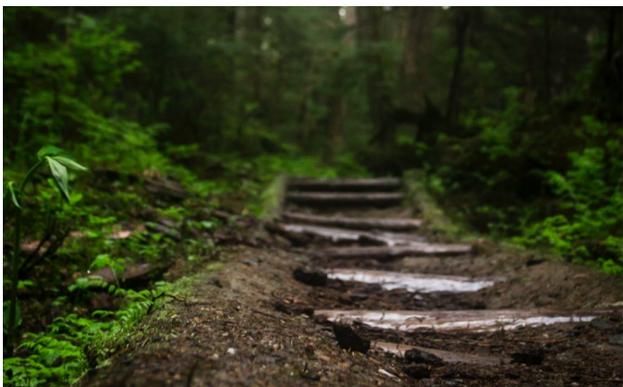




Formation of the RPA

The RPA is governed by a fourteen-member Policy Committee made up of elected officials appointed by the Board of Supervisors in the seven affiliated counties. Some Policy Committee responsibilities include:

- ◆ Development and implementation of a public involvement plan to offer citizens the opportunity to help identify transportation issues, needs, and priorities
- ◆ Preparation of short- and long-term planning documents which describe the existing transportation system, identify issues, discuss needs, provide policy direction, and define the direction for planning and project development during the designated term
- ◆ Development of an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to show the transportation improvements proposed in the region during the next four years, using state and federal funds.



ECICOG

The East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) is an intergovernmental council established in 1972 under Chapter 28E and provided for under Chapter 28H of the Code of Iowa. Governed by a board of directors comprised of elected officials and private citizens, ECICOG was created to promote regional cooperation and to provide professional planning services to local governments in Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington Counties. A portion of our operations is supported by a per capita assessment paid by these counties.

Since its creation, ECICOG has come to be recognized as an ideal vehicle for addressing planning issues that require regional perspective. Cities and counties benefit from our staff's assistance in their efforts to promote community and economic development, improve the region's housing stock, manage solid waste, and meet the transportation needs of the area.

With its office centrally located in Cedar Rapids, ECICOG's professional staff is available to assist local officials and concerned citizens to explore ways to make their communities a better place to live. ECICOG board members may be contacted for more information on the advantages of regional cooperation and coordination.



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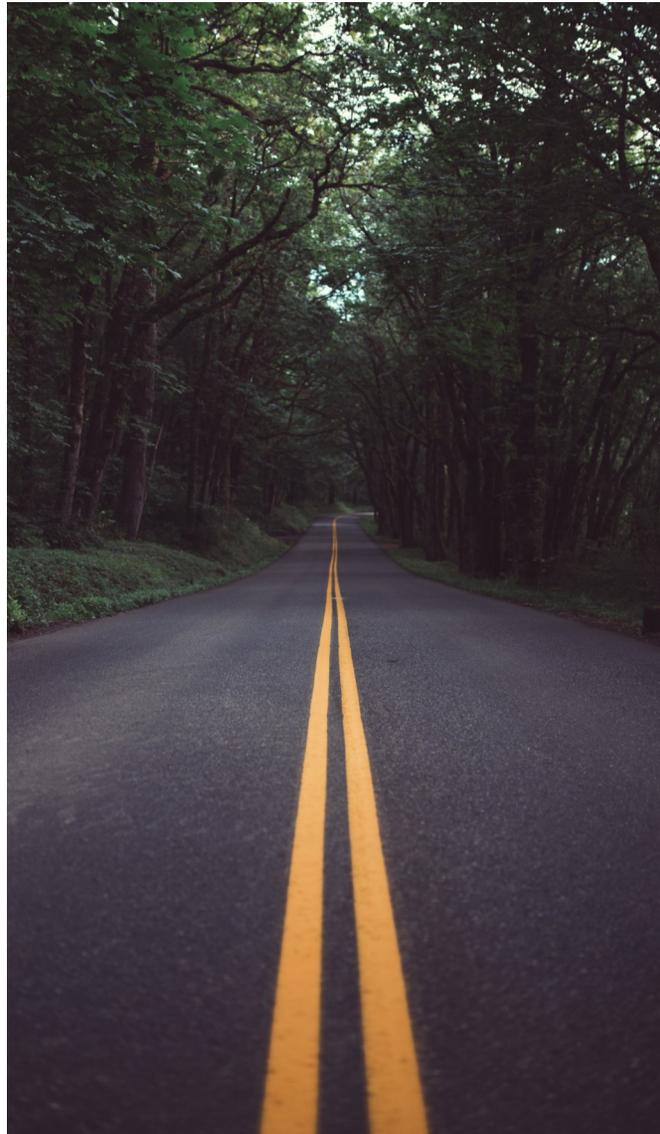
In 1994, the Iowa Department of Transportation created the Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs) to allow for local participation in the transportation planning and programming process. Region 10 RPA, which is staffed by the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG), was founded to serve the local governments of Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington Counties.

RPA Structure

The RPA is governed by a Policy Committee comprised of two elected officials from each of the participating counties. Policy Committee representatives are appointed by each of the affiliated county boards of supervisors. The Policy Committee has also established three advisory committees to assist in the planning process:

- ◆ **TTAC - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee:** The TTAC is comprised of three representatives from each county in the Region 10 area. They are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to three-year terms. The committee is comprised of persons with transportation knowledge or expertise to provide recommendations to the Region 10 Policy Committee regarding transportation planning and programming issues for the seven-county area.
- ◆ **PTAC - Passenger Transportation Advisory Committee:** The PTAC is comprised of two representatives from each county in the Region 10 area. They are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to two-year terms. The committee is comprised of persons with passenger transportation knowledge or expertise to provide recommendations to the Region 10 Policy Committee regarding transit planning and programming issues for the seven-county region. It is recommended that the appointments include someone representing the local transit operation (transit manager) and someone representing human services (county central point of coordination).

- ◆ **RTAC - Regional Trails Advisory Committee:** The RTAC is comprised of two representatives from each county in the Region 10 area. They are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to two-year terms. The committee is comprised of persons with trails knowledge or expertise to provide recommendations to the Region 10 Policy Committee regarding trails planning and prioritization for the seven-county region.



Regional Funding Programs

A portion of the federal funds available in Iowa has been distributed to RPAs to allow for localized decision making. Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds are available for regional programming.

The STBG program is intended to aid jurisdictions with the funding for any road or bridge projects on the federal aid system, for transit capital improvements, or for transportation planning activities.

The TAP program is intended to fund the enhancement or preservation activities of transportation related projects. Eligible project categories include:

- ◆ Facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
- ◆ Scenic or historic highway programs
- ◆ Rehabilitation & operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities
- ◆ Archeological planning and research
- ◆ Safe Routes to Schools projects
- ◆ Safety & educational activities for pedestrians & bicyclists
- ◆ Eligible scenic byway projects
- ◆ Transportation museums

Applications for these programs are distributed to affiliated cities and counties annually in early September. The deadline for application submittals is December 15.