

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
March 31, 2016

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairman Kohn called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Officers Present

Patrick Bloomingdale	MAPA Secretary/Treasurer, Douglas County
Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Ben Gray	Omaha City Council
Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Ron Kohn	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Tom Richards	Sarpy County Commissioner
Jean Stothert (arrived @1:42 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Omaha
Matt Walsh (arrived @1:45 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Members/Officers Absent

Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue

MAPA Staff

Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel	Michael Felschow
Mike Helgersen	Karna Loewenstein	Jeff Spiehs	Greg Youell

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the February 25, 2016 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Richards to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Kindig, Kohn, Richards

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORT – (Action)

Mr. Bloomingdale reported that the Finance Committee met on March 23, 2016 and approved bills for February, reviewed January financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Richards to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 Finance Committee meeting.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Kindig, Kohn, Richards

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Monthly Report – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell provided an update to the Board on MAPA activities for the month of February. MAPA staff had been busy with a number of public meetings for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Sarpy County Transit Study. These

Approved by _____
Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/Treasurer

meetings were held in conjunction with other meetings. Flights have started for the NIROC Aerial Photography project. MAPA is coordinating with communities in Sarpy County on our forecasts for future land use and growth. Updated Census numbers have been released for the area. These are the annual estimates for the mid-decade and as a whole the Metropolitan statistical area is up to 915,000 since 2010 and is not quite on track to reach one million by 2020. The total growth rate for the entire area is 1.1% and varies depending on the County. MAPA has been working with the CPAR data center at UNO and Nebraska DNR to correct the issue with the Nebraska Sanitary Improvement District populations being incorrectly allocated to cities. The FAST Lane competitive grant program is now available and focuses mainly on freight and economic development projects and have set asides for rural areas and for smaller projects. The applications are available for TIGER and this will be the last year. MAPA is continuing to follow LB-960. Mr. Scot Adams from Notre Dame Housing shared with the agency that he wanted to applaud the agencies efforts and transparency with the Coordinated Transit Committee.

2. Heartland 2050 Report – (Info)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein provided an update to the Board on Heartland 2050 activities. Staff is busy in the planning stages and currently working on the upcoming Summer Summit. Staff is looking for potential speakers for the speaker series and making plans for an on-site visit to Salt Lake City to visit Envision Utah. The committees have been finalizing strategies and will next begin working on action steps to move the vision forward. Ms. Loewenstein has convened a meeting with all committee chairs to have a round table discussion and establish where we are with the vision and where we are going. Funding request for Heartland 2050 have been sent out to Iowa and Nebraska jurisdictions.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA –

None.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. FY 2016 – 2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #9 – (Action)

Mr. Mike Helgersen presented the FY 2016 – 2019 TIP amendment #9 to the Board for approval. The first project is a state-wide vehicle project that MAPA and Lincoln MPO have been coordinating together with the state. MAPA received an award for CMAQ (congestion management and air quality) funding and the state has asked the agency to coordinate it this way. The funding includes 3 years of funding, approximately \$108,000 of total funding for FY 16, just over \$150,000 in FY17 and about \$181,000 of total funding for the MPO portion of the statewide vehicle program. The second project is a Papillion project and is an award from the State Safety Committee for an intersection project. The next project is a City of Omaha project, the 30th Street Road Diet, another award from the State Safety Committee and includes \$224,000 in FY16 of HSIP funding and \$208,000 of HSIP funding for NEPA and ROW in FY17 and the construction phase of the project is programmed for FY19. The next project is the Metro Bus Rapid Transit project, MAPA received notice from NDOR that the beginning balance is slightly lower than anticipated so \$1.36 million will be transferred this year and the remaining \$89,000 will be made up at a later year. Metro has agreed to advance construct and will receive federal reimbursement at a later time. The next project is an update to a description of the Council Bluffs Bridge Program project. This is a combination of two projects so the update is to ensure an adequate description of the two projects together. The next two projects are the Eastern Hills Drive project and the East Beltway Project. The Eastern Hills Drive project is advancing a portion of the East Beltway Project with earmark funding, changes to the East Beltway Project reduced the total earmark funding that is programmed as a placeholder to maintain the total amount of funding between the two projects. The next project is another safety program project and a recommendation from the state safety committee for the 30th Street Road Diet Project, \$211,000 HSIP funding for PE, NEPA and final design and \$1.1 million for construction. The final project is another road diet project on 24th street, the project is being changed substantially to coordinate with an NDOR project.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Duda to approve the FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Stothert, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. TRAVEL – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the travel listed below.

- a. NARC Conference and Exhibition – Salt Lake City, Utah – June 26-29, 2016 – Youell, Felschow and up to 4 Board Members - \$12,694.00
- b. Collective Impact Workshop – San Francisco, CA – Loewenstein – \$3,000.00
- c. EDA National Conference – Washington, D.C. – April 7-8, 2016 – Anderson – \$3,189.00

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Stothert to approve the travel to the Salt Lake City, Utah for the NARC Conference; San Francisco, California for the Collective Impact Workshop and Washington D.C. for the EDA National Conference.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Stothert, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2017 PRELIMINARY LINE ITEM BUDGET – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the FY 2017 Preliminary Line Item Budget. Total funds available are anticipated at \$5.73 million for FY 2017 and \$1.4 million budgeted for salaries and benefits and \$3.4 million for contracts and pass-through funding. Non-personal expenses have a total increase of 1%.

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Stothert to approve the FY 2017 Preliminary Funds Budget.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Stothert, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. FY 2017 – 2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) DRAFT PROJECT LIST – (Action)

Mr. Mike Helgersen presented to the Board for approval the FY 2017 – 2020 TIP Draft Project List to go to public review. The three project selection committees (Project Selection Committee, Transportation Alternatives Committee and Coordinated Transit Committee) each had a responsibility to make recommendations to TTAC on which projects should receive regional funding. The project list and ranking have received a favorable recommendation from TTAC and are being brought to the Board for approval to go to the public for review.

MOTION by Stothert, SECOND by Duda to approve the FY 2017 – 2020 TIP Draft Project List to go to public review.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Stothert, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

J. DISCUSSION

1. ANNUAL SURVEY – (INFO)

Mr. Greg Youell provided the Board with an update of the Annual Survey Results.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kohn adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.