

TTAC Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) met on Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. in the Fifth Floor Conference Room of Cedar Rapids City Hall.

Present: Gary Petersen, Dick Ransom, Dave Elgin, Steve Gannon, Lee Benfield, Tom Treharne,
Dan Whitlow, Darin Ligtenberg, Greg Parker

Absent: Larry Mullendore, Brad DeBrower

Staff: Dean Wheatley, Adam Lindenlaub, Sam Shea

Others Present: Allen Witt, Bernita Rozinek

Gary Petersen called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm. Dave Elgin moved to approve the minutes of the January 15th meeting. Tom Treharne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SUDAS & IPMP

Adam Lindenlaub explained that SUDAS is requesting an increase in the current participation level for the program. Dan Whitlow, a SUDAS Committee member, explained the reasons for the increase. There was general discussion. Dave Elgin moved to continue participation at the increased funding level for the time period FY05 – FY07. Greg Parker seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the Iowa Pavement Management Program (IPMP). Dan Whitlow moved to continue participation in IPMP. Dave Elgin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

STP Rankings and Programming Recommendation

There was discussion regarding Five Seasons Transportation & Parking's (FST&P) STP request. Steve Gannon said they should get a set amount each year like IPMP and SUDAS if TTAC decides to award them any funds instead of FST&P requesting funding each year.

Dick Ransom questioned the reduction in miles of travel for the C Avenue NE project but not for the Boyson Road/Robins Road Roundabout project. Sam Shea explained the analysis of both projects by the QRS II model. Allen Witt asked what would happen if you made vehicle mile of travel zero for the Roundabout project. After some calculations Adam Lindenlaub said it would move up one spot in the rankings, which would rank it above the 18th Street SW project. Adam Lindenlaub explained that since the C Avenue NE project is not in the 2030 Transportation Plan, TTAC would need to recommend amending the plan at the same time, if it recommends STP programming. Dan Whitlow said the 2030 Transportation Plan should be amended before recommending programming. Darin Ligtenberg asked if the AADTs for the 18th Street SW project were double-checked for accuracy because there is a decrease from 2010 to 2030. Sam Shea said they were checked for accuracy. There was discussion regarding the reason for the decrease in AADTs. Darin questioned whether or not the project should be funded with STP money considering the cost. Gary Petersen asked if 18th Street should be considered a connector or not. Dick Ransom said he would not support the Wilson Ave. SW project as a regional project and would not recommend programming STP funds according to the project rankings. Dick asked if Cedar Rapids would rather have more money for the 1st Avenue E: 19th Street to 27th Street project instead of programming the Wilson Avenue SW project. Gary Petersen said that was a valid question and Cedar Rapids would have to discuss it internally. Dick Ransom asked if the 1st Avenue E: 19th Street to 27th Street project could be funded over several years. TTAC agreed to continue discussion of this topic at the February 19th meeting.

FAE Network

Dan Whitlow asked to postpone this topic until the February 19th meeting. TTAC agreed to table the topic until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.