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## **PLANNING TOMORROW'S TRANSPORTATION TODAY**

# **MEETING NOTICE**

**The Corridor MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization)  
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)  
will meet  
October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in  
Hiawatha City Hall's Multipurpose Room  
81 Emmons Street**

**TTAC Members:** Steve Gannon - Linn County; Dick Ransom - Hiawatha; Dan Whitlow & Tom Treharne - Marion; Darin Ligtenberg - Robins; Dave Elgin, Gary Petersen, Richard Luther, Brad DeBrower & Dan Mann - Cedar Rapids; Cathy Cutler - IDOT

### **Agenda**

**1. Approve minutes from June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting (attached).**

*Action Requested: Approve minutes from June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting.*

**2. Review of Additional Criteria for the STP Applications (attached).**

Review additional criteria for STP project submittals. The Board wants TTAC to provide feedback regarding the impact of providing this information, specifically if there is an unreasonable amount of time that will be added to the development of an STP application.

*Action Requested: Provide feedback to Board.*

**3. Update of Long-Range Plan Development.**

A kick-off meeting was held on October 5<sup>th</sup> with the consultant to discuss the update to the long-range plan and the first open house, which is scheduled for the first week of December. Staff would like to hold a joint update meeting with the consultants, TTAC, MAC, and the Long-Range Transportation Plan Development Committee (LDC) for October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## TTAC Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) met on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. in the North Conference Room of Cedar Rapids' City Hall.

Present: Gary Petersen, Dan Whitlow, Dave Elgin, Steve Gannon, Cathy Cutler, Tom Treharne, Andrew McGuire (for Dick Ransom), Darin Ligtenberg

Absent: Brad DeBrower, Dan Mann, Richard Luther

Staff: Sushil Nepal, Adam Lindenlaub

Others Present: None

Gary Petersen called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Tom Treharne moved to approve the minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Darin Ligtenberg seconded the motion, which was approved with Dave Elgin abstaining.

### Receive STP project rankings and make programming recommendation

Adam Lindenlaub reviewed the memo that was previously sent that explained why the congestion reduction data was not available and provided options on how TTAC can proceed with a recommendation to the Board. Elgin suggested discussion should start on the non-roadway projects.

There was discussion on participation in the Iowa Pavement Management Program. Dan Whitlow stated that it does not benefit the City of Marion. Steve Gannon stated that Linn County does not use the data. Gannon moved to recommend not funding participation in FY13. Whitlow seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the Statewide Urban Design and Specification (SUDAS) program. Whitlow noted that the City of Marion is training on the standards and will switch to them in 2010. Elgin noted that the City of Cedar Rapids will also be switching to the standards. Elgin moved to recommend funding continued participation in the SUDAS program. Gannon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the CR Transit request of funding a hybrid bus. Gannon moved to recommend funding \$30,000 of the request. Peterson seconded the motion. Ligtenberg asked if CR Transit spends their STP funds. Lindenlaub stated they do. Treharne asked if the jurisdictions consider the transit stops when doing road projects. Elgin stated that Cedar Rapids does. A vote was taken and all were in favor of recommending funding \$30,000 of the request.

There was discussion on the congestion reduction and safety analysis, which ranked the Edgewood Road Extension project as number one. Lindenlaub read through the rankings with the congestion reduction data included. There was discussion on travel demand model issues. Peterson noted that Dick Ransom had previously stated that Hiawatha and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) would address the Boyson Road and I-380 intersection but that TTAC could recommend stipulations on a funding recommendation for the Edgewood Road Extension project. Elgin stated he would want to recommend a stipulation that the Boyson Road and I-380 intersection would not be recommended for funding unless Edgewood Road was extended to Tower Terrace Road. Gannon noted that the jurisdictions involved could build a two lane road to Tower Terrace Road instead of a four lane as is planned with Hiawatha's submitted project. There was discussion on this topic. Ligtenberg asked if all of the funds need to be programmed this year. Lindenlaub stated it could be programmed in the following year.

Gannon moved to recommend funding by selecting the top ranked safety projects with a stipulation that they will be re-ranked next year with any new projects using the congestion reduction analysis. This

means that the County Home Road Improvements project would receive full funding and the Edgewood Road NW – Crestwood Drive to O Avenue project would receive \$1,218,229 of its request. There was more discussion regarding recommending banking the funds until the next TIP cycle. Whitlow seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Components</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>	<b>Score*</b>
Target Population and Beneficiaries	Project benefit Project disadvantages Location served Demographic served		
Traffic Generation	Impact on traffic congestion Impact on truck traffic Accident risk		
Environmental Impacts	Air quality Nearby water bodies Soil and groundwater Native species Archeological factors Historical components		
Integration into Existing Plans	Corridor MPO long-range plan		
Multi-modal transportation	Bike lanes Sidewalks Accessible transit		
Sustainability	Use of “green” materials Pervious surfaces Swales Grades		
Project Cost	Life-cycle cost Yearly cost		
Project History	Project purpose? When identified? How public has been engaged?		
Project Identification in LRP	Short-term Mid-term Long-term		
<b><i>Total Score</i></b>			