

DATE: October 14, 2016
TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
FROM: Dennis Wilson, Chairman
Greg Youell, MAPA Executive Director
RE: October 21, 2016 TTAC Meeting

The MAPA TTAC will meet Friday, October 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Metro Building at 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. The TTAC meeting will be held in the Metro Training Room on the lower level. Please enter the building through Metro's front door and follow the signs to the Metro Training Room on the lower level. The agenda item materials can be accessed by clicking on the linked agenda item titles. The agenda is also available at the MAPA offices and online at <http://www.mapacog.org/boards-a-committees/58-agendas>.

AGENDA

For TTAC Approval / Review

- A. Meeting Minutes: TTAC will consider approval of the September 23, 2016 TTAC meeting minutes. (Action Item) (Attachment)

Recommendations to Board

- B. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments: Staff will present various amendments to the FY 2017-2020 TIP from local jurisdictions and request a recommendation for Board approval. (Action Item) (Attachment)
- C. 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment #4: Staff will request a recommendation for Board approval of an amendment to the 2040 LRTP for a City of Omaha project adjustment. (Action Item) (Attachment)
- D. Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Policy Guide and Project Selection Process: Staff will present a policy guide and project selection process for Heartland 2050 implementation projects using Surface Transportation Program Block Grant (STPBG) mini-grant suballocation and request a recommendation for Board approval. (Action Item) (Attachment)
- E. Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update: Staff will request a recommendation for the Board opening a 45-day public comment period on the LRTP amendment process in the PPP. (Action Item) (Attachment)

Discussion Items

- F. Funding Obligation and Project Status: Staff will review the annual funding obligation, project status, and Obligation Authority (OA) balance trend analysis. (Information Item)
- G. Frontier Iowa Trails Group (FITG) Presentation: FITG will present information on its coordination efforts for Iowa trail projects and future coordination within Iowa and Nebraska. (Information Item)
- H. Member Agencies Update: Agencies will present updates regarding ongoing and future projects/programs across the region. (Information Item) (Time Permitting)
- I. Additional Business
Upcoming Meetings: Board of Directors – October 27; Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC) – November 16; TTAC – November 18
- J. Adjournment

Auxiliary aids, language assistance, and services are available when requested in advance. Please call the office.
Si necesita ayuda con traducción. Por favor llame la oficina.

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of October 21, 2016 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, October 21, 2016, at Metro, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Marty Leming opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Jeff Roberts	City of Bellevue Public Works
Matt Cox	City of Council Bluffs Public Works
Dan Giittinger	City of Gretna
Rocky Henkel	City of La Vista Public Works
John Kottmann	City of La Vista Public Work
Stephen Osberg	City of Omaha Planning Department
Marty Leming	City of Papillion Public Works
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County Engineers Office
Scott Suhr	Iowa Department of Transportation
Noel Salac	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Tim Weander	Nebraska Department of Roads – District 2
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD
Bruce Fountain	Sarpy County Planning Department

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Justin Luther	FHWA – Nebraska Division
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GUESTS

Lee Myers	AARP
Kyle Kovar	3M Traffic
Jason Carbee	HDR, Inc.
Arobindu Das	Iteris, Inc.
Nick Weander	Olsson Associates
Maurice Hinchey	Nebraska Department of Roads – District 2
Bill Troe	SRF Consulting Group
Ernest Wesolowski	Citizen

STAFF

Court Barber	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Sue Cutsforth	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Melissa Engel	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Mike Helgerson	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Megan Walker	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: Approval of the minutes of the September 23, 2016 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Noel Salac
Second by: Jeff Roberts
Motion Carried

B. FY 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Ms. Walker addressed the TTAC with Amendment 1 of the FY2017 – 2020 TIP. The projects are:

- 156th Street – Phase Two
- 36th Street Phase II
- Nebraska Statewide Van Pool
- OPS McMillan Middle School SRTS Project
- Sign Management Inventory
- Valley D.C. Safe Routes to School
- FY 2017 MAPA TIP Document
- 120th Street

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their October 27, 2016 meeting of the FY 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 1.

Motion by: Dan Kutilek
Second by: Scott Suhr
Motion Carried

C. 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRPT) Amendment #4

Mr. Barber presented the 2040 LRTP Amendment 4 to the Committee. He said the Amendment has gone out for public comment and a public meeting was held regarding 156th Street Phase II and programming changes for 120th Street. These revised construction estimates from NDOR will go to the October MAPA Board of Directors meeting on October 27, 2016.

Motion #3: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their October 27, 2016 meeting of the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment #4.

Motion by: Tim Weander
Second by: Dan Kutilek
Motion Carried

D. Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Policy Guide and Project Selection Process

Mr. Helgerson reminded the TTAC that last month they had been presented with the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Policy Guide and the project selection process whereas Heartland 2050 can request funding from STP funds in Iowa and Nebraska. The Heartland 2050 Executive Committee approved this policy and the project selection process earlier in the month. With their approval, it now is coming to TTAC for its approval and finally to MAPA's Board of Directors.

As the policy guide states, mini-grants will be approved by the ProSeCom and TTAC Committees and the Heartland 2050 Executive Committee and those two recommendations will then go to the Board of Directors for their final approval. The STBG funding will be set aside with this first year being \$250,000 from Nebraska and \$80,000 from Iowa to do projects generally related to planning or corridor projects related to transportation. Solicitation for these projects will be December 2, 2016 in coordination with the regular call for projects for STBG and TAP. Applications will be due by January 15, 2017. Funds will be available for Douglas and Sarpy counties and part of Pottawattamie County.

Motion #4: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their October 27, 2016 meeting of the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Policy Guide and Project Selection Process.

Motion by: Stephen Osberg
Second by: Bruce Fountain
Motion Carried

E. Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update

Ms. Walker recommended the Public Participation Plan go before the Board of Directors to open a 45-day public comment period for the amendment process of the PPP. The change is an Administrative Modification that will allow staff to make minor administrative modifications more efficiently and effectively and for minor modifications to the LRTP.

Motion #5: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their October 27, 2016 meeting for wording changes under the criteria for the Minor Amendment and the Major Amendment to be worked through the 45-day Comment Period for the Public Participation Plan.

Motion by: Brad Zumwalt
Second by: Noel Salac
Motion Carried

F. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Helgerson updated the TTAC with both Nebraska and Iowa. Nebraska's STP balance is at \$10.8million and no funds with TAP. Iowa's Q3 ending balance for Highway Program funds is \$7.2million and \$566million with the Enhancement Program.

Discussion continued with the OA balance analysis for Nebraska where its obligation limit for FY 2016 was \$13,244,000. It was noted that with the funding numbers Mr. Helgerson went over, the goal is not to return federal monies and this obligation complicates that goal.

Mr. Helgerson moved on to the Regional STBG funding for both Nebraska and Iowa with specific questions on some projects. For TAP, both Nebraska and Iowa have 4 projects through FY 2020 with Iowa's projects all being trails. Moving on, Mr. Helgerson said we are fiscally constraint.

Mr. Luther said NDOR, MAPA and other jurisdictions will be getting together to help the project timeline go smoothly. The discussion continued on how to improve the processes to keep projects moving.

G. Frontier Iowa Trails Group (FITG) Presentation

Mr. Brian Leaders of FITG presented information on its coordination efforts for Iowa trail projects and coordination within Iowa and Nebraska on future projects. He said in Iowa, work has been done with county-wide trail planning with information regarding Shelby, Mills, Cass and Montgomery counties as well as the Wabash Trace Nature Trail. He said smaller communities with trails are seeing economic growth as a result.

Mr. Leaders said they're hoping to extend the partnership development across state lines. FITG has begun working with Missouri-Iowa-Nebraska-Kansas Development Group (MINK) as they're currently working along the river corridor. They're hoping to create a 4-state regional group to begin working with these state representatives and hoping each of the states will adopt their logo so for each state it would be Frontier Nebraska Trails, Frontier Iowa Trails, etc. as their identity. To help with the partnership, Mr. Leaders is asking the City of Omaha, Douglas and Sarpy counties to help in getting the word out about this group. Meetings are quarterly in Oakland, Iowa as this group continues to expand.

H. Member Agencies Update

- Mr. Kutilek provided information about the Q Street project from 180th to 192nd Streets that will be completed in November.
- Mr. Tim Weander said NDOR is being affected by the state hiring freeze. Hwy 370 through Bellevue should be completed soon. The westbound Maple Street bridge project at 88th Street across the Papio Creek will open in November and the eastbound will be closed next spring for construction. There's been a media blitz about the zipper merge for Hwy 75 south of Bellevue. Hwy 34 and Platteview Road should open the first part of November and Platteview Road on Hwy 75 will then close. Construction will begin with new lanes to alleviate the backups during peak traffic hours on 168th Street and Hwy 370.
- Mr. Williams said projects being completed are between Bellevue and the Sarpy County NRD and 3 SID's where the trail comes off of Capehart Road and the South Omaha trail under 42nd Street and under the Interstate. This trail will open November 10th.
- Mr. Osberg updated the Complete Streets design manual. There will be a public open house the week of October 24th.
- Mr. Koti said an agreement has been made for the micro cell towers for providers that go on existing infrastructure. Mr. Tim Weander added discussion from the state perspective.

I. Additional Business

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board of Directors – October 27, 2016
- Coordinated Transit Committee – November 16, 2016
- TTAC – November 18, 2016

J. Adjournment

Motion #6: Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Scott Suhr
 Second by: Dan Kutilek
 Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.