

Minutes of the RPA 15 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
February 13th, 2021

TAC Committee Members Present:

Jeff Skalberg
Rick Tebbs
Andrew McGuire
Dave Sedivec
Jay Allison

Sean Murphy
Scott Cline
Larry Seals
Ashley Utt

Others Present

Chris Kukla – RPA 15
Luis Leon-Luis Leon Engineering
John Wenk-Iowa DNR

Richard Daugherty-Van Buren Conservation
Ken Roethler-Garden and Associates

Electronic meeting statement. The RPA is holding this meeting by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa. As a result of community spread in the State of Iowa and the State Public Health Emergency Declaration Issued on March 20th, 2020. As a result of community spread in the state and guidance from the CDC and IDPH it is impractical for the RPA to meet in person. Therefore, this meeting is being held by conference call. It is open to the public and the public can call in and join by conference call. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4

Call to Order. Skalberg called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Action Items

Review of the minutes. Tebbs made a motion to approve the February 11th, 2021 as presented, Sedivec seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Review and take action on SWAP applications.

Keswick. Requesting \$975.450 in FFY22 for a PCC reconstruction of Irons Street with curb and gutter from 100ft north of Churchill Street to the NCL.

Staff recommendation: Not approve application as there is not funding available. Recommend city inquire about re-applying in future and try to reduce cost.

McGuire: Asked if additional funding into Special Projects for small cities had been looked at.

Kukla responded that if there was a substantial increase to the region it would be something to consider, but he had not investigated it as the funds would have to come from other allocations.

Seals motion to not approve the application, Sedivec seconded the motion. All present voted aye, motion approved.

Wapello County. Requesting \$2.000.000 in FFY25 for an HMA replacement on 87th Street from 194th Ave to 220th Ave.

Staff recommendation: Approve application as presented.

Seals motion to approve, Allison seconded the motion. All present voted aye, motion approved.

Review, score and take action on TAP applications.

Van Buren County. Requestion \$208,000 for FFY21 to construct an accessible launch at Austin Park.

Staff recommendation: If the project scores an average of 60 points, approve application as presented.

Utt motion to approve, McGuire seconded the motion. All present voted aye, motion approved.

Discuss and take action on an exception policy for TIP revision. Per TIP/STIP guidelines, the application process for new projects also applies to requests for additional funds to existing projects. The RPA can implement an exception policy with criteria/thresholds that allows additional funds to be added without going through a full application cycle.

Staff Recommendaion: A project requesting to increase the awarded amount less than 20% or no greater than \$200,000, whichever is less, may be submitted using shorter revision request form and not go through a full application cycle. Other changes will continue to use the revision request form. All revision requests will follow the RPA Public Participation process for revising a TIP.

McGuire suggested a policy if sponsor has available balance can use short form, if requesting to borrow ahead must go through full application cycle. Murphy said that this could result in a considerable change to the project. Kukla suggested increasing the thresholds to less than 30% or \$300,000.

The committee agreed with the revised exception policy: A project requesting to increase the awarded amount less than 30% or no greater than \$300,000, whichever is less, may be submitted using shorter revision request form and not go through a full application cycle. Other changes will continue to use the revision request form. All revision requests will follow the RPA Public Participation process for revising a TIP.

McGuire made a motion to approve the revised exception policy, Murphy seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Review Items

Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects. No projects were discussed.

Other.

Next meeting. June 10th, 2021 @ 10am

Adjourn. *McGuire made a motion to adjourn, Cline seconded the motion.* All aye, motion passed.