

Minutes of the RPA 15 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
April 17th, 2020

TAC Committee Members Present:

Jeff Skalberg	Jay Allison
Rick Tebbs	Dave Sedivec
Scott Cline	Jeff Skalberg
Larry Seals	Ashley Utt
Ryne Thornburg	
Melanie Carlson	

Others Present

Chris Kukla – RPA 15	Hector Torres-Cacho-IDOT
Ken Roethler -Garden Associates	Blake and Ron - Keswick

Call to Order. Cline called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

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

Review of the minutes. Allison made a motion to approve the June 16th, 2019 as presented, Seals seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Election of Officers. Cline made a motion to nominate McGuire as Chair, Seals seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.
Cline made a motion to nominate Skalberg as Vice Chair, Seals seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Review/Approve STBG/SWAP applications.

- a. **10-15 Transit.** Requested a total of \$176,000 to replace four buses in FFY21. The buses to be replaced are 151, 102, 152 and 156. Seals made a motion to approve 10-15's request, Carlson seconded the motion. All present voted aye motion approved.
- b. **Farmington.** Requested \$362,650 in FFY21 for the reconstruction and resurfacing of 0.28 miles of Olive Street, from Hwy 2 to ECL.
- c. **Keswick.** Requested \$960,760 in FFY21 for the reconstruction of Irons Street from Churchill St to the NCL.

No one from Farmington was present.

Roethler presented information the City had previously spent \$40,000 road, patched 25% and described road as having heavy truck traffic. Skalberg asked if project would replace road as is, 31ft wide. Roethler replied yes.

Kukla noted that both Farmington and Keswick if funded would be funded out of special projects, RPA had already spent out ahead in special projects and was negative, only getting close to \$0 in FFY24. Thornburg asked if the special projects balance included the final amount for Bonaparte. Kukla said no, the RPA was still waiting for the final closure of Bonaparte and University Park. Cline asked how to proceed when funding was limited. Kukla replied that the RPA could tell the sponsors that no funding is available and ask them to re-apply another year, or ask them if they would accept a lower amount and programming in an out year like FFY23 or 4.

Thornburg suggested denying Keswick due to a lack of funding available and that it would keep the RPA negative over a decade. Would leave decision on Farmington to others due to it being in his county. Seals made a motion to deny both Farmington and Keswick due to a lack of funding. Carlson seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

- d. **Jefferson County.** Requested \$430,000 in FFY21 for an HMA overly on 1.14 miles of 32nd Street (H33) from Jackpine Loop to Libertyville Road. Project includes \$220,000 from the W40 150th to Washington Co Line and is currently in the STIP that will be removed. Thornburg made a motion to approve Jefferson County's request. Allison seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.
- e. **Van Buren County.** Requested \$1,900,000 in FFY22 for the resurfacing of 5.7 miles of J40 from the Davis Co line to V64. Allison made a motion to approved Van Buren County's request; Cline seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Review/approve TAP Applications. No TAP applications were received.

Need SWAP Project for FFY24. Kukla discussed the need for a road project for FFY24 to show IDOT that the RPA has need and is using the funds it receives. Currently the RPA has projects in 3 of the four years of the TIP. Asked if a city/county could submit a project application, would need it by June 1st

Discuss changes to the Pavement Management Program. Kukla discussed changes to the pavement management program, that DOT is switching to a four year cycle for secondary and local roads (from two years). Region has option to "buy in) to continue to have data collected every two years, cost would be \$102,059 every four years.

Skalberg asked what other RPAs around us were doing. It was also asked when the last data for the region was collected. Group discussed who used pavement data, several counties, Van Buren, Jefferson, and the City of Ottumwa indicated they use the data as a secondary source and would be ok with it collected every four years. Cline asked if group wanted to make decision today or wait to gather more info and hear opinions from others not present.

Skalberg made motion to table decision, Sedivec seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects. Cline discussed Jefferson County bonding for asphalt resurfacing projects. Carlson discussed the roundabout being approved for Hwy 1 and Libertyville Rd, also said City may ask for some project revisions.

Next Meeting. June 2020.

Adjourn. Allison made a motion to adjourn at 11:13am, Seals seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Chris Kukla, Area 15 RPC