

Minutes of the RPA 15 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

TAC Committee Members Present:

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

Others Present

Hector Hernandez-Morales – RPA 15  
Chris Kukla – Iowa DOT district planner

**Call to Order.** Burgmeier called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

**Action Items**

**Review of Minutes** **Thornburg** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Tebbs seconded the motion. All aye, motion approved.

**Transportation Improvement Program:** Hernandez-Morales presented the document for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY26-29. Hernandez made corrections from the Iowa DOT comments. Hernandez emailed the updated table with funding of STBG and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds. Ryne Thornburg asked about a bridge project funded by the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) to be a concern since it is scheduled for FY25 and not FY26. Hernandez confirmed that project ID number 44676 would not have an impact on TIP being approved, the reason for program being listed is just in case the project is not complete or let on time and would need to be moved to FY26. Hernandez stated this was preferred by DOT staff on the TPMS program. Allison made a motion to approve **Transportation Improvement Program 26-29**. Skinner seconded the motion. All aye, motion approved.

**Transportation Improvement Program—Amendment (Revision): Van Buren County:** On 235<sup>th</sup> Rd. Over Creed Creek, S11T68 R08, Ryne presented the revision proposal. Engineers estimate has increased since the programming of this project due to design changes to account for subsurface conditions and geometry. Increase from \$600,000 to \$805,000. Amendment is required since the project is increasing more than 30% of federal funds. This project uses HBP funds which would not impact on the STBG/SWAP mentioned by Hernandez-Morales. Thornburg mentioned that the agenda was not the correct fund amount and would need to be corrected to **\$800,000**. Burgmeier made the motion to approve amendment **increase to \$800,000**. Allison seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion carried.

**Transportation Improvement Program—Amendment (Revision): Wapello County:** On T67(Kirkville Road), from Hwy 63 N 2.9 miles to South City Limits, Brad Skinner presented on the amendment. The change would be updating the projects description to remove the portion in Kirkville which changes the scope of work. **Burgmeier motioned to approve the revision.** Allison seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion carried.

**Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – Wapello County –T61**  
(Monroe/Wapello Rd), from Blakeburg NCL 3.6 miles to HWY 34 revised project description to remove portion in Blakeburg which will be a different work scope. Skinners presented on the revision. **Burgmeier motioned to approve amendment.** Thornburg seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion carried.

**Review Items**

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

**Others:** Hernandez-Morales said the Regional Trail Plan 2025/26 is being updated and is currently working on the layout and chapters and will be reaching out to staff (public works, engineers, park and rec, conservation) regarding implementation plans and community input.

Hernandez had an update on the vacancy from the Van Buren County Trail representative. Richard Daugherty would be filling in the vacancy position from Van Buren County Trails representative. Richard works in the Van Buren County Conservation. The vacancy would be in the policy board meeting on 6/26/2025 agenda to be formally approved by the governing board.

**Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 10:27am

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Hector Hernandez-Morales, Area 15 RPC