

RPA 15

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, 10:00am

Area 15 RPC Conference Room

224 E Second Street, Ottumwa

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Roll Call:

(Current) Chairperson: _____ Melanie Carlson, Fairfield City Engineer
(Current) Vice-Chair: _____ Sean Murphy, Oskaloosa Deputy Public Works Director
Secretary: _____ RPC Staff (Hector Hernandez-Morales)

_____ Brad Skinner, Wapello County Engineer	_____ Chris Clingan, Mahaska County Conservation
_____ Phillip Burgmeier, Ottumwa City Engineer	_____ Shawn Morrissey, Jefferson County Conservation
_____ Rick Tebbs, Wapello County Conservation	_____ Open, Van Buren County
_____ DeWayne Heintz, Jefferson County Engineer	_____ Ryne Thornburg, Van Buren County Engineer
_____ Open, Enhancement/Keokuk County	_____ Jay Allison, 10-15 Transit Administrator
_____ Andrew McGuire, Keokuk/Mahaska Co. Engineer	_____ Ashley Utt, Regional Representative

Call to Order.

Action Items

1. **Minutes.** Review/approve February 19th, 2025, minutes.
2. **TAP Applications**
 - a. **Ottumwa – West Leve Link Trail:** City of Ottumwa is requesting \$302,200 in FY27
3. **STBG Applications**
 - a. **10-15 Transit – Bus purchase:** Is requesting \$148,000 in STBG funds for FFY26 to purchase a new bus.
 - b. **10-15 Transit – Van purchase:** Is requesting \$76,000 for FFY26 to purchase a new van.
 - c. **City of Delta – County Rd V33:** Is requesting \$378,300 FFY26 to repair .40 Miles of Ariel Road
 - d. **Mahaska County--** is to change the project to remove bridge replacement project from FY 2025 STIP and add project as locally funded Bridge Replacement project in CFYP 2025. This is a 30% increase in funding.
4. **Transportation Improvement Program:**
 - a. **Mahaska County-- G15 Over Buckley Creek (Middle BR)** is to change the project to remove bridge replacement project from FY 2025 STIP and add project as locally funded Bridge Replacement project in CFYP 2025

Review Items

1. **Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects.** Project sponsors may discuss the status of current projects.

Other

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1. **Trail Plan 2025/26** is being updated. Trails plan 2021 almost five years old. Currently working on updating the GIS mapping for Wapello County. I am currently working with Park and Rec, the public works of city of Ottumwa, and Trails group in Wapello County. Please let me know of any project that has been done, or suggestions on trails plan process/layout.
2. **TIP Draft** is currently being worked on. Annual process.
3. **New ArcGIS mapping software**
4. **Vacancy in TAC?** Open, Enhancement/Keokuk County/ Open, Van Buren County Suggustions to reach out to.
5. **Other?**
6. **Adjourn**

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Minutes of the RPA 15 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
February 19th, 2025

TAC Committee Members Present:

Sean Murphy	Ryne Thornburg
Phillp Burgmeier	Melanie Carlson
Chris Clingan	Ashley Utt
Shawn Morrissey	Jay Allison
Brad Skinner	

Others Present

Chris Kukla – IDOT
Hector Hernandez-Morales – RPA 15

Call to Order. Hernandez-Morales called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

Action Items

Review of Minutes. Allison made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Burgmeier seconded the motion. All aye, motion approved.

Election for Officer: Allison made a motion to make Carlson Chair and Burgmeier Vice Chair. Murphy seconded the motion. All aye, motion approved.

Long Improvement Program: Wapello County- T61 Skinner presented on the application. Wapello County has submitted a revision amendment to change the description of the length of the project from 1 to 1.0 miles. Brad talked to the Region 17 regarding this change and said the federal project would change if the scope of work changes. Burgmeier and Murphy brought up the address that needs to be updated as it says 536 Mill St instead of T61. Hernandez-Morales will make changes in terms of the minutes and the agenda. All aye, motion approved. Recommendation moves forward to policy board to allow description of the length from 1 to 1.0 Miles.

Transportation Improvement Program: 235th Bridge Replacement over Reeds Creek. Request for administration modification was submitted by Van Buren County. Thornburg presented on the application. Thornburg, a project that is not approved which made Van Buren County move forward with this project for FY25 instead of FY26. Burgmeier made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program, Allison seconded the motion. All aye, motion approved. Recommendation to make forward to policy board to move project from FY26 to FY25.

Review Items

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

Hernandez-Morales said the application for STBG/SWAP and TAP projects will be due on April 1st, 4:30 PM. Hernandez-Morales also mentioned that project one application has been submitted

for the City of Delta for STBG/SWAP funds this year. Hector also talked about counties and groups interested in applying for TAP funds.

Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:16am

Hector Hernandez-Morales, Area 15 RPC