

TTAC Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) met on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room of Hiawatha's City Hall.

Present: Gary Petersen, Dan Whitlow, Dave Elgin, Steve Gannon, Cathy Cutler, Tom Treharne, Dick Ransom, Tracy Troutner

Absent: Brad DeBrower, Dan Mann, Richard Luther, Darin Ligtenberg

Staff: Sushil Nepal, Adam Lindenlaub

Others Present: None

Gary Petersen called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Steve Gannon moved to approve the minutes from the March 12th meeting. Dick Ransom seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Review FY13 STP project submittals

There was a brief discussion on the quality of the Iowa Pavement Management Program (IPMP) data. Dan Whitlow recommended the jurisdictions review their data for accuracy. Adam Lindenlaub reported on Hiawatha's decision to remove its Boyson Road and I-380 Improvements project. Hiawatha is having a consultant do a study of this area, which will not be done in time to be considered for STP funding. Whitlow provided an answer to the bicycle and pedestrian accommodations question for the bridge on the Tower Terrace Road Extension project. Petersen asked about the impacts on the Edgewood Road/Boyson Road area with Edgewood Road extended to Boyson Road and then extended to Tower Terrace Road. Lindenlaub asked if he would like to see the model results of these scenarios. Petersen said he would like to see the area modeled. There was discussion on the Edgewood Road extension and Tower Terrace Road extension from Robins Road to Council Street and the impacts of those projects on Boyson Road/I-380 and Boyson Road/Council Street areas. Dave Elgin asked if 18th Avenue in Hiawatha was part of the modeled network. Staff thought it was but said they would confirm and let TTAC know. Elgin said he would not want to fund the Edgewood Road extension if it would cause problems on Boyson Road and I-380, which would result in that project scoring well enough to receive STP funds. Ransom also would like to see the impacts to Robins Road/Boyson area when Tower Terrace Road is completed from Robins Road to Council Street. Ransom indicated that the Boyson Road and I-380 issue will be addressed before the Tower Terrace Road project is constructed.

PRID Study Update

Lindenlaub reported that Anderson-Bogert was ready to hold another public meeting on the Blairs Ferry Road corridor and wanted to meet with Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, and Linn County to gather feedback prior to the public meeting. TTAC asked if Anderson-Bogert could present to them. Staff will check the contract to see if it is possible. Marion, Cedar Rapids, and Hiawatha noted that they had not received final copies of their PRID Study reports yet. Staff said they will get final copies sent to TTAC.

2008 Traffic Study update

Lindenlaub asked if there were further comments on the count data. Petersen provided some intersections that CR Traffic Engineering thought were too low. Petersen stated that they want more time to review the data. Elgin asked if these were 24 hour counts. Sushil Nepal said they were. Petersen asked if the counts were raw data. Nepal said they were. Nepal asked if the CR counts were factored. Petersen was not sure but said he would check.

TTAC would like to see the following items placed on the next agenda: continued funding of IPMP, draft CSDS policy, and the meeting day and time of TTAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.