

Minutes of the RPA 15 Policy Board meeting  
Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Policy Board Members Present:

Tom Lazio  
Lee Dimmit  
Michael Schrock  
Jim Morlan

Daryl Wood  
Steve Wanders  
Wayne Huit  
Ed Malloy

Others Present

Chris Kukla – RPA 15

**Call to Order.** Lazio called the Policy Board to order at 11:36am.

**Minutes.** The minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting were reviewed . Dimmit made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Wood seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion passed.

**TIP Administrative Modifications.** No action necessary, for information purposes.

- a. Changed STBG and TAP funds to SWAP funds on the Fairfield Hwy 1 project.
- b. Moved \$12,000 in TAP funds forward from FY19 to FY20 for Keokuk Co Belva Deer Trail Project for Construction Engineering. Project was authorized in 19, but CE contract was not signed so CE funds needed to be moved to 20.

**Discuss changes to Pavement Management Program.** Iowa DOT will be changing how often pavement management data is collected for secondary and local roads from every two years to four years. Region has option to pay to continue to have data collected every two years. Next collection cycle for region will be 2021. If region wanted to continue at current level, can pay an extra \$102,000 every four years with STBG funds. Need to decide in spring.

Schrock and Lazio said that Oskaloosa and Ottumwa use the program. Dimmit and Wood said that Jefferson and Keokuk Co do not use the program.

**Discuss proposed Iowa DOT US 34 improvements in Ottumwa.** Iowa DOT held a public meeting and comment period at the end of August on improvements/changes to US 34 in Ottumwa, DOT is currently reviewing the comments received. Planning commission comments: Option 3 (roundabout option) appear to be good for future traffic movement, concerns about Quincy Avenue and entrance to mall causing traffic to back up to Quincy/34. Have additional pedestrian underpass connecting parks around 34/Wapello St. Underpasses near Market St should be closer to intersection or between Market/Jefferson. Vegetation near roundabouts should be low maintenance not require regular mowing.

Lazio said the City submitted comments/concerns about the options to DOT. Did not want the addition of traffic signals (option 2) but had concerns about roundabouts (option 3).

**Status updates on active Road, Bridge and Trails projects.** Belva Deer Trail – bides came in under, construction in spring. Fairfield Hwy 1 – council to review proposed roundabout, expected to be approved.

**Next Meeting.** To be determined

**Adjournment.** Wood made a motion to adjourn at 12:00pm, Dimmit seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.