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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive
Committee September 13th, 2017 at 8:30 AM
Hiawatha City Hall, Multipurpose Room, 101 Emmons Street

Roll Call

Public Comment Period

Action/Discussion Items

- 1. Approve Minutes – June 14th, 2017.** Attached.
- 2. DOT TIP Amendment Request (Brandon Whyte)**
 - *Recommended Action: Recommend approval to the Policy Board to amend the FFY 2018 to 2021 Transportation Improvement Program to include the Cedar Rapids Logistics Park.*
- 3. Request for Resolution of Support for Cedar Rapids Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Grant application (Bill Micheel)**
 - *Recommended Action: Approval of the resolution confirming that the ICCAP grant application is consistent with the MPO's planning process and will be amended into the fiscally constrained plan upon grant approval.*

Informational Items

- 4. Long Range Transportation Plan Update Project Schedule (Bill Micheel)**
- 5. Quadrennial Report Review and Iowa DOT discussion recap (Bill Micheel)**
- 6. Website Project Update (Bill Micheel)**

Reports

Member Updates

Next Executive Committee Meeting

- October 11th, 2017 at 8:30 AM, Council Chambers (Rooms 134/136), Marion City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

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CORRIDOR MPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Fairfax City Hall, 300 80th Street Court, Fairfax
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 8:30 AM

Member	Present	Not Present	Notes
John Bender		X	
Bill Bennett	X		
Bernie Frieden	X		
Chuck Hinz	X		
Denise Hoy	X		
Brent Oleson	X		
Ralph Russell	X		
Tom Yock		X	

MPO Staff Present: Hilary Hershner, Brandon Whyte, Bill Micheel, Anne Kroll

Others Present: Kelly Brockway, Faris Al Saeedi, Ollie Yang, Sadya Islam, Nate Kampman

Chuck Hinz called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Roll Call was answered with six (6) members present and two (2) absent.

AGENDA

Action/Discussion Items

1. Consider Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2017

Brent Oleson made a motion to approve the minutes for May 10, 2017. Bill Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Transit Performance Measures

Brandon Whyte stated that Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets are required by the DOT. On January 1, 2017 CR Transit set their targets and the DOT is requiring the MPO to approve those targets. Mr. Whyte shared the targets and stated that the targets are quantifying the quality of the busses. The TERM scale is the standard for which the targets are measured.

Mr. Oleson asked if LIFTS is included in this. Mr. Whyte stated that only buses purchased by CR Transit for LIFTS are included in this, but the entire system of LIFTS is not.

Mr. Bennett made a motion to recommend that the Policy Board approve the CR Transit TAM targets. Ralph Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items



3. TIP Process and Open House Review

Hilary Hershner shared a timeline of the regular TIP process and stated that the Policy Board will consider final approval at the July 20, 2017 meeting. The TIP Open House was on June 1, 2017 and approximately forty (40) to fifty (50) people attended. Staff received nine (9) written comments from the open house. A community engagement survey was conducted and staff received forty-one (41) in-person and eighty-seven (87) online responses. Ms. Hershner discussed the general themes in the written comments and stated that the Executive Committee will see all of the written comments in the July 12, 2017 meeting packet.

4. Statewide Iowa DOT TAP Application Process

Bill Micheel stated that staff received the final guidance for the new TAP process from the DOT. TAP funding is used for non-motorized projects (primarily trails). Those funds will be allocated in the TIP process, so DOT gives targets and the MPO will submit as a part of the TIP process to the State for those funds. Staff will work with communities to submit the applications.

Mr. Oleson asked if these funds are only for projects currently in the TIP. Mr. Micheel stated that it is and the same process that was used for the TIP will be used for TAP funding. There will be more flexibility with TAP funding. Mr. Whyte added that, with the flexibility, funding can be moved to an earlier year if the project is ready.

5. Website Update

Mr. Micheel stated that the steering committee chose Virtual Atlantic for the new MPO website as well as the Grant Wood Trails website. The contract is in the negotiation phase and work will start as soon as the contract is signed.

Member Updates

Mr. Whyte stated that he has new 2017 trail maps available for each jurisdiction.

Mr. Russell shared citizen concerns about cyclists not abiding by traffic laws. The Committee discussed the issue and ways to help educate the bicycle community. Mr. Micheel will follow up with jurisdictions' police departments on how to promote and spread awareness.

Mr. Hinz stated that when MPO planning processes are finished jurisdictions should let the media know to create awareness about what the MPO does. Staff could create a document that demonstrates what has been accomplished.

Mr. Oleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kroll, Administrative Assistant II



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2. DOT TIP Amendment Request

Background

In July of 2016 the Iowa Department of Transportation was awarded a \$25,700,000 grant as part of the Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant program. Total project cost is \$46,500,000. The project creates an intermodal freight hub for the state located in Cedar Rapids southwest of the Highway 30 and Edgewood Road SW interchange, along the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City (CRANDIC) railway. Private donors will provide the remaining \$21,000,000.

This project was in the previous Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 to 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) under TPMS# 35108. Work on the project began last year and was expected to be authorized for construction under the previous FFY 2017 to 2020 TIP. Due to the scope, size, and uniqueness of the project, preliminary planning and review are still underway. Environmental review is scheduled to begin shortly. For these reasons, the project needs to be added to the FFY 2018 to 2021 TIP, to continue project development.

There are no MPO funds associated with this project.

Recommended Action: Recommend approval to the Policy Board to amend the FFY 2018 to 2021 Transportation Improvement Program to include the Cedar Rapids Logistics Park.



3. Request for Resolution of Support for Cedar Rapids Iowa 2017 Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Grant Application

Background

The City of Cedar Rapids is submitting a grant application to the Iowa DOT ICAAP Program in the amount of \$748,000 to develop a unified wayfinding signage program to promote and connect districts in Cedar Rapids including downtown, the MedQuarter, Czech Village/NewBohemia District, and Kingston Village. The total project budget is \$935,000 with the City of Cedar Rapids providing the required \$187,000 in local matching funds. The City of Cedar Rapids is not requesting any MPO funds for inclusion in the project.

The 2017 Iowa DOT ICAAP Grant Program Handbook states,

“Proposed ICAAP projects or programs must conform to MPO and RPA regional transportation planning processes and plans, and the MPOs and RPAs must certify such conformance. MPO’s must confirm that the project or program is included in the fiscally-constrained transportation plan or will be amended into the fiscally-constrained transportation plan upon grant approval, and, if applicable, the congestion management plan in TMAs.”

The resolution states that the project will be amended into the fiscally-constrained plan (FCP) upon approval of the grant. Upon grant approval, the Policy Board can amend the project into the FCP without any allocation of MPO funds to fulfill the commitment in the attached resolution.

Recommended Action: Approval of the resolution of support for the Cedar Rapids Wayfinding project.

RESOLUTION NO.

IOWA CLEAN AIR ATTAINMENT PROGRAM (ICAAP) APPLICATION

WHEREAS, traffic congestion on Collins Road (IA 100) at Council Street could be improved with roadway projects that improve traffic flow, reduce vehicle miles of travel or reduce single-occupant vehicle (SOV) trips; and

WHEREAS, the close proximity of the intersections of Council Street NE with Collins Road and Council Street NE with 51st Street NE creates interference with the operation of the two intersections, increasing delay and congestion on Collins Road and on Council Street; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation provides Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) funds on a competitive basis to transportation projects that reduce traffic congestion problems and provide air quality improvements, and

WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids has determined such clean air and congestion mitigation can be realized through a realignment of 51st Street NE farther to the north to increase the separation from Collins Road and therefore proposes to submit an application for ICAAP funds, on October 1, 2014 for up to 80% of the project estimated cost, for this realignment, reducing congestion on Collins Road NE and on Council Street NE; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids will commit the necessary local matching funding for the project and will be responsible for adequately maintaining and operating the City's portion of the project for public use during the project's useful life,

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, that the City hereby approves the submittal of the aforementioned ICAAP application to the Iowa Department of Transportation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Works Director/City Engineer is hereby authorized to sign the necessary application documents on behalf of the City and provide whatever additional information is requested by the Iowa Department of Transportation in connection with said ICAAP grant application.

Passed this 9th day of September, 2014