



**REGIONAL PLANNING AFFILIATION 8 (RPA 8)
POLICY COMMITTEE**

RPA 8 RESOLUTION 2025-08-1

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY 8'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S NATIONAL RTAP COMMUNITY RIDES GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS the Regional Planning Affiliations were established in the 1990s to conduct transportation planning for non-metropolitan areas in the state of Iowa; and

WHEREAS Regional Planning Affiliation 8 (RPA 8) is responsible for transportation planning in Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson counties in Iowa; and

WHEREAS RPA 8 plays a vital role in supporting the Regional Transit Authority 8 (RTA) by providing transit planning and coordination, human services coordination through the Public Transportation Planning (PTP) process, and public engagement; and

WHEREAS one of the major findings from the PTP for the region is a lack of awareness regarding RTA services, along with misconceptions that RTA services are only for specific riders and a shortage of drivers. The PTP recommended a marketing strategy and campaign to address these issues; and

WHEREAS RPA 8 will be a key partner for RTA in improving awareness of RTA services by providing data, assisting in survey methods, conducting data collection, and facilitating project implementation; and

WHEREAS the RTA seeks funding for these improvements by submitting an application, due on August 29, 2025, through the Federal Transit Authority's National RTAP Community Rides Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the RPA 8 Policy Committee fully endorses this application for financial assistance from the Federal Transit Authority to enhance awareness of RTA services, eliminate misconceptions about RTA services, and improve driver recruitment. RPA 8 Policy Committee supports the allocation of staff time and resources necessary for RTA to successfully implement this project.

Approved this 28th day of August 2025.

Attest:

Scott Maddasion
Chairperson
RPA 8 Policy Committee

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