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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

will meet

Thursday, March 18, 2010

1:30 P.M.

**Multipurpose Room, Hiawatha City Hall
81 Emmons Street
Hiawatha, Iowa**

Public Comment

Action/Discussion Items

1. **Approve Minutes from February 25th meeting (to be e-mailed later).**

Board Options: Approve/Amend/Table meeting minutes.

2. **Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan Presentation.** Presentation by Snyder & Associates on the Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan. Discussion of next steps in the process.

Board Options: Adopt Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan.

3. **Amend FY10 – FY13 TIP to delete projects and reallocate STP funds to IDOT for Hwy. 100 Extension Project.** At the last meeting, the Corridor MPO decided to reallocate \$2,932,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from the City of Cedar Rapids to the Iowa DOT for the Highway 100 Extension Project. This will require the deletion of two projects from the FY10 – FY13 TIP. The first is the 1st Avenue E – Improve from 19th to 27th Street Project, which has \$2,684,000 in STP funds. The second is the Bever Avenue SE – Extend from Clark Street to Red Fox Road Project, which has \$248,000 in STP funds. A public comment period was opened at the last meeting and no comments were received.

Board Options: Amend the FY10 – FY13 TIP to delete projects and reallocate STP funds to Hwy. 100 Extension Project.

4. **Hwy. 100 STP Allocation Clarification.** Staff would like to clarify the Policy Board's decision on possible recapture of STP funds that have been allocated to the Highway 100 Extension Project.
5. **Amend FY10-FY13 TIP for ICAAP & SRTS projects.** Linn County has received an Iowa Clean Air Attainment (ICAAP) award in the amount of \$352,000 (\$440,000 total cost) for a signalization project on Mt. Vernon Road and Highway 13. Cedar Rapids has received an ICAAP award in the amount of \$74,850 (\$93,570 total cost) for a signal upgrade project on A Avenue NE; \$514,160 (\$642,700 total cost) for intersection improvements at Cottage Grove Avenue SE and Forest Drive SE; and \$239,200 (\$299,000 total cost) for intersection improvements at Kirkwood Boulevard SW

and 76th Avenue SW.

The City of Cedar Rapids has received two Safe Routes to School (SRTS) awards for the Harrison Elementary Sidewalks Project in the amount of \$132,353 and the Polk Elementary Sidewalks Project in the amount of \$117,220.

A public comment period was opened at the last meeting and no comments were received.

Board Options: Amend the FY10 – FY13 TIP to include new ICAAP & SRTS projects.

6. **Connections 2040 Update on Street Types.** Presentation by LSA Associates and 180 Urban Design on development of the street types for Connections 2040.
7. **Trail Funding with STP Funds.** Continued discussion of implications of dedicating all STP funds to trail projects over the next ten years.

Informational Items

8. **Update on trail funding around the State.** Staff has prepared a map and spreadsheet that displays the geographic distribution of State awarded trail grants.
9. **Metro-area Advisory Committee (MAC) recommendation for Connections 2040.** The Metro-area Advisory Committee (MAC) is recommending that the Corridor MPO include consideration of the following in the development of Connections 2040:
 - Minimizing the impacts of the transportation system on the natural environment
 - Using storm water management best practices
 - A regional approach to protecting, maintaining, and enhancing sensitive natural areas in the metropolitan area

This recommendation further affirms the necessity of following the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) eight planning factors, one of which emphasizes these points.

10. **2010 Census Update on activities.** The Linn County Complete Count Committee will be having a press conference on April 1st (location to be determined) to help promote participation in the 2010 Census. Staff will provide an update their other activities.

Future Agenda Items

1. Context Sensitive Design Solutions Policy.
2. Adoption of new STP/TE application form.
3. By-laws Discussion.
4. Discussion and possible action on the MAC's recommendation for the Corridor MPO to require all of its projects to take into account accessible transportation elements

Next Meetings

- **April 15th, 2010 location TBD**
- **May 20th, 2010 location TBD**

Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2010
Multipurpose Room, Hiawatha City Hall
1:30 P.M.

Member	Present	Not Present	Proxy
Lu Barron	X		
Don Karr			John Schnipkoweit
Ron Corbett	X		
Ben Rogers	X		
Samantha Dahlby	X		
Linda Langston		X	
Jay Kacena	X		
Blake Jones	X		
Ian Cullis	X		
Bryan Bredman		X	
Paul Rehn	X		
Tom Theis	X		
Boyd Potter		X	
Monica Vernon	X		
Jim Doyle		X	
Bill Bogert	X		
Gil Janes	X		
David Zylstra	X		
Jason Rabe	X		

Staff Present: Adam Lindenlaub

Others Present: Cathy Cutler, Robin Kash, Gary Rogers, Dave Elgin, Clarke Rieke

Vice-Chair Monica Vernon called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

AGENDA

Public Comment

None.

Action/Discussion Items

1. Approve Minutes from the January 28th meeting.

Samantha Dahlby, David Zylstra, and Blake Jones requested revisions regarding their voting on the amendment to approve the Stimulus II project list to show Dahlby and Zylstra voted in favor and Jones voted against. Jay Kacena requested a revision to correctly record his comments on the continued use of Federal funds. Blake Jones moved to approve the revised minutes from the January 28th meeting. Ron Corbett seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2. FY10 – FY13 TIP Amendments.

Adam Lindenlaub reported that no public comments were received on the projects to be funded with potential Stimulus II funds. Bill Bogert moved to amend the FY10 – FY13 TIP to include these projects. Tom Theis seconded the motion. Gil Janes asked if the projects were really ready to go. After confirmation was received the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public comment on reallocation of STP funds to IDOT for Hwy. 100 Extension Project.

Lindenlaub explained that a public comment period needs to be opened in order to amend the FY10 – FY13 TIP to delete the Bever Avenue SE – Extend Clark Street to Red Fox Road and 1st Avenue E - Improve from 19th to 27th Street projects. This will allow the \$2,932,000 in STP funds to be reallocated to the Iowa DOT for the Highway 100 Extension Project. Theis moved to open the public comment period. Jason Rabe seconded the motion.

Jones asked who decided to pull these projects. Vernon responded that the Cedar Rapids City Council had issues with the 1st Avenue project as it was originally programmed and that it will be a different project. Vernon stated that proceeding with the Bever Avenue project was turned down by the City Council.

Janes noted that he was in a meeting with Federal legislators and this was seen as a strong action towards helping to move Highway 100 along.

Ian Cullis stated that the Connections 2040 consultant noted that Highway 100 was not seen as a transportation priority. Vernon stated that it is preferred by Cedar Rapids City Council due to I-380 and Edgewood Road congestion and its proximity to Cedar Rapids major growth corridor. Dahlby stated it would be great to see a history of the Highway 100 project.

With no further discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

4. FY10 – FY13 TIP Amendments for ICAAP & SRTS projects.

Lindenlaub provided a map of the projects and reviewed their purpose. Lindenlaub explained that a public comment period needs to be initiated in order to amend the FY10 – FY13 TIP. Zylstra moved to open the public comment period. Bogert seconded the motion.

Zylstra asked what the timeline was for the projects. David Elgin stated construction would start in 1 to 1½ years on the ICAAP projects and about a year for the SRTS projects.

With no further discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Policy Board Meeting Day and Time.

Lindenlaub reviewed a handout on the results of the Policy Board survey on meeting days and times. Paul Rehn asked the group if this was a good time since almost everyone was in attendance. Kacena moved to keep the meeting day as the third Thursday of the month and the time at 1:30 pm. Jones seconded the motion.

Zylstra asked about having the meeting at 12:00. The group noted other conflicting meetings such as Kiwanis and rotary.

With no further discussion the motion was passed with Dahlby and Rabe against.

Informational Items

6. Shueyville Withdrawing from MPO.

Lindenlaub explained that the City of Shueyville has decided to withdraw from the Corridor MPO as they do not have adequate time to participate.

7. Trail Funding.

Lindenlaub explained that Staff was still working on putting this information together and would send this out early next week.

Linn County Complete Count Committee Funding Request (Non-agenda Item)

Lindenlaub explained that the Linn County Complete Count Committee had previously requested that the Corridor MPO help fund its marketing campaign for the 2010 Census and that the Policy Board wanted more information on who would be the contract holder and who else was participating. Lindenlaub stated that HACAP would be the contract holder with ME&V, the marketing firm and that the Corridor MPO could contribute \$5,000 but not the requested \$10,000. Lu Barron stated that this would be good to do. Vernon wondered what the payback would be for the investment. Elgin stated that the metro region receives approximately \$80 per capita based on the federal gas tax.

Barron moved to approve giving \$5,000 to the Linn County Complete Count Committee to help with its 2010 Census marketing campaign. Rehn second the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Trail funding with STP funds (Non-agenda Item)

Corbett asked how much federal funding the Corridor MPO receives every year. Lindenlaub stated that the Corridor MPO receives approximately \$3.2 million in STP funds and approximately \$230,000 in TE funds. Corbett stated the Corridor MPO needs to allocate more funds towards trail funding. Zylstra asked what the process would be to do this. Lindenlaub recommended waiting until the completion of Connections 2040 before making such a decision. Elgin noted that there is a three year process to develop through the DOT. Rehn asked if the County has bonding authority. Barron stated that it does not now but might in the future and this would be something to look at.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20.