



CORRIDOR MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Member	Present	Not Present	Alternate	Notes
Chuck Hinz	X			
Scott Olson	X			
Brad Hart	X			
Ashley Vanorny	X			
Scott Overland	X			
Jeff Pomeranz	X			
Sandi Fowler	X			
Jen Winter	X			
Ken DeKeyser	X			
Roy Heseman	X		Brad DeBrower	
Adam Thompson	X			
Bernie Frieden	X			
Bill Bennett	X			
Brent Oleson	X			
Grant Harper	X			
Randy Strnad	X			
Lon Pluckhahn	X			
Eric Van Kerckhove		X		

MPO Staff Present: Bill Micheel, Hilary Hershner, Liz Darnall, & Brandon Whyte

Non MPO Staff Present: Randy Burke, Todd Steigerwaldt, Jill Ackerman

Chairperson Olson called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Roll call answered with seventeen (17) members present and one (1) members absent.

AGENDA

Public Comment

No comments were received.

Action Items

1. Policy Board Minutes from July 16 2020 meeting.

Scott Overland moved to approve the minutes from July 16, 2020. Seconded by Randy Strnad.

The motion carried.

2. Corridor MPO Study & Plan Grant

Hilary Hershner shared the Corridor MPO Study & Plan Grant. Hershner shared the purpose and background of the grant. She mentioned that they will hire a consultant to complete a transportation related plan or study. She stated that they have up to \$95,000 in federal planning (PL) funds from the Corridor MPO. There is a 20% local match so the total project funding is \$120,000. Hershner stated that the MPO will be the primary project manager and that there will be public engagement. She shared the timeline and



the process for selecting and executing a project with federal planning funds. She mentioned that this project will be broken down into three phases and they are finishing up phase one at this meeting. She discussed when phase two and phase three would begin. She mentioned that they received three projects. The first project is from Linn County for Highway 100 Bridge over Cedar River (Biechler Bridge). This project is requesting the full \$95,000 and adding in \$155,000 for a total project cost of \$250,000. Hershner shared that the second project is from the City of Marion for the Indian Creek Recreation Access Concept Plan. She mentioned that this project is requesting \$48,000 and will be adding \$12,000 for a project total of \$60,000. The last project is from the cities of Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha for the Edgewood Road Extension PRID Study. She mentioned that this project is requesting \$95,000 and would add \$25,000 for a project total of \$120,000.

Hershner shared that at the Executive Committee had made a recommendation to fund two of the three projects. They recommended funding the Linn County project at \$55,000 and the City of Marion project at \$40,000. She shared that the Staff recommendation is to uphold the Executive Committees recommendation.

Bill Micheel shared that this grant will be available next year for other projects to apply for funding. Chairperson Olson shared that at the Executive Committee meeting they did share how each project hit on the 7 goals. There were questions and comments regarding which projects that they would be voting on and the funding for the two projects. Executive Committee members shared there thoughts on the projects and why they selected the two projects.

Ashley Vanorny motioned to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation of funding two projects. Strnad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Update on STBG & TAP Balances

Brandon Whyte shared an update on the STBG & TAP Balances. Whyte shared a chart of the STBG Balance. Whyte shared that in FFY20 Quarter 1 the STBG balance was at its peak at \$38,263,570 and that we just completed FFY20 Quarter 4 where there was a slight drop to \$31,250,461. He mentioned that in the next quarter they are expecting a big drop because projects are releasing. He did state that the MPO is moving in the right direction. Whyte share that it is projected in FFY21 Quarter 1 we should be at the compliance level which is \$20,973,699. He shared the TAP Balance accrual rule and that the STBG does not have that rule, but the MPO would like to see the funding in compliance with the TAP funding rule just in case they do adopt that rule. Whyte shared that if MPO's are not in compliance with the funding limit we would lose the funding. He shared the TAP Balance chart. He mentioned that we are compliant for the TAP Balance funding rule. He stated that some projects have released so that has helped with the funding balance. Micheel shared that MPO staff are taking proactive steps to ensure that the STBG & TAP balances will stay compliant.

Reports/Member Updates

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Hinz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jeff Pomeranz. The motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Cannon, Administrative Assistant