OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
October 26, 2017

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairwoman Sanders called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Officers Present

Rita Sanders (Chair)	Mayor, City of Bellevue/Chair
Patrick Bloomingdale	MAPA Secretary/Treasurer, Douglas County
Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Ben Gray	Omaha City Council
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Gary Mixan (arrived at 1:48 p.m.)	Sarpy County Commissioner
Jean Stothert (arrived at 1:41 p.m.)	Mayor, City o
Carol Vinton	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Matt Walsh (arrived at 1:40 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Members/Officers Absent
None.

MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson	Court Barber	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth
Don Gross	Karna Loewenstein	Greg Youell	

Guest
Ron Kohn
Cassie Paben
Vicki Quaites-Ferris

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the September 28, 2017 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Vinton to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Patrick Bloomingdale reported that the Finance Committee met on October 18, 2017 and approved bills for October, reviewed August financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Duda to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2017 Finance Committee meeting.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS – (Info)

1. Agency Reports –

Approved by_____
Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/Treasurer

a. Executive Directors Report - Greg Youell, Executive Director

Mr. Youell provided an update to the Board on MAPA activities for the month of September. The Highway 75/34 Bike Path Interlocal Agreement has been approved and will be moving forward. One issue that came up during the discussion of the new bridge was ensuring that farm equipment will be able to cross over that bridge. MAPA will work with the state to be sure that those vehicles are accommodated. At the Cass County Board meeting, Mr. Youell presented to the Board on Cass County's interest in joining MAPA. Staff is working with Sarpy County Public works to begin the process of an Interchange Justification Report for NDOT and FHWA for the 192nd Street area. The Nebraska Regional Officials Council met in Kearney, Nebraska and Sheryl Hiatt from Nebraska DED gave a presentation on LB518. MAPA's yearly audit is underway and the administrative staff is busy assisting the auditors. MAPA has finished hosting several events over the last few weeks including the Council of Officials Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebration with OKC Mayor Mick Cornett; the Heartland 2050 Site Visit to the Twin Cities; the H2050 Speaker Series/Walk Audit with Mark Fenton; the H2050 Summit with Ben Pierce; the NROC All Staff Retreat; and the NARC Executive Directors Conference and Board Meeting in San Antonio. Mr. Youell traveled to San Antonio for the NARC Executive Directors Conference and Mayor Sanders and Supervisor Vinton attended the NARC Board of Directors Retreat. NARC will come to Omaha in June of 2019. Mr. Youell provided an update on Iowa Community Development projects: a CDBG grant application was submitted in the amount of $196,000 for Hancock for sanitary sewer improvements; work has commenced on updating the Mills County Hazard Mitigation Plan; four CITIES applications were received for Carson (downtown), Hancock (sewer), Neola (park) and Treynor (streets) for total requests of $940k ($1.9M total project cost).

Ms. Sue Cutsforth provided the Board with a brief update on MAPA's communications efforts. Staff assessed the social media traffic and times that were having the most hits and adapted the calendar accordingly. Staff also developed a social media strategy based on MAPA & partners projects and events. Going forward, staff will focus on developing an agency wide communications plan. This is a follow-up on the team's strategic planning session and agencies need to be better understood by the public on what we do and services we provide.

b. Heartland 2050 –

Ms. Loewenstein provided an update to the Board on Heartland 2050 activities for the month of September & October. The decision has been made that Omaha, Council Bluffs and Bellevue will be part of the Smart Cities Lab cohort. There is a core planning group that has been established and MAPA staff and Heartland 2050 will be a part of that along with representatives from the cities of Bellevue, Omaha and Council Bluffs. There are additional representatives from HDR and Olsson Associates, Jen Olds from Peter Kiewit Foundation will lead that group. MAPA is assisting with much of the logistics. Consultants will be in the region November 14 – 16 for a site visit and to conduct assessment interviews and are expected to return in late December. A steering committee is being assembled for this project as well and will be co-chaired by Mayor Jean Stothert (City of Omaha) and Derek Leathers (CEO of Werner Enterprises). Ms. Loewenstein provided a recap on the site visit to Minneapolis (Twin Cities). The group learned a lot about benefits that can be reaped from transit investment. The group was also focused on ensuring societal issues with transit investment were not overlooked and looked at issues such as affordable housing etc. The group learned about the "Funders Collaborative," which allowed private philanthropy to be involved in the process and its focus is on "investment beyond the rail" and finding ways to enrich the process with art, green space etc. Heartland 2050 hosted the Speaker's Series and partnered with AARP and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Mark Fenton, walk audit expert, presented in the morning on walk audits and how to make areas accessible to everyone and in the afternoon led a smaller group on a walk audit training. A speaker from AARP presented to the group on the "livability index." The following morning two groups met up for "Block Talks" and conducted walk audits in two neighborhoods.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT –

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

The Board considered Consent Agenda items listed below for approval.

1. Contract Final Payments –
   a. The New BLK - $5,295.00
   b. Metro JARC - $51,646.00

2. Contract Amendments –
   a. Metro AVL – Extension of Time

b. Steven Jensen – Extension of Time

3. Economic Development Finance Professional Training – the Board considered for approval travel for Grant Anderson to attend Economic Development Finance Professional Training in Washington D.C., January 21 – 26, 2018 for $3,281.00.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Gray to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1 – (Action)

Mr. Barber presented to the Board for approval the FY 2018 TIP Amendment #1. The first change is the removal of the Platte River Trail Bridge project from the TIP. The second change is to N-31: Schramm Park – US 6, and 180th Street (Phase 2) projects and changes in funding. The third change is to the 180th Street, N. HWS Cleveland Blvd. to West Maple Road project. Changes were made to the project name, description and the length has been updated to combine phases 1 & 2 into a single project. The fourth change includes a change in sponsor (now the City of Omaha) for the Eastern Nebraska Electric Vehicle CMAQ Grant and an approximate local match breakdown has been added to the project description. Last amendment includes a change to the project location for the East Beltway: Stevens Road – East Segment.

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Gray to approve the FY 2018 TIP Amendment #1.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1 – (Action)

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval the FY 2018 UPWP Amendment #1. Changes were made to the Heartland 2050 work activities (270) to include the Smart Cities Lab; and to Local and Partner Planning Support (310) to include Omaha Pubic Works Traffic Counting, Douglas County GIS Activities, Omaha Planning Activities, Sarpy County Planning and GIS Activities, Pottawattamie County GIS Activities and Papio-Missouri River NRD Paths to Discovery Map Printing.

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Vinton to approve the FY 2018 TIP Amendment #1.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Contracts– (Action)

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval the contracts listed below.

a. The Sherwood Foundation grant for $50,000 to update equity profile

b. Transit Return on Investment (ROI) with the consultant, not to exceed $160,000
Negotiations for the Return on Investment Assessment are underway and Mr. Youell requested pre-approval to sign an agreement not to exceed $160,000, local match is being raised with multiple partners.

c. City of Omaha, - $20,000 grant for Heartland 2050

d. Ralston RLF Administration

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Hanafan to approve the new contract with the new contracts listed above.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2018 City of Council Bluffs Transit State of Good Repair Targets – (Action)

Mr. Court Barber presented to the Board for approval the FY 2018 City of Council Bluffs Transit State of Good Repair Targets. As part of the FAST Act the FTA requires transit providers to report on and set targets for transit asset management. The City of Council Bluffs has set targets for the category of, "percent that exceeds useful life". Based on the history of how much of the fleet exceeds useful life it was determined to be 25% in 2018. The City expects to replace most of its vehicles in the next year, putting them well within the goal.

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Stothert to approve the FY 2018 City of Council Bluffs Transit State of Good Repair Targets.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chairperson Sanders recognized MAPA's Executive Director, Greg Youell for 15 years of service at MAPA.

J. DISCUSSION

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.