

Special Studies

Offutt Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

The JLUS Study completed in 2015 recommended a number of action steps for the surrounding communities to continue and expand a strong, neighborly relationship with the Base. MAPA will coordinate implementation of these recommendations with participating jurisdictions.

South Omaha Brownfields

Site assessments on properties with possible development interest and/or contamination issues will be conducted to prepare for clean-up and redevelopment. This particular project will be completed in FY-2017, and MAPA is exploring opportunities for additional brownfields work in North Omaha.

Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS)

This joint NDOR-MAPA study of the region's transportation system, with particular focus on our major improvements over the next 30 years, will continue Phase 2 that looks at alternative projects and funding.

Platteview Road Corridor Study

MAPA and Sarpy County evaluated future transportation options along the Platteview Road corridor in southern Sarpy County. In FY-2017 MAPA will continue to work on the planning for infrastructure and corridor protection.

Sarpy County Transit Study

MAPA and Sarpy County are leading a study looking at options for improved public transit service in the county. This study works with local governments, human service providers, businesses and the general public to identify opportunities for transit.

Transportation

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

MAPA will continue to update the metro area's LRTP, which guides transportation strategies and investments for the next 20-plus years. This Plan is being coordinated closely with the Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS).

Transportation Improvement Project (TIP)

The region's TIP identifies transportation projects of regional significance for the next six years in MAPA's Transportation Management Area (TMA). The TIP is the result of collaboration between local jurisdictions, state and federal partners, and citizens, who provide input into the regional transportation process.

Bus Rapid Transit

MAPA is participating actively in Metro's BRT project planned for the Dodge Street corridor, which received a TIGER grant from the U.S. DOT. The BRT is a significant transit investment in the metro area and represents an important component of the "Heartland Connections" Regional Transit Vision recommendations.

Iowa RPA-18

MAPA coordinates transportation planning in the RPA-18 area, which covers Harrison, Mills, Shelby and rural Pottawattamie Counties. MAPA will complete the Pottawattamie County Transportation Master Plan that will chart a future course for transportation improvements.

FTA Grants

MAPA assists local governments and non-profit agencies by administering the Section 5310 program for the metro area, which provides funding for transit service to serve the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Community and Economic Development Assistance

Comprehensive Plans

MAPA will assist communities to update their Comprehensive Plans which guide and facilitate future growth and quality of life. Current projects include the Comprehensive Plans for Mills County and the City of Treynor.

Community Development Assistance

CDBG project administration is available for water, wastewater and downtown revitalization projects. MAPA will provide administration for the Walnut Downtown Revitalization project and apply for others.

Economic Development Activities

Gap financing with the MAPA Revolving Loan Fund is available to assist small businesses. MAPA will collaborate with economic development partners to implement the 10 strategic goals identified in the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Regional Initiatives

Heartland 2050

The Heartland 2050 project aims to help the region thrive by promoting coordination and a quality growth strategy for housing and transportation. Heartland 2050 will focus on implementing action steps identified last year by the Executive and Implementation Committees.

Little Steps Big Impact Air Quality Initiative

This metro area's annual campaign educates the public on the impacts of ground-level ozone on air quality, and the steps which can be taken to reduce emissions. MAPA is working with local governments and other partners to promote smart energy, including electric vehicle charging stations in the metro area.

Data and Technology

Traffic Counts

The biennial Traffic Flow map will be produced as well as the related Traffic Growth reports and analysis. MAPA will also collaborate to develop a new portal for local jurisdictions to enter traffic count data into a regional database.

Data

MAPA is reviewing and analyzing data related to economic development, population, income, traffic, and other information continuously. We are the location for local, county, and state level data.

Forums and Events

Quarterly Council of Officials

Mayors and other officials in the five-county region meet quarterly for the MAPA Council of Officials meeting. The Council conducts business, networks and hears a presentation on a topic of interest taking place in the metro area. The Annual Meeting will be held on October 5, 2016 at the Bellevue Event Center in Sarpy County.

Summits and Public Events

MAPA will host panel discussions, public engagement and speaker events during the year around topics of interest. Heartland 2050 Summits will be held twice a year with the 2016 Summer Summit taking place on August 2, 2016 at the Creighton University Harper Center.

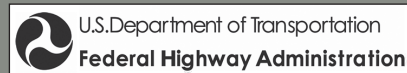


Regional cooperation is critical to competitive success. MAPA assists communities to identify and understand opportunities for enhancement, coordinate across public and private entities to maximize the benefits of regional thinking, and, where applicable, ensure that funds are distributed thoughtfully and strategically.

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FY-2017 ACTIVITIES

The Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency proposes the following work activities for FY-2017 (July 2016 - June 17) listed inside this brochure.



MAPA brings local government officials of the region together to address mutual and overlapping concerns in the areas of: transportation, community development, economic growth and development, environmental stewardship, data sharing/ research, and regional collaborative services.