

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

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: ECIA/Zoom

Technical Advisory Board Members Present:

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

☒ **Jayden Scheckel**
Engineer, Jackson County
☐ (proxy Don Schwenker)

☐ **Steve Lindner (Vice-Chair)**
City of DeWitt

☐ **John Griffin**

☒ **Todd Kinney**
Engineer, Dubuque County
☒ (proxy Harley Pothoff)

☐ **Brock Waters**
City of Manchester
☐ (proxy Connie Behnken)

☐ **Jason Craft**
City of Clinton
☐ (proxy Vacant)

☒ **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 Brock Waters)

☒ **Scott Maddasion (Chair)**
City of Clinton
☐ (proxy Jason Craft)

☐ **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 10:09 a.m.

The RPA Policy Board meeting was called to order by RPA Policy Board Chair, Scott Maddasion at 10:09 a.m. Introductions were made at this time.

Review/Approve the Agenda for the Thursday, June 25, 2026 Technical Advisory Board and Policy Board joint meeting

Motion by Childers, second by Boldt from the RPA Technical Advisory Board to approve the agenda for Thursday, June 25, 2026, RPA meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Madlom, second by Kida from the RPA Policy Board to approve the agenda for Thursday, June 25, 2026, RPA meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Thursday May 28, 2026 RPA Technical Advisory Board and Policy Board joint meeting

Motion by McPherson, second by Childers from the RPA Technical Advisory Board to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Thursday May 28, 2026 RPA Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pothoff, second by George from the RPA Policy Board to approve the minutes and receive and file the secretarial notes from Thursday May 28, 2026 RPA Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approve Final RPA 8 Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Motion by Flagel, second by Kida to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was open at 10:12 a.m.

Ravada referred to the TIP stating no major changes only minor corrections. Ravada asked for the TIP to get approved so staff could program all projects.

Motion by Pothoff, second by George to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 10:14 a.m.

Motion by Childers, second by Scheckel to recommend approval to the RPA 8 Policy Board the Final RPA 8 Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by George, second by Madlom to approve the Final RPA 8 Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

RPA 8 Long Range Transportation Plan process and member agency involvement

Ravada stated the IADOT regularly questions why project priorities that are eligible for federal and state funding are not established in the LRTP. Due to this questioning staff are suggesting a new approach to the RPA 8 LRTP. Instead of just having one plan, staff will tailor plans for members above 5,000 in population. The new approach will focus on members with a functional class above major collectors, for projects, and be shaped by economic development, engineering, planning, and advocacy input. This new approach will help reflect each community's unique growth trajectory, improve accuracy over a single region-wide forecast, and strengthen local ownership of priorities and projects.

Discussion followed.

Ravada stated the final product will give individual transportation plans to all eight members, plus an overall RPA 8 plan, a living document that members update collaboratively with RPA 8 staff, a pipeline of future projects eligible for federal funding, and a full alignment with Iowa DOT and FHWA requirements.

RPA 8 Long Range Plan Schedule

Fox reviewed the LRTP schedule with the board stating the kick off for the LRTP was in May and staff plan to have it wrapped up in June of 2027.

Discuss possible change in time of the RPA Board Meeting

Ravada stated that the RPA Board meetings used to be at 9 a.m. and were moved to 10 a.m. due to board members suggestion. Now this time does not seem to be working and Ravada asked if board members would like the meeting time to go back to 9 a.m. or moved to 11 a.m. Most members in the meeting stated that 9 a.m. works better for them, one member stated 11 a.m. Ravada stated that he will send out an email to all members to vote on their preference on meeting time.

Comments from the public

No comments at this time.

Other Business and Announcements

RCTP Update

Studier gave a brief update on the RCTP.

BUILD Grant

Congratulations given to Clinton and Jackson County on receiving the BUILD grant.

Adjournment

Motion by Scheckel, second by Boldt to adjourn the Thursday, June 25, 2026, RPA Technical Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Motion by Kida, second by Flagel to adjourn the Thursday, June 25, 2026, RPA Policy Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully,

Chandra Ravada
Transportation Director