

TTAC Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) met on Thursday, June 1, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. in the East Tower Conference Room of Cedar Rapids' Public Works.

Present: Gary Petersen, Dick Ransom, Lee Benfield, Dave Elgin, Denny Clift, Darin Ligtenberg, Tom Treharne

Absent: Larry Mullendore, Steve Gannon, Brad DeBrower, Dan Whitlow

Staff: Adam Lindenlaub, Sam Shea, Dean Wheatley

Others Present: Joanne Popelka, Bernita Rozinek, Elwood Garlock

Gary Petersen called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm. Denny Clift moved to approve the minutes of the May 26th meeting. Dick Ransom seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Long-Range Plan Update

Sam Shea explained handouts and map of latest model scenario. Dave Elgin explained the outcome of a meeting with Staff and Cedar Rapids' Engineering and Traffic Engineering departments. 12th Avenue SE and 8th Avenue SE were identified as corridors that will require more study due to lack of ROW to perform widening projects and lack of cost estimates due to the complexity of any projects. Dave did not believe it would be appropriate to place projects in the plan that were not feasible and so did not want to include any projects on 12th or 8th Avenues SE. Tom Treharne stated that Marion would have to consider if it wants to keep the 7th Avenue widening project in the plan. Sam noted that such projects could be added or deleted later as an amendment.

Dave asked if the SE bridge affected 7th Avenue in Marion and noted that TTAC should examine the effects of the bridge if it has not already been done.

Sam explained how the Origin/Destination table of the model changes every time a new scenario is considered in the network.

Sam noted the roadways that were identified by CR staff for further study: Council Street NE from 42nd Street to Collins Road, C Avenue NE from 40th Street to Collins Road, Old Marion Road from 42nd Street to C Avenue, and 1st Avenue E from 10th Street to 14th Street. Also, further study of I-380 through the metro area including 6th Street SW and Center Point Road/Oakland Road will be recommended to be included in the plan. Sam explained the differences between Scenario E3a and Scenario E3b.

Dean Wheatley explained the next step in the process was making a recommendation to RPC, an open house, and a public participation period. Dean distributed a preliminary draft for TTAC to review. Gary Petersen asked if RPC would be given a list of projects included in the Existing and Committed network and that it would be good for them to see what is included. Dean said staff would provide RPC with a list.

Dick Ransom moved to recommend Scenario E3b to RPC as the modeled network for the long-range transportation plan. Dave seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.