

**Region 10
Policy Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 28, 2023
Via Zoom**

The following members participated:

Adam Griggs, Linn County
Rob Fangmann, Cedar County
Bob Yoder, Washington County
Tom Brase, Johnson County
Brad Gaul, Cedar County
Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Linn County
Chris Montross, Iowa County
Jon Green, Johnson County
Kevin Heitshusen, Iowa County

Members Absent:

Tracy Seeman, Benton County
Jaron Rosien, Washington County
Jon Zirkelbach, Jones County
Mitch McDonough, Benton County
Dave Geodken, Jones County

Alternates participating:

None

Staff present:

Mary Rump, ECICOG

Others participating:

Cathy Cutler, Iowa DOT

1.0 Call to Order

Yoder called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

2.0 Routine Matters

.1 Approval of Agenda

Rump asked if the committee would consider amending the agenda to allow Item 3.8 to be added to discuss the statewide planning fund formula.

M/S/C (Griggs, Heitshusen) to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes.

.2 Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Fangmann, Heitshusen) to approve the minutes. All ayes.

.3 Public Comment

None

3.0 New Business

.1 Public Hearing for FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

M/S/C (Griggs, Brase) to open the public hearing at 1:38. All ayes.

Rump indicated that the TIP included all new STBG applications tentatively approved by the committee at the April meeting, as well as all previously programmed projects. She indicated that the document had been available for public review, but no comments from the public were received.

M/S/C (Gaul, Greene) to close the public hearing at 1:41 pm. All ayes.

.2 Public Hearing for Public Participation Plan (PPP)

M/S/C (Griggs, Heitshusen) to open the public hearing at 1:42. All ayes.

Rump indicated that the PPP was primarily updated to allow for more online engagement in the planning and programming process. She indicated that the document had been available for public review, but no comments from the public were received.

M/S/C (Griggs, Heitshusen) to close the public hearing at 1:45 pm. All ayes.

.3 Consider Approval of FY 2024-2027 TIP

M/S/C (Heitshusen, Griggs) to approve the FY 2024-2027 TIP and authorize the Chair to sign to adopting resolution. All ayes.

.4 Consider Approval of PPP

M/S/C (Green, Montross) to approve the PPP and authorize the Chair to sign the adopting resolution. All ayes.

.5 Consider Approval of Amended Policy Committee Bylaws

M/S/C (Fangmann, Gaul) to approve the amended bylaws. All ayes.

.6 FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment Requests

The following amendments have been requested:

- Johnson County Conservation – requested a revised scope of work for their Clear Creek Trail project due to landowner issues and resulting cost increases.
- CorridorRides – requested numerous revised vehicle costs and federal participation amounts. These are necessary due to the significant increases in bids for replacement vehicles.

M/S/C (Brase, Fangmann) to approve the amendments. All ayes.

.7 Letter of Support for ECICOG Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Application

In partnership with two adjacent COG's, ECICOG will be applying for funding to complete a safety action plan for all cities in the region (except cities covered by area MPO applications). Since the county engineers have already received an award to complete a plan for the secondary road system, all roadways in the region will be covered by a safety action plan if the application is successful.

(Griggs, Montross) to authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support. All ayes.

.8 Planning Formula Funds

Rump explained that each RPA receives annual planning funds using a formula based on three factors: ½ of the formula is a flat amount available to each RPA (currently about \$16,000), ¼ is based on population, and ¼ is based on the number of counties in the RPA. An alternative formula has been proposed to replace the ¼ based on counties to reflect the statewide proportion of square miles in each RPA. Rump asked if the committee had any feedback. Hearing none, Rump indicated that her preference was to maintain the current formula and she would convey that to Iowa DOT.

4.0 Old Business

.1 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Update

Rump indicated that the ATP survey will close at the end of June. This is one month longer than planned due to the significant number of responses received. Sidewalk

assessments have been completed for Benton, Cedar, Johnson, Jones, and most of Washington Counties. Iowa and Linn County assessments will be completed in the next couple of weeks. County meeting date haven't been set, but committee members will be notified once the dates are confirmed.

5.0 Adjournment and Set Next Meeting Date

M/S/C (Heitshusen, Montross) to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 PM and set the next meeting for September 27, 2023, rather than September 21st as originally proposed. All ayes.