

Transportation Enhancements Committee Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Enhancements Committee met on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at 2:00 P.M. in the Canney Conference Room of the Cedar Rapids City Hall.

Present: Tom Treharne, Dave Elgin, Dan Biechler, Randy Burke, Richard Fox, Darin Ligtenberg

Absent: Steve Krug, Dave Kramer, Allen Witt

Staff Present: Adam Lindenlaub

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M. Richard Fox moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2003 meeting. Randy Burke seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Priority Trails Segments and Trails Projects Criteria

Adam Lindenlaub explained some handouts relating to RPC priority trails and the ranking of trail projects. Adam also explained the map displaying the trail segments identified by the Enhancements Committee at its last meeting. Some additions to the map were made by the Committee to show the following segments: a Hwy. 100 trail, Segments F and G of the Cedar River Trail, the Cedar Valley Nature Trail gap next to the Illinois Central railline, and a segment connecting the Grant Wood Trail to Squaw Creek Park. Dan Biechler and Dave Elgin expressed the importance of showing a trail along the Hwy. 100 extension (both north and south) to make sure it receives funding by IDOT. Randy Burke reported that the Cedar Valley Nature Trail gap is under construction and Dave Elgin reported that the funding is in place for most of Segments F and G of the Cedar River Trail.

Randy Burke asked if the proposed ranking system would be used for non-enhancements projects that jurisdictions would be submitting for grant money. Dave Elgin said that the ranking system could be used for that purpose but that it would be used by the Enhancements Committee to make recommendations to RPC regarding programming for the TIP. Dave said that the ranking system would be used much like the ranking system for STP projects, and would be a guide. Dave said that this would allow the Committee to recommend trail projects that may not rank as high but have mitigating circumstances that would give them a higher priority such as Federal funding or land acquisition.

The Committee directed Staff to make the corrections to the Priority Trail Segments Map and add any new information to the criteria and ranking system. Staff will then e-mail the criteria and ranking system to the Committee for their review. The committee agreed to meet again in early November to finalize the criteria and ranking system for trail projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.