

**Region 10
Transportation TTAC Meeting
Wednesday, March 30, 2022
Via Video Conferencing (Zoom)**

The following members were present:

Nick Amelon, Iowa County
Brad Ketels, Linn County
Derek Snead, Jones County
Brian Meinsma, Cedar County
Kevin Heitshusen, Iowa County
Greg Parker, Johnson County
Jaron Rosien, Washington County
Todd Postel, Jones County
Dennis Murray, Washington County
Randy Burke, Linn County

Alternates present:

Garret Reddish, Linn County

Staff present:

Mary Rump

Others present:

Cathy Cutler, Iowa DOT

1.0 Call to Order

Ketels called the meeting to order at 1:42 pm

2.0 Routine Matters

.1 Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (Parker, Heitshusen) to approve the agenda. All ayes

.2 Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Snead, N. Amelon) to approve the minutes. All ayes

.3 Project Status Reports

Ketels provided an update on the completion of the County Home Road project.

.4 Public Comment

None

3.0 New Business

.1 Election of Officers

M/S/C (Snead, Heitshusen) to nominate and elect N. Amelon, M. Amelon and Reddish as Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary, respectfully. All ayes.

.2 IIJA Update

Rump provided an update on the process to determine how statewide STBG and TAP formula funds will be distributed to MPOs and RPAs. A small stakeholder group has been meeting. Their final meeting is planned for April 19. After that meeting, their recommendation will be forwarded to stakeholders statewide for comment. Iowa DOT has indicated that although IJIA included an increase in STBG funding, much of that will result in an increase in TAP. Once significant issue to resolve is the continuation of the SWAP process. It can't continue in its current form since there aren't sufficient state funds to swap for the federal funds.

3.3 Review STBG Applications and Priorities

Five new applications were submitted. The counties have recommended funding all of them at the level of funding requested, except for the North English application. Iowa County borrowed forward last year and in accordance with the regional policy, the negative balance must be zeroed out before funding additional applications. Since negative balance still exists, no new application can be funded from within Iowa County. Rump also noted that the application from Washington County exceeds their targeted funds, so they will be borrowing ahead. There are sufficient regional funds to allow for this.

M/S/C (N. Amelon, Burke) to recommend funding the applications received and the funding amount requested, except for the North English application which will not receive funding. All ayes.

3.4 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Rump mentioned that some draft chapters of the long range plan have been prepared based on input provided through the Envision East Central Iowa Process. A survey will go out on April 1 to seek input about transportation needs and priorities. The survey and draft chapters will be available on ECICOG's Talk to ECICOG site. Additional information will be emailed to committee members on April 1.

4.0 Old Business

none

5.0 Adjournment and Set Next Meeting Date

Ketels adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm. Rump will send out a poll to determine the next meeting date but indicated it will probably be in June. Rump will also poll members to determine preferences for in-person or online meetings.