

**Region 10
Policy Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Via Zoom**

The following members participated:

Adam Griggs, Linn County
Rob Fangmann, Cedar County
Bob Yoder, Washington County
Tracy Seeman, Benton 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:

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:

Steve Bixler, Mayor of Clarence
Joseph Williams, Clarence City Clerk

1.0 Call to Order

Yoder called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2.0 Routine Matters

.1 Approval of Agenda

Rump asked if the committee would consider amending the agenda to allow Item 3.5 to immediately follow Item 2.1 for the convenience of the members of the public participating.

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

Item 3.5 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Applications

Rump summarized the nine applications that were submitted. She reviewed the priorities of the counties, and the recommendation from the TTAC to fund eight of the nine applications, with the application from Clarence being the one excluded. Bixler asked for additional consideration of the City of Clarence's application. Gaul and Fangmann responded, and discussion followed.

M/S/C (Green, Montross) to tentatively approve the applications as recommended by the TTAC. All ayes, except one nay from Heitshusen.

.2 Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Gaul, Griggs) to approve the minutes. All ayes.

.3 Public Comment

None

3.0 New Business

.1 Election of Officers

M/S/C (Seeman, Heitshusen) to nominate and elect Yoder as Chairperson. All ayes

M/S/C (Green, Brase) to nominate and elect Green as Vice Chair. All ayes.

M/S/C (Montross, Green) to nominate and elect Montross as Secretary. All ayes.

.2 FY 2024 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Rump summarized the purpose of the plan and reviewed the planning budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

M/S/C (Gaul Fangmann) to approve the FY 2024 TPWP and authorize the Chair to sign to adopting resolution. All ayes.

.3 Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Rump reviewed the draft PPP and indicated that there were no comments during the 45-day public review/comment period. The committee will be asked to consider approval at the June meeting.

.4 Review Policy Committee Bylaws

Rump indicated that the bylaws haven't been reviewed in a number of years and contain references to outdate legislation. As requested by the committee, the bylaw changes have been reviewed by the TTAC. The TTAC had no comments. The committee will be asked to consider approval at the June meeting.

.6 FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments

The following amendments have been requested:

- City of Oxford Center St Bridge over Hurtzel Run to receive City Bridge Funds of \$1,500,000;
 - City of Springville 5th Ave Bridge over Little Big Creek to receive City Bridge Funds of \$1,500,000;
 - City of Wellman 9th Ave Bridge over Smith Creek moved to FY 2024;
 - City of Vinton E. 13th St Bridge over Mudd Creek to receive City Bridge Funds of \$1,500,000
 - Pavement Management Data Collection opt in of \$174,831 for FY 2023.
- M/S/C (Griggs, Gaul) to approve the amendments. All ayes.

4.0 Old Business

.1 TAP Update

Iowa DOT has still not given RPAs and MPOs authorization to solicit new TAP applications. Since it will be impossible to solicit and approve new applications before the TIP is due in July, new TAP applications won't be accepted for this cycle. The current plan is to open the next TAP application cycle in September.

.2 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Update

The ATP update is underway. A Talk to ECICOG site has been deployed to allow for public input. A survey, mapping exercise and opportunity to share ideas are all available

on the Talk to ECICOG site. Open houses are being planned in County in June. Staff are conferring with RTAC members to finalize dates and locations.

.3 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

The second round of SS4A funding is underway. Applications are being accepted until July 10, 2023. Rump intends to apply for funding to complete a Safety Action Plan for all cities in the RPA (excluding metropolitan cities). The secondary roads within the RPA will be covered by a SS4A grant that was awarded during the first round of funding.

5.0 Adjournment

M/S/C (Heitshusen, Gaul) to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 PM and set the next meeting for June 28, 2023. All ayes.