette

- a. IDOT - Burzette received a note from the Interim Director stating they have fixed the STBG, TAP, and STBG-TAP Flex targets.
- b. STBG - Burzette sent the engineers his first draft of new STBG scoring criteria and welcomes suggestions from the Technical Committee as they work together to make improvements to the scoring process.
- c. PPP – Burzette will be sending the draft PPP to the DOT for review. The final PPP may be ready for adoption at the May ATURA meeting.
- d. TIP – Work has begun on the TIP.
- e. TPWP – The final TPWP will be presented for adoption at the May ATURA meeting.

D. Other from the public

There were no comments from the public.

VII. Set Date of Future Meeting and Host County

Discussion was held that the next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2020 in Adams County.

VIII. Adjournment

Twombly moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Minnick seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Date