

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY  
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
Minutes of February 16, 2018 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 16, 2018, at Metro, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Denny Wilson opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Denny Wilson	Sarpy County Public Works
Janet McCartney	Cass County
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County Engineers Office
Jeff Roberts	City of Bellevue Public Works
Greg Reeder	City of Council Bluffs Public Works
Dan Giittinger	City of Gretna Development Services Director
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista Public Works
John Kottmann	City of La Vista Public Works
Derek Miller	City of Omaha Planning Department
Todd Pfitzer	City of Omaha Public Works
Gayle Sturdivant	City of Omaha Public Works
Mark Stursma	City of Papillion Planning Department
Dan Freshman	City of Ralston Public Works
Evan Schweitz	Metro Transit
Paul Gavin	Nebraska Department of Transportation – Lincoln
Maurice Hinchey	Nebraska Department of Transportation – District 2
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Justin Luther	FHWA – Nebraska Division
Greg Youell	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

GUESTS

Stephen Osberg	City of Omaha Planning Department
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha Public Works
Jeff Riesselman	City of Omaha Public Works
Drew Parks	Nebraska Department of Transportation – District 2
Bill Herr	Sarpy County Public Works
Lee Myers	AARP
Jim Kollbaum	AECOM
Jeff Sockel	Alfred Benesch and Associates
Adam Denney	FHU
Mark Meisinger	FHU
John Jorgensen	HGM Associates
Arobindu Das	Iteris, Inc.
Doug Holle	Schemmer
Steve Ziemba	Terracon

STAFF

Court Barber	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Travis Halm	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 January 19, 2018 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Janet McCartney  
Second by: Greg Reeder  
Motion Carried

#### B. FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 4

Mr. Barber presented the FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 4. The three projects on the Amendment are 1) Omaha Resurfacing Program; 2) 2018 Omaha Resurfacing Program; and 3) Signal Infrastructure Phase A1.

Mr. Barber explained the Omaha Resurfacing Program has been a placeholder project for the Omaha Resurfacing Program. The resurfacing project will be done with local money now and will be reimbursed in 2023 with federal funds. The placeholder project has been in the TIP the last couple of years and as these projects are done, the funding is moved from that budget line item to a budget line item of that fiscal year. The funds are moving from this placeholder project and are being moved to the FY 2018 Omaha Resurfacing Program.

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 22, 2018 meeting of the FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 4.

Motion by: Dan Kutilek  
Second by: Todd Pfitzer  
Motion Carried

#### C. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 3

Mr. Youell said this Amendment is proposing the removal of three items from Contracts / Subrecipients and they are 1) Transportation Support and Communications - \$100,000; 2) Rideshare / Travel Demand Management - \$14,000; and 3) Close the Gap Advisor - \$16,000. These items are being cancelled or pushed back to FY 2019. He showed where adjustments are being made of these funds on the UPWP and also that \$60,800 will be deobligated from this fiscal year and will be available in FY 2019. He said MAPA will be working with Council Bluffs on a Complete Streets project through the Iowa Department of Public Health and will be contracting with Smart Growth America for \$6,000 in Iowa PL Funds.

Motion #3: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 22, 2018 meeting of the Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 3.

Motion by: Mark Stursma  
Second by: Stephen Osberg  
Motion Carried

#### D. Safety Performance Measures Target Setting

Mr. Helgerson said both Nebraska and Iowa have set their targets for five different measures. Under FAST Act and MAP-21, there are 180 days as an MPO to set regional targets and all of the targets set are measuring fatalities and serious injuries. These include education, engineering, enforcement, and legislation. As an MPO, the option exists to accept the state targets (both Iowa and Nebraska) and the decision was made to set its own targets.

Mr. Helgerson said they will evaluate the base line which is evaluating 5-year rolling averages in each category where trends are evaluated for each. The categories are Fatalities and Fatality Rate, Serious Injuries and Serious Injury Rate and Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. Discussion continued with graphs for each category as well as targets between Nebraska and Iowa.

Motion #4: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 22, 2018 meeting of the Safety Performance Measures Target adoption of state targets and matching targets to trend lines for FY 2018.

Motion by: Mark Stursma  
Second by: Todd Pfitzer  
Motion Carried

#### E. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Helgerson told the TTAC there is very little change from last month. There are no further obligations in Nebraska for STBG, there is a small correction to a project for Nebraska TAP and there is no change

for Iowa. He highlighted several Nebraska and Iowa STBG and TAP projects. Mr. Helgerson said they're working on an easier way doing project updates and explained the process to the Committee.

#### F. President's Infrastructure Proposal

Mr. Youell spoke about President Trump's American Infrastructure Initiative explaining it's \$200 billion in Federal funds to spur \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure investments over several years with partners at the state, local, Tribal and private level. The infrastructure proposal includes transportation, water, hydropower and broadband. Targeted in the Initiative are: 1) Building America's Infrastructure; 2) Stimulate Infrastructure Investment; 3) Invest in Rural America; 4) Increase State and Local Authority; 5) Eliminate Regulatory Barriers; 6) Streamline Permitting; and 7) Invest in our Country's Most Important Asset – Its People. 25% of the \$200 billion will be devoted to a new rural infrastructure program to rebuild and modernize infrastructure in rural America as well as financing programs in a federal capital revolving fund.

He emphasized the importance of infrastructure being brought to the forefront and the opportunity to help educate the public and those who work in infrastructure and its funding. He said there been conversations of a possible 25-cent federal gas tax which has not being raised since 1993. With discussion of a federal user fee, he said there's concern about the federal percentage and he said the maximum would be 20%. If additional funding happens, that will allow shifting and the freeing up of funding to go to other priorities such as rural projects with needs certainly also in the urban areas.

Mr. Youell said there has been discussion about creating maintenance funding for the existing infrastructure as well as the focus on new. Mr. Helgerson said from their recent trip to Washington D.C., their conversations with those in Congress said the Initiative will be worked on for the next year with Congress beginning their hearings on this topic in the next month. He encouraged the Committee to talk to their legislators for information as well as with concerns. Discussion also included what types of projects would be implemented such as the shovel ready projects with the Obama Administration. Mr. Helgerson said weight would be given to projects based on its innovation, how it's being funded and how other resources are being leveraged. Funding discussion continued.

#### G. Member Agencies Updates

- Gayle Sturdivant: (City of Omaha) 114<sup>th</sup> Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Street public pre-construction meetings have met. 114<sup>th</sup> Street has closures and 168<sup>th</sup> Street closures will begin March 1. Other construction sites planned are 156<sup>th</sup> Street from Pepperwood to Corby Streets; intersection of 132<sup>nd</sup> and W. Center Road, 108<sup>th</sup> Street; and 150<sup>th</sup> and Dodge interchange. They will be going out to public review for construction specification update in early March.
- Todd Pfitzer: (City of Omaha) Construction will begin at 144<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Streets as part of the West Farm development that includes the 150<sup>th</sup> & Dodge interchange. Road diets are going on 24<sup>th</sup> Street South with possible construction on 24<sup>th</sup> Street near Creighton; 30<sup>th</sup> Street North west of the former Creighton Hospital; Omaha is studying the Vision Zero initiative and may be adopting it. This initiative is a policy trying to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities and focuses on traffic as well as pedestrians.

#### H. Additional Business

- MAPA Board of Directors – February 22, 2018
- Coordinated Transit Committee – February 21, 2018
- Heartland 2050 Summit at the Kroc Center – March 22, 2018
- Transportation Technical Advisory Committee – March 23, 2018

#### I. Adjournment

Motion #5: Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Todd Pfitzer  
 Second by: Jeff Roberts  
 Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.