

RPA 15 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 19th, 2024– 10:00am
Area 15 RPC Conference Room
224 E Second Street, Ottumwa

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Roll Call:

___ (Wapello County Engineer)	___ Chris Clingan (Mahaska County Conservation)
___ Sean Murphy (Oskaloosa Engineering Tech)	___ Shawn Morrissey (Jefferson County Conservation)
___ Rick Tebbs (Wapello County Conservation)	___ Kim Steele-Blair (Van Buren County Trails)
___ DeWayne Heintz. (Jefferson County Engineer)	___ Ryne Thornburg (Van Buren County Engineer)
___ Open (Enhancement rep from Keokuk County)	___ Melanie Carlson, Chair (City of Fairfield Engineer)
___ Andrew McGuire, (Keokuk and Mahaska County Engineer)	___ Ashley Utt (Regional Representative)
___ Phillip Burgmeier Vice Chair (City of Ottumwa Engineer)	___ Jay Allison (10-15 Transit Administrator)

1. Call to Order.

Action Items

2. **Minutes.** Review/approve May 15th, 2024, minutes.
3. **Long-Range Transportation Plan:** Discuss/Approve Forward 2045 the RPA 15 Long-Range Transportation Plan. The document is available for review at: <https://tinyurl.com/Forward2045LRTP>.
4. **Transportation Improvement Program:** Review/Approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the region.

Review Items

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

Other

6. **TBD.**
7. **Adjourn.**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Area 15 RPC by 10 AM June 18th, 2024 at Chris.Kukla@area15rpc.com. This courtesy will assist the RPC in determining if a quorum will be present. If it is determined that a quorum will not be present, the RPC can then advise other TAC members.

Minutes of the RPA 15 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
May 15th, 2024

TAC Committee Members Present:

Sean Murphy	Chris Clingan
Rick Tebbs	Shawn Morrissey
DeWayne Heintz	Melanie Carlson
Phillip Burgmeier	Ashley Utt
Ryne Thornburg	Jay Allison

Others Present

Chris Kukla – RPA 15	Kim Hellige – Wapello Co Trails
Hector Torres-Cacho – Iowa DOT	

Call to Order. Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Action Items

Review of Minutes. Thornburg made a motion to approve with the correction that his name was spelled in correct in the previous minutes, Allison seconded the motion. All aye, motion approved.

Election of Officers: Skalberg currently chair of the TAC, will be leaving Wapello Co and the region in about a month. Thornburg made a motion to move Carlson to Chair and Burgmeier as Vice Chair, Heintz seconded. All aye, motion passed.

TIP Revisions.

Keokuk County – G13: Add G13 as an illustrative project. Keokuk County is applying for congressionally directed funds through Congresswoman Miller-Meeks for G13 from V44 east to 225th Ave. Project is currently in FFY28, request will move project forward to FFY24 as an illustrative project. Project will be revised to show funding source if selected.

Torres-Cacho said that Nunn’s office was asking for letters of recommendation from the Iowa DOT for earmark projects, was the only congressional office asking for letters. Heintz said Miller-Meeks office asked for letters from local jurisdictions.

Thornburg made a motion to approve Keokuk County’s request, Heintz seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

TAP Applications.

Ottumwa – Oxbow Lagoon Link Trail: City of Ottumwa is requesting an additional \$210,964 in TAP funds for the Oxbow Lagoon Trail which will run from Wapello St Extension, south around the lagoon parallel to Richmond and Church to the end of the existing trail behind business on Church. Project was previously awarded \$318,000 TAP funds in 2022 for FFY2024.

Morrissey asked about moving Jefferson Co Cedar View Trail project back from 2026 to 2027 due to funding and give funding to Ottumwa. Thornburg asked about the status of other projects funded at the same time as Ottumwa. Kukla responded that Keosauqua was fully funded and working through the DOT project development process, Jefferson Co was programmed in 2026 and could

apply for additional next cycle and the funding be added to 2026 or the project could be moved to 2027.

Thornburg made a motion to approve Ottumwa's request, Morrissey seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion approved.

STBG Applications

10-15 Transit – Bus Purchase for Expansion: 10-15 is request \$160,000 in STBG funds for FFY25 to purchase a new bus, this vehicle is not a replacement but a new expansion vehicle.

Murphy asked about STBG funds being used for Transit vehicle purchases. Kukla responded that funds could be used for Transit vehicles, also certain fixed infrastructure improvements. 10-15 had requested funds for vehicles previously, it had been several years since the last request.

Jefferson County – H43: Jefferson County is requesting \$1,400,000 in STBG funds for FFY25 for a project on H43 Libertyville Road from V64 in Libertyville to Fairfield CL. Project will include pavement rehab with installing drainage and paved shoulders that may be used by bicyclists, rehab will involve PCC patching and asphalt overlay. Additional funding on this project will include \$2,500,000 in congressional directed funding through Congresswoman Miller-Meeks office. Jefferson County will be removing Germanville Road, currently programmed in FFY26, to program this project.

Wapello County – T61: Wapello County is requesting \$340,000 in STBG funds for FFY25 for a project on T61 Monroe-Wapello Road from highway 137 to 170th St. Project is a joint project with Monroe County, will include a new HMA overlay.

Thornburg made a motion to approve 10-15, Jefferson County, and Wapello County's requests, Burgmeier seconded the request. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Van Buren County – W20: Van Buren County is request \$1,200,000 in STBG funds for FFY28 for a project on W20 from Highway 2 to J56 and J56 from W20 to Nova Ave. Project includes recycling of surface and new HMA overlay. Culverts will be repaired/replaced with local funds.

Heintz made a motion to approve Van Buren County's request, Burgmeier seconded the request. All present voted aye; motion approved.

Review Items

Status on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects. Murphy: S 7th St near completion, need to finish some seeding.

Burgmeier: Mary Street to be let this year.

Carlson: Highway 1: from Liberyville Road to Fillmore open including roundabout. Burlington Ave Bridge project let.

Next Meeting: Thursday June 13th at 10am

Adjourn. Thornburg made a motion to adjourn at 10:49am, Heintz seconded. All present voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

Chris Kukla, Area 15 RPC