

NOTICE OF RPA 15 POLICY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 25th at 11:00am
Transit Office, 612 S Madison, Ottumwa
Or by phone 551-258-5668

Board Members

Chairperson: _____ Dale House Van Buren County Supervisor
Vice-Chair: _____ Daryl Wood Keokuk County Supervisor
Secretary: _____ RPC Staff

_____ Amal Eltalhir, Oskaloosa City Manager _____ Rick Johnson, Ottumwa City Mayor
_____ Doug Reinert, Fairfield City Administrator _____ Steve Wanders, Mahaska County Supervisor
_____ Jim Morlan, Sigourney City Mayor _____ Bryan Ziegler, Wapello County Supervisor
_____ OPEN, City Rep/Van Buren County _____ Lee Dimmit, Jefferson County Supervisor

1. Call to Order.

Action Items

1. **Minutes.** Review/approve June 22nd, 2023 minutes.
2. **Election of Officers.** Select a Chair and Vice Chair for 2024.
2. **Transportation Improvement Program Revisions.**
 - a. **Keosauqua – Lower Des Moines River Water Trail Improvements:** Revise project description to read “in the City of Keosauqua, water trail improvements on the Des Moines River at Market Street and Dodge Street.” And update map to match. Description previously read “In the City of Keosauqua on Front St, from Van Buren St NE to Lucas St.”

Discussion Items

3. **Long-Range Transportation Plan Discussion.**
 - a. Discuss Goals.
 - b. Discuss Projects of Regional Significance.
4. **Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects.** Project sponsors may discuss the status of current projects.

Other

5. **Next Meeting.** April 2024?
6. **Adjourn.**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call Area 15 RPC at 641-684-6551 by 10 AM Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 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 Policy Board members.

Minutes of the RPA 15 Policy Board meeting
Thursday June 22nd, 2023

Policy Board Members Present:

Dale House
Daryl Wood
Melanie Carlson

Rick Johnson
Bryan Ziegler
Lee Dimmit

Others Present

Chris Kukla – RPA 15, Ahillan Kumar – RPA 15

Call to Order. House called the Policy Board to order at 11:03am.

Action Items

Approve Minutes. Board noted the date of the previous minutes were incorrect. *Dimmit made a motion to approve with date corrected, Johnson seconded the motion.* All present voted aye; motion passed.

New Applications and TIP Revisions

Ottumwa - North Court Street Reconstruction: City is applying for \$2,563,960 in SWAP funds to be programmed in FY27 for the PCC reconstruction of N Court Street between Park Ave and Vogel. Work will include a bus lane by Horace Mann school and a multi-use path. *Dimmit made a motion to approve, Wood seconded the motion.* All aye, motion passed.

Fairfield – Bus 34 over West Crow Creek: City is applying for an additional \$660,000 in SWAP funds for the bridge replacement over West Crow Creek. Project is programmed in FY24 and includes trail improvements. *Dimmit made a motion to approve, Johnson seconded the motion.* All aye, motion passed.

Approval of the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program: The 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program contains all federal aid and SWAP projects within the region for the next four years. *Wood made a motion to approve, Dimmit seconded the motion.* All aye, motion passed.

Discussion Items

Status updates on active STBG/SWAP and TAP projects. V64 from Davis CL to Keosauqua in final stages, adding road markings.

Other

Next Meeting. To be determined as needed.

Adjourn. With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 11:43am.

Chris Kukla, Area 15 RPC

Long-Range Transportation Plan Goals DRAFT

1. Maintain a transportation system in a state of good repair for users and a system that is safe with good mobility by encouraging projects that:
 - a. Improving deficient roads based on their condition, traffic volume, and population.
 - b. Improving bridges based on their condition so they are safe for use.
 - c. Incorporating safety improvements into projects, especially in areas crash histories.
 - d. Reducing vehicle, freight, transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian conflicts.
 - e. Improving travel times or level of service.
2. Promote an efficient means of meeting the transportation needs of the region by:
 - a. Maximizing the useful life of existing transportation infrastructure.
 - b. Discouraging projects with high costs and low use.
 - c. Identifying federal, state and local sources to assist with the funding of projects.
 - d. Encouraging cooperation between governments on projects that benefit more than one agency.
3. Encourage economic development in the region by:
 - a. Giving consideration to and promoting transportation projects that create or retain jobs in the region.
 - b. Developing connections between existing developments, new developments and/or redevelopments.
 - c. Improving connectivity between cities or regions.
4. Promote and maintain public transportation as affordable, available and accessible, look for ways to improve service by:
 - a. Ensuring that fixed routes are rider friendly.
 - b. Coordinating with area hospitals to assist people in getting home after a trip to the Emergency Room.
 - c. Look for opportunities to expand service into the evening/night for people who work later so people can use transit for shopping/leisure activities.
5. Promote and develop nonmotorized transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities both to enhance quality of life and mobility by:
 - a. Expanding and improving access to trails.
 - b. Developing a regional trail system.
 - c. Developing safe trails and improving the safety of existing trails.

Long-Range Transportation Plan, Projects of Regional Significance DRAFT

Note: Projects should have an impact not only for the city or county but also for the RPA or SE Iowa. Project should be more than just a rehab or reconstruction, should enhance the operation and safety of the road allowing for more efficient travel.

- Oskaloosa NW Bypass.
- Oskaloosa MODES Plan.
- Oskaloosa SE Connector, US 63 to IA 23/industrial park.
- Ottumwa US 34 Reconstruction.
- Access to Ottumwa industrial park/Helgerson Flats via IA 149, 120th St and US 63 or Dahlonga Rd.
- Van Buren County V64 from J40 to Leando.