

**MINUTES**  
**RPA 14/ATURA POLICY BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016**  
**Back 40 Bar & Grill, Diagonal, Iowa**  
**1:51 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Dredge called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m. at the Back 40 Bar & Grill, Diagonal, Iowa.

**II. Roll Call of Policy Board, Technical Committee and Guests**

The following people were present:

**Policy Board**

Adair County	John Twombly
Adams County	Merlin Dixon
Ringgold County	Royce Dredge
Taylor County	Charles Ambrose
Union County	Ron Riley
City of Creston	Gary Lybarger

**Technical Committee**

Adair County	Nick Kauffman
Adams & Taylor County	Eldon Rike
Ringgold County	Zachary Gunsolley
Union County	Steve Akes
Southern Iowa Trolley	Leesa Lester

**Administrative**

SICOG	Becky Nardy
SICOG	Nancy Groth
SICOG	Tim Ostroski

**III. Additions to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**IV. Approval of the January 12, 2016 Minutes**

Twombly moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **V. Action Items**

### **A. Public Hearing – Final FY2017 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)**

Dredge announced it was time to open the public hearing at 1:51 p.m.

Dixon moved to open the public hearing. Twombly seconded the motion. This hearing is in regard to federal spending proposed in the Final FY2017 RPA 14/ATURA Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP).

Nardy has not received any oral or written comments regarding the use of federal transportation funds for this project. No comments were made during the hearing. Dixon moved and Ambrose seconded the motion to close the public hearing at 1:52 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **B. Resolution Approving Final FY2017 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)**

Prior to the meeting, Nardy sent a draft version of the FY2017 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) to the Technical Committee and Policy Board members for their review and comments, which were then incorporated into the final document. The Technical Committee recommended approval of this document.

Board members commended Nardy for her efforts in preparation of this document.

Ambrose moved to approve this Resolution Approving Final FY2017 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **C. Review and Approval of RPA 14/ATURA Trail Vision**

A Proposed Statewide Trails Vision Modification handout was distributed to the Technical Committee and Policy Board for their review and input. The proposed modifications provide an opportunity to better reflect the goals for the region. The Trail Vision is for long-range planning purposes only. There is no funding allocated for these trails at this time and this is not a commitment to construct these trails. Nardy would like to include the revised vision in the LRTP. The Technical Committee recommended approval of this document.

Dixon moved to approve the RPA 14/ATURA Trail Vision. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **D. Approve Long Range Transportation Plan Goals**

The board reviewed the handout listing the Goals & Objectives of the 2025-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The goals are quite similar to the previous LRTP.

Riley moved to approve the Long Range Transportation Plan Goals. Ambrose seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **VI. Discussion Items**

### **A. Technical Committee**

Kauffman reported Adair County has one bridge project with a September letting.

Rike informed the board that Taylor County will begin soon on a bridge project and a box culvert project. Adams County has two asphalt overlay projects with letting this month and completion expected yet this year.

Gunsolley stated that Ringgold County is still working on the ER Weir Project. He noted they have three bridge projects in 2017 with a January 2017 letting. One bridge project is shared with Taylor County.

Akes reported Union County has one bridge with letting upcoming in July. It is on P64 about one mile from the Ringgold County line.

### **B. Southern Iowa Trolley (SIT)**

With RAGBRAI traveling through the region in July, Lester updated the Policy Board on SIT's plans to serve riders and visitors along with the general public. Their main concentration will focus on the two overnight stops in Creston and Leon. SIT will also have one vehicle on hand in Ringgold County as riders pass through the area. Donation boxes will be placed in vans and buses instead of charging riders a set amount.

Lester also reported that overall ridership is lower than the previous year. While riders in Adams and Clarke County have dropped substantially, the number of riders in other counties have increased or remained stable. SIT will continue to promote their services at county fairs and parades this summer. Also, SIT continues to search for part-time drivers.

The state's transition to private Medicaid providers continues to present challenges to SIT as they strive to continue providing quality service that meets the riders' actual needs while navigating new Medicaid provider processes and restrictions.

### **C. SICOG**

Nardy distributed a handout of the RPA 14/ATURA 2016 Long Range Transportation Survey responses. This information expresses the priorities of area citizens. Survey responses represented a broad range of ages, counties, and income levels, not just one small subset of people in the region.

Nardy has completed approximately four chapters in the Long Range Transportation Plan, although updates to the maps are still needed. The draft

document is available for review and comments on the SICOG website:  
[www.sicog.com/affiliates/atura](http://www.sicog.com/affiliates/atura). Once the maps are updated, Nardy will distribute hard copies to the board.

Nardy shared a safety concern from a local gentleman regarding the Creston intersection of Osage Street and Highway 34. Many large agricultural vehicles use those roads and travel at slower speeds due to heavy loads, posing possible safety issues with oncoming traffic. Nardy has passed the information to the DOT. They plan on doing traffic counts on this Highway 34 intersection this summer. If anyone has another area of concern and would like to request traffic counts, please notify Nardy or contact the DOT.

**VII. Informational Items**

None.

**VIII. Set Date of Future Meeting and Host County**

Discussion was held that the next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2016 in Adams County.

**IX. Adjournment**

Twombly moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Date