

Secretarial Notes
Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA)
Technical Advisory and Policy Board Joint Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: ECIA/Zoom

Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

Todd Kinney, (Chair)
Engineer, Clinton County
 (proxy Erin George)

Jayden Scheckel
Engineer, Jackson County
 (proxy Don Schwenker)

Steve Lindner
City of DeWitt

John Griffin

Todd Kinney
Engineer, Dubuque County
 (proxy Harley Pothoff)

Vacant (Vice-Chair)
City of Manchester
 (proxy Connie Behnken)

Jason Craft
City of Clinton
 (proxy Matt Brooke)

Sherli Childers
Clinton MTA Riverbend Transit

Rafe Koopman
Delaware County Engineer
 (proxy Jeff Madlom)

Josh Boldt
City of Maquoketa
 (proxy Diane Frandsen)

Gail Kuhle
Regional Transit Authority
 (proxy Stacie Scott)

Mae Hingtgen
ECIA Executive Director
 (proxy Holly McPherson)

Policy Board Members Present:

Wayne Kenniker
Dubuque County
 (proxy Harley Pothoff)

Erin George
Clinton County
 (proxy Todd Kinney)

Tom Messerli
City of Maquoketa
 (proxy Josh Boldt)

Jessica Kennedy
Small Cities, Dubuque County
 (proxy Vacant)

Hector Torres-Cacho*
IA DOT

Don Schwenker
Jackson County
 (proxy Jayden Scheckel)

Connie Behnken
City of Manchester
 (proxy)

Scott Maddasion (Chair)
City of Clinton
 (proxy Jason Craft)
 (proxy Matt Brooke)

Linda Gaul
Small Cities, Delaware County
 (proxy Donna Boss)

Nin Flagel
Transit Representative (RTA)

Jeff Madlom (vice-chair)
Delaware County
 (proxy Rafe Koopman)

Steve Hasenmiller
City of DeWitt
 (proxy Steve Lindner)

Kelley Brown
Small Cities, Jackson County
 (proxy vacant)

Andrew Kida
Small Cities, Clinton County

Mae Hingtgen
ECIA Executive Director
 (proxy Holly McPherson)

Others Present:

Staff Present:

Chandra Ravada
Transportation Director

Sarah Berning
Project Services Manager

Dan Fox
Senior Planner

Jack Studier
Planner

A quorum was present. *Non-Voting Advisory Member

Call to Order

The RPA Technical Advisory Board meeting was called to order by RPA Technical Advisory Board Chair, Todd Kinney at 10:04 a.m.

The RPA Policy Board meeting was called to order by RPA Policy Board Chair, Scott Maddasion at 10:04 a.m. Introductions were made at this time.

Review/Approve the revised Agenda for the Thursday, March 26, 2026, Technical Advisory Board and Policy Board joint meeting

Motion by Koopman, second Scheckel RPA Technical Advisory Board to approve the agenda for Thursday, March 26, 2026, RPA meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by George, second by Flagel from the RPA Policy Board to approve the agenda for Thursday, March 26, 2026, RPA meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Tuesday January 22, 2026, RPA Technical Advisory Board and Policy Board joint meeting

Motion by Scheckel, second by Koopman from the RPA Technical Advisory Board to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Thursday, January 22, 2026, RPA Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Behnken, second by George from the RPA Policy Board to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Thursday, January 22, 2026, RPA Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 RPA 8 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Ravada stated the work staff will be focusing on the short and long range transportation plans for this fiscal year work program. Ravada stated the Board has a month to review and recommend any changes.

Motion by Koopman, second by Scheckel to recommend to the RPA 8 Policy Board approval of the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 RPA 8 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Madlom, second by Kenniker to approve Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 RPA 8 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve amendment to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 RPA 8 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Motion by Behnken, second by George to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was open at 10:13 a.m.

Ravada reviewed the amendment to the TIP stating there was a change to the letting date for the Delaware County bridge project.

Motion by Flagel, second by George to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 9:15 a.m.

Motion by Scheckel, second by Koopman to recommend to the RPA 8 Policy Board the amendment to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 RPA 8 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by George, second by Behnken to approve the amendment to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2029 RPA 8 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) projects for RPA 8 members with a population above 5,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 from RPA 8 members

Ravada reviewed the STBG projects and stated three projects were added for FY 2027-2030.

- City of DeWitt, repaving 11th Street for \$633,133
- Dubuque County, repaving Sundown & Higginsport for \$1,600,000
- City of Maquoketa, repaving 900 W Summit Street to 100 Jacobsen Dr for \$618,758

Discussion followed.

Motion by Scheckel, second by Koopman to recommend to the RPA Policy Board approval of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) projects for RPA 8 members with a population above 5,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 from RPA 8 members. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Madlom, second by Flagel to approve the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) projects for RPA 8 members with a population above 5,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 from RPA 8 members. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the selection committee for the Small City Surface Transportation Block Grant Program applications

Ravada stated RPA received four applications from: Bellevue, Dyersville, Camanche and Zwingle. Ravada informed the Board the total request for funding came in at \$772,000.00 and there is only \$250,000.00 in funds. Therefore, Ravada is suggesting a selection committee to rank these projects.

Ravada requested members to volunteer to be on the ranking committee, two policy members and 2 technical advisory members. The members who volunteered and will make up the ranking committee are as follows: Lindner, Craft, Madlom, and Brown.

Motion by Koopman, second by Scheckel to recommend to the RPA Policy Board approval of the selection committee for the Small City Surface Transportation Block Grant Program applications. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Schwenker, second by George to approve the selection committee for the Small City Surface Transportation Block Grant Program applications. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve selection committee for the RPA 8 Transportation Alternative SET – ASIDE Program (TA SET – ASIDE) applications

Ravada stated RPA received two applications from: Maquoketa and Clinton. Ravada informed the Board the total request for funding came in over a million dollars and there is only \$415,000.00 in funds. Therefore, Ravada is suggesting a selection committee to rank these two projects.

Ravada requested members to volunteer to be on the ranking committee, two policy members and 2 technical advisory members. The members who volunteered and will make up the ranking committee are as follows: Kinney, Scheckel, Behnken, and Kenniker.

Motion by Koopman, second by Scheckel to recommend to the RPA Policy Board approval of the selection committee for the RPA 8 Transportation Alternative SET – ASIDE Program (TA SET – ASIDE) applications. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Flagel, second by George to approve the selection committee for the RPA 8 Transportation Alternative SET – ASIDE Program (TA SET – ASIDE) applications. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the public

No comments at this time.

Other Business and Announcements

RCTP

RCTP closed on March 19th and 17 applications were received. There is four from Clinton County, two from Delaware County, two from Dubuque County, and nine from Jackson County.

Adjournment

Motion by Scheckel, second by Koopman to adjourn Thursday March 26, 2026, RPA Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Motion by Behnken, second by Schwenker to adjourn Thursday March 26, 2026, RPA Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully,

Chandra Ravada
Transportation Director