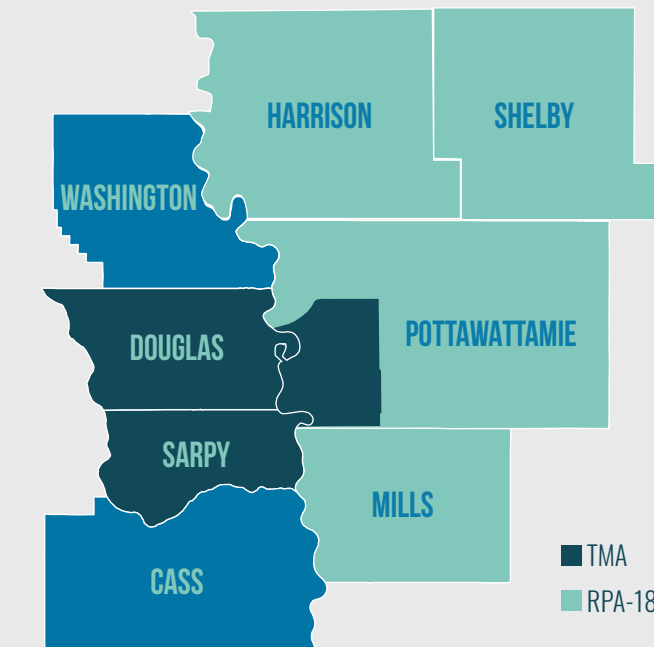
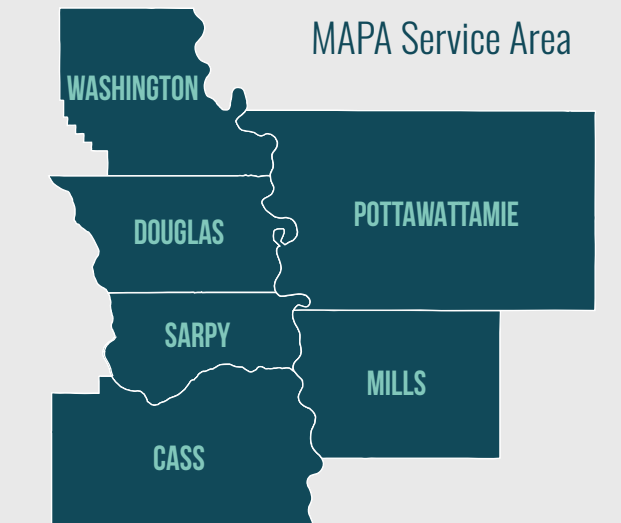


EXECUTIVE SUMMARY MATRIX: MEETINGS

| COMMITTEES | MEETING TIMES | STANDARD ENGAGEMENT | | | | GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Council of Officials MAPA's governing body, representing each of the governmental units in the MAPA six-county region. Approves the agency's long range plan and sets overall policy. | Four times a year (March, June, October, December) at various times and locations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to open meeting act Public notice published 4-20 days before meeting date Meeting date published on MAPA website, MAPA calendars and MAPA Newsletter Agenda and materials sent to members 7 days before meeting, Agenda posted on the MAPA website and at MAPA offices, Minutes posted on the MAPA website Social media posts Final Agenda posted at least 48 hours before start of meeting at MAPA offices and website Emergency Agenda posted less than 48 hours prior to the start time of the meeting at the MAPA office and on the MAPA website; only items deemed as emergency by the MAPA Executive Director (or Committee Chairperson for TAP-C & ProSeCom) will be allowed | | | | MAPA Service Area |
| Board of Directors Comprised of elected officials. Meets monthly to carry out policies set by the Council of Officials and oversee agency activities. | The fourth Thursday of every month (except November) at 1:30 pm at MAPA | | | | | |
| Finance Committee A committee of the Board of Directors. Monitors the financial status and operation of the agency, including reviewing expenditures and recommending the annual budget. | The third Wednesday of every month (except November) at 8:30 am at MAPA | | | | | |
| MAPA Foundation Board A 501(C)(3) corporation serving as the regional Non-Profit Development Organization (NDO) for Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties. The MAPA Board serves as the MAPA Foundation Board. | Meets as-needed prior to the monthly Board of Directors meetings. | | | | | Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties |
| Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Advises and provides technical guidance to the Board of Directors about transportation matters. Comprised of city and county engineers, planners, and public works representatives, as well as engineers from the State of Nebraska and the State of Iowa. | Monthly (except November), on the Friday before each MAPA Board meeting at 10 am at MAPA | | | | | MAPA TMA |
| Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Advises and provides technical guidance to the Board of Directors about regional planning. Guides the work of the Heartland 2050 Implementation Committees. Includes city and county representatives, implementation committee chairs, representatives from public utilities and the Chamber of Commerce and at-large members. | The first Friday of every other month (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) at 10 am at MAPA | | | | | MAPA Service Area |
| Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC) A sub-committee of TTAC. Provides oversight and guidance for the Coordinated Transit Plan and project selection for Section 5310 funding. Composed of various health and human service agencies, private and not-for-profit providers, city officials, Metro Transit, and concerned citizens. | Quarterly (Jan, April, July, October) on the third Wednesday at 10:30 am with additional meetings as necessary | | | | | MAPA TMA |
| Transportation Alternatives Program Committee (TAP-C) A sub-committee of TTAC. Includes planners, engineers, advocates, and staff from local and state jurisdictions. Meets regularly to discuss the process for making awards and reviewing project applications. | Meetings called as needed (2-4 times/year) | | | | | |
| Project Selection Committee (ProSeCom) A sub-committee of TTAC. Meets periodically to develop project selection criteria and review project applications for regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding. | | | | | | |
| Heartland Mini-Grant Selection Committees Meets as needed to review and recommend project applications for the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant program. Includes members from TTAC and RPAC. | | None | | | | MAPA TMA |
| Heartland 2050 Implementation Committees Stakeholder committees working in four areas: Equity & Engagement, Housing & Development, Infrastructure and Natural Resources. Committees are open to the public and work to move the Heartland 2050 vision forward. Overseen by RPAC. | Each committee meets on its own schedule | Meeting dates published on Heartland 2050 website. | No public notice published | No agendas published | No agendas published | MAPA Service Area |
| Rural Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18) Policy Board Guides and sets policy of the RPA-18 local transportation planning affiliation on matters necessary to comply with state and federal legislation. Allocates federal funds to eligible projects within its service area. | Second Wednesday of every month at 11 am at MAPA (Policy Board and Technical Committee meetings are held concurrently) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public notice Meeting date published on MAPA website, MAPA calendars and MAPA Newsletter Agenda and materials sent to members 7 days before meeting Agenda posted on the MAPA website and at MAPA offices Minutes posted on the MAPA website Social media posts | Public notice published 4-20 days before meeting date | Posted at least 48 hours before start of meeting at MAPA offices and website | Posted less than 48 hours prior to the start time of the meeting (MAPA office and website); only items deemed as emergency by the MAPA Executive Director will be allowed | RPA-18 |
| Rural Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18) Technical Committee Responsible to the RPA-18 Policy Board for the initiation, review and recommendations of transportation related activities. | | | | | | RPA-18 |
| RPA-18 Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Members of the RPA who work to create the Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP). | Quarterly in Atlantic, Harlan or Shenandoah (or as needed) | Communicated to members as needed | | | | RPA-18 |

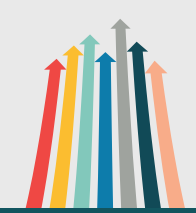


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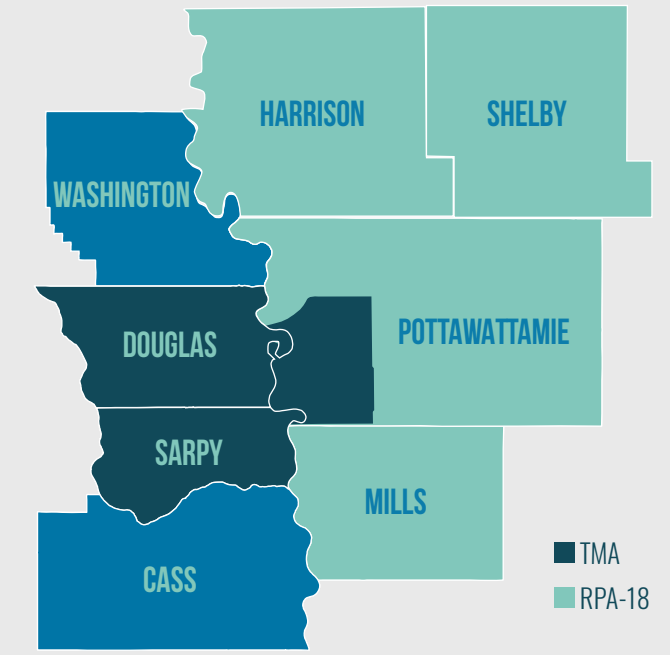
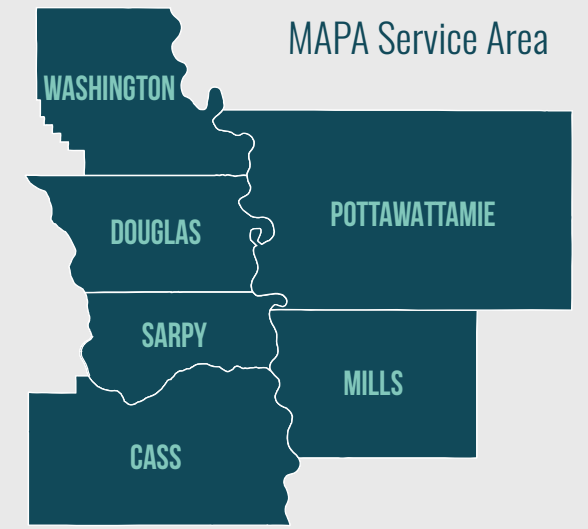
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY MATRIX: WORK PRODUCTS

| COMMITTEES | STANDARD ENGAGEMENT | FREQUENCY | PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD | GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES | LAST COMPLETED | NEXT COMPLETED | |
|--|---|--|---|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) A 25-year plan which provides a list of transportation projects to meet the future transportation needs in the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro area. In order to be eligible for federal funding, projects must be listed in the LRTP. | Presented to MAPA Board, public comment period, Posted on MAPA website; Social media, MAPA Newsletter | 5 years | Draft - 30 days, Major Amendment: 30 days, Minor Amendment: 7 days | MAPA TMA | October 2020 | FY 2026 | |
| Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List of transportation projects that are planned to be constructed in the upcoming six years. Includes all types of transportation projects that are funded federally through the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). This document is updated annually. | | Annual | Project Selection: 30 days, Draft - 30 days, Amendment: 7 days, Emergency Amendment: 24 hours | MAPA TMA | June 2022 | June 2023 | |
| Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Provides a strategic view and direction for MAPA's transportation planning activities. Documents MAPA's proposed transportation-related activities and projects for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). | | Annual | Draft: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days | MAPA TMA | May 2023 | May 2024 | |
| Community Development Work Program (CDWP) Provides a strategic view and direction for MAPA's community and economic development activities. Documents MAPA's proposed community and economic development activities and projects for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). | | Annual | Draft: 30 days | MAPA Service Area | May 2023 | May 2024 | |
| Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP) Identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, provides strategies for meeting these needs, and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation. In order to be eligible for federal Enhanced Mobility for Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program funding, projects must be included in the CTP. | | 5 years | Draft: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days | MAPA TMA | October 2022 | FY 2028 | |
| Public Participation Plan (PPP) Outlines how MAPA will work to achieve public participation for regional planning and programming efforts. | | 5 years | Draft: 45 days, Amendment: 45 days | MAPA Service Area | June 2019 | August 2023 | |
| Civil Rights Plan (Title VI) Outlines how laws and federal regulations, specifically those prohibiting discrimination, are implemented in MAPA's processes. Includes MAPA's Title VI Policy as well as the complaint process for both Title VI and ADA. | | 3 years | Draft: 30 days | MAPA Service Area | FY 2021 | FY 2024 | |
| Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) An economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen the regional economy through the collaboration of public and private sectors. Includes local goals and strategies and identifies priority programs and projects for implementation. | | 5 years | Draft: 30 days | MAPA Service Area | FY 2020 | FY 2025 | |
| Performance Management Monitoring of local performance measures as specified in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to address challenges facing the transportation system. These challenges include improving safety, maintaining infrastructure condition, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency of the system and freight movement, protecting the environment, and reducing delays in project delivery. | | Annual | Draft: 30 days | MAPA TMA | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | |
| Congestion Management Process | | Annual | Draft: 30 days | MAPA TMA | TBD | TBD | |
| Equity Assessment Annual assessment that scores MAPA's work in each of the eight areas included in MAPA's 2020 Equity Resolution. | | Presented to MAPA Board, Posted on MAPA website; Social media, MAPA newsletter - no public comment period | Annual | None; presented to the MAPA Board at the end of each fiscal year | MAPA Service Area | July 2022 | July 2023 |
| RPA-18 Long Range Transportation Plan (RPA LRTP) Outlines the existing status and future needs of the RPA-18 area's transportation system. Helps set the direction of planning efforts and programming investments and guide the priorities and projects that will be submitted for federal funding. | | Presented to the RPA Technical and Planning Committees, public comment period, Posted on MAPA website; Social media, MAPA Newsletter | 5 years | Draft - 30 days, Major Amendment: 30 days, Minor Amendment: 7 days | RPA-18 | FY 2014 | FY 2025 |
| RPA-18 Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Describes improvements programmed for RPA-18 over the next four years as a result of the transportation planning process | | | Annual | Draft - 30 days, Project Selection: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days, Emergency Amendment: 24 hours | RPA-18 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| RPA-18 Passenger Transportation Plan (RPA PTP) Five year planning document to coordinate health and human services, transportation, and public transit agencies to promote and further the development of the region's public transportation systems. The current version of this document covers both the RPA-18 and RPA-13 areas in Southwest Iowa. | 5 years | | Draft: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days | RPA-18 | FY 2024 | 2027 | |
| RPA-18 Transportation Planning Work Program (RPA TPWP) Policy document guiding transportation investments for the region. Identifies transportation planning tasks and serves as the basis for funding for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). | Annual | | Draft: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days | RPA-18 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | |



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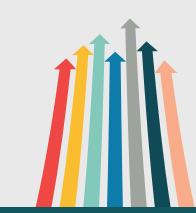


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Dates of Approval

TTAC:

MAPA Board of Directors:

RPA-18 Policy & Technical Committee:

For all MAPA and RPA-18 hosted meetings the following will apply:

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- Public facility Access

- Language, hearing and or sight accommodations (Spanish, American Sign Language, Braille Signage)

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- To view or file a Title VI or ADA complaint, please
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and ask for the ADA or Title VI Coordinator: titlevi@mapacog.org

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MAPA ROLES & JURISDICTIONS

The Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) was created by local governments in 1967 to serve as the regional planning agency for the greater Omaha-Council Bluffs region. MAPA performs planning and development work, especially to address problems that are regional in scope and cross jurisdictional boundaries.

MAPA serves in a variety of roles throughout the region; Figure 1 illustrates the different geographies served by each role.

Council of Governments

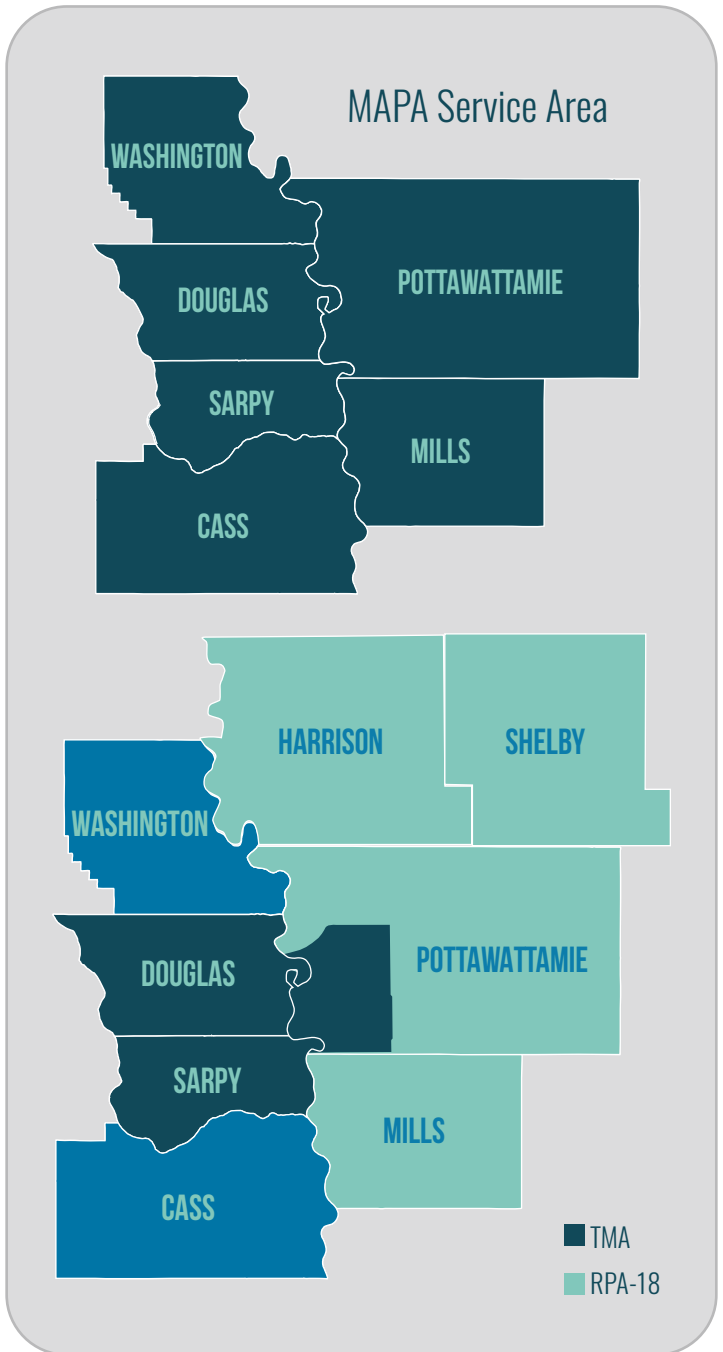
Determined by MAPA’s Interlocal Agreement, the current Council of Governments service area includes Douglas, Sarpy, Cass and Washington Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie and Mills Counties in Iowa.

MAPA is governed by a **Council of Officials (COO)**, made up of representatives from each of the governmental units (cities, counties, school districts, resource agencies, and other governmental bodies) within the six-county area. The Council’s roles include approving the agency’s long range plan and setting overall policy.

The **MAPA Board of Directors (Board)** serves as the Council of Officials’ executive committee and is made up of elected officials representing specific jurisdictions of the Council of Officials. The Board carries out policies set by the Council of Officials and oversees agency activities.

The **Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)** reviews and makes recommendations related to transportation to the MAPA Board.

The **Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)** advises and provides technical guidance to the MAPA Board about regional planning.



The relationship, responsibility, and composition of the Board of Directors, Council of Officials, TTAC and RPAC are described in the MAPA Interlocal Agreement and relevant Committee Bylaws.

Transportation Planning Affiliations

In its role as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), MAPA is the pass-through agency for millions of dollars in federal transportation funding for the MAPA **Transportation Management Area (TMA)**. The MAPA TMA consists of Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and urbanized portions of western Pottawattamie County in Iowa.

In addition, MAPA serves as the administrator for the **Iowa Regional Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18)**, which includes the counties of Harrison, Mills and Shelby, and the non-urbanized portion of Pottawattamie County.

Economic Development District

The six-county MAPA region is recognized by the U.S. Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District (EDD). As such, MAPA works to bring together partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors to implement plans and strategies that aim to diversify the regional economy and strengthen areas where disinvestment has occurred. One function of the MAPA EDD is to establish a regional resiliency blueprint known as a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Public Participation Plan Overview

Planning for a large and diverse region requires substantial input and public participation. The voices of the people who live, work and play here have varying, and sometimes conflicting, needs and priorities; however, their voices must be heard if we are to develop planning policies that truly meet the needs of the region. MAPA is committed to conducting robust public outreach and engagement and has outlined that commitment in this **Public Participation Plan (PPP)**.

The purpose of the Public Participation Plan is to

provide baseline policy and standards to guide outreach and engagement activities for MAPA and RPA-18 public committee meetings and projects to ensure that the general public, relevant stakeholders, and state and federal agencies are included in MAPA's planning activities.

The Public Participation Plan is updated every five years and must be approved by the MAPA Board at least one year prior to the development of a new Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

It is important that planning efforts are inclusive of all members of the community, especially those that are traditionally underserved by past and current transportation programs, facilities, or services. Public participation efforts may go above and beyond these baseline standards to meet unique project needs and to allow projects and programs to be flexible and adaptive, but must meet the minimum requirements found in the PPP.

MAPA's Commitment to Public Participation

- Ensure early and continuous public notification about regional planning
- Provide meaningful information concerning regional planning
- Obtain participation and input to inform regional planning efforts
- Commit to listen to those affected and marginalized to learn how MAPA can help
- Include robust representation from communities of color

Common Terms

- **Member of the Public:** any person who lives, works or plays in the region.
- **Stakeholder:** Someone who can provide valuable input and feedback on MAPA's projects and programs. This can include representatives from nonprofits, advocacy organizations or neighborhood groups.
- **Public Meeting:** Most of MAPA's meetings are open to the public to attend. However, meetings of committees with decision-making powers (COO, Board, TTAC, RPAC) are considered Public Meetings and must comply with the Iowa and Nebraska Open Meetings Acts.

2024 Public Participation Plan Update

This update to the public participation plan includes a greater focus on creating a more equitable and just region and reflects lessons learned from the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Regional Equity Resolution

In June 2020 the MAPA Board of Directors passed an Equity Resolution to reaffirm MAPA's commitment to a more equitable and just region and outlined eight action items to guide MAPA's work in this area. The PPP presents a valuable opportunity to advance principles of participation that are inclusive of affected and marginalized groups and that address the needs of African-American and other historically disadvantaged populations in MAPA's regional planning and funding decisions.

Virtual Public Involvement (VPI)

The global COVID-19 pandemic provided an opportunity to integrate new and more inclusive forms of public participation. The widespread adoption of virtual meeting options created an opportunity to engage a larger sector of the public with increased access to meetings, forums and virtual workshops being broadcast online. These engagement efforts reached a wider audience and provided the public an opportunity to engage outside of traditional set times and meeting locations. The integration of virtual engagement is something that will carry forward within MAPA's engagement strategies.

Requirements for MAPA's Public Participation Process

MAPA's work is subject to Federal and State requirements and implements the three C's of transportation planning—Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive—meaning the public is involved in the planning process in an inclusive as possible manner and that MAPA emphasizes providing continuous and equitable opportunities for public involvement.

MAPA's many roles as COG, MPO, EDD, and RPA administrator result in the agency serving as a conduit for several sources of federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other state and federal agencies. Due to the nature of the federal funding that MAPA receives, many different laws and federal regulations apply to MAPA's activities; MAPA strictly adheres to all Federal and State requirements relevant to our activities.

Civil Rights and Title VI

MAPA assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability/handicap or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259), be excluded from participation in, be

denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

MAPA further assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. In the event that MAPA distributes Federal aid funds to another entity, MAPA will include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance. MAPA's Title VI Coordinator is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing reports and other responsibilities as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 200 and 49 Code of Federal Regulation 21.

MAPA has developed a combined Civil Rights and Title VI Plan to outline these policies; the plan is available online and included in Appendix A.

Environmental Justice

Executive Order (E.O.) 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, was issued in 1994. Its purpose is to focus federal attention on the environmental and human health effects of federal actions on minority and low-income populations with the goal of achieving environmental protection for all communities.

MAPA strives to ensure that environmental justice is a consideration in all engagement efforts. This means ensuring full and fair participation of minority and low-income populations, including special considerations that must be made to ensure adequate representation and outreach to accommodate sensitive and historically disadvantaged populations. Planning efforts will consider the populations that may be affected as well as the potential benefits and impacts of a plan or program.

Selected Federal and State Requirements

Below is a listing of some of the Federal and State

Requirements that MAPA adheres to. For more details see Appendix B.

- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) of 2021** The current transportation authorizing legislation, which prioritizes early and continuous public engagement in the transportation planning process with a particular emphasis on outreach to underserved and underrepresented communities and digital equity.
- **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI)** Ensures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or physical handicap, be excluded from participation in transportation programs.
- **The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)** The disabled communities shall be involved in the development and improvement of transportation services. People with disabilities shall be able to access meeting sites and have access to the information.
- **Age Discrimination Act of 1975** Prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal-aid funds.
- **Clean Air Act of 1970 (CAA)** The public are given the opportunity to participate in plans and activities, which impact their daily lives, including area quality issues.
- **Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice (EJ) in Minority and Low-Income Populations** Address the benefits and burdens of federally funded community investment of low income and minority populations.
- **Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)** Requires public agencies to ensure public materials are available

in the native language of areas with a disproportionately high concentration of limited English proficiency population.

- **Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government** Requires public agencies to perform equity assessments.
- **Executive Order 14008, Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad** created the government-wide Justice40 initiative, establishing the goal that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.

Development of the Public Participation Plan

The 2024 Public Participation Plan (PPP) is an update to the 2019 Public Participation Plan. This Plan was developed through collaboration of MAPA transportation, communications and outreach, and community development staff. Figure 1.2 illustrates the overall process utilized to update this plan, leveraging input from the Transportation Technical

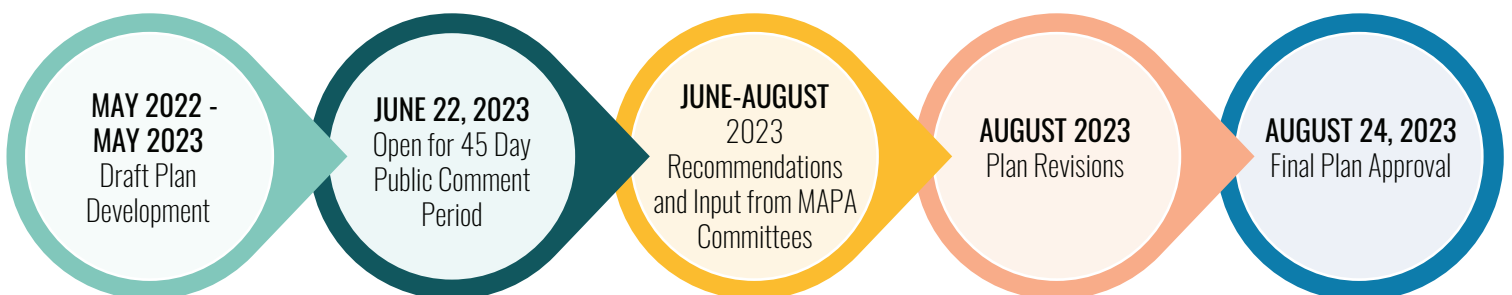
Advisory Committee (TTAC), the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC), the Equity and Engagement Committee (EEC) and the MAPA Board of Directors.

During the 45-day public comment period for this Draft, MAPA will also solicit and provide additional opportunities for public and stakeholder input through postings on social media, the MAPA website, the MAPA newsletter, and in local newspapers.

Resource Agency Survey

As a part of the plan development process, a survey was sent to the resource agencies and interested parties asking how they would like to be involved in the planning process. The survey asked respondents to select which types of outreach they felt were the most effective and what areas MAPA should improve on. *[This effort is currently in progress; will insert survey results here for the final document]* See the list of resource agencies in Appendix D.

Figure 1.2: Public Participation Plan Approach



Methods of Engagement

MAPA is committed to providing equitable access to efficiently and effectively reach out and engage the public in MAPA's decision making process. Programs and plans that have public outreach components can use the methods in the public participation plan as a guide in developing project-specific outreach opportunities that can be further refined and tailored to align with the specific scope and audience of the project.

Meetings

There are many factors to consider when scheduling meetings, open houses, public forums, or committee meetings. Most of MAPA's meetings are open to the public to attend. However, meetings of committees with decision-making powers (COO, Board, TTAC and RPAC) are considered Public Meetings and must meet the requirements found in the Iowa and Nebraska Open Meetings Acts.

For the purposes of establishing a minimum criteria for hosting a meeting the following are the base principles that MAPA staff will strive to achieve:

Site Selection

The following outline requirements and best practices for the selection of a site for a MAPA event.

Site Selection Requirements

- All locations will comply with the **American with Disabilities Act of 1990**. MAPA will use the ADA compliance checklist (Appendix XX) to evaluate potential meeting sites. If a member of the public wants to inquire about the accessibility of a public meeting, please call the MAPA front office at 402-444-6866.
- All locations will have proper **emergency protocols**. This includes clearly marked emergency exits, fire extinguishers, AED, and tornado shelters.

Site Selection Best Practices

- The meeting location allows the maximum number of the public to have an **equal opportunity to attend**
- The location is **accessible by transit**
- The location **accommodates bicycle parking**
- Prefer the **use of public facilities** such as community centers, city and county offices, libraries, and schools
- Meetings open to the public should be held **within the communities that will be most affected** by a given project, plan, or policy
- When projects span a wide area, **multiple meetings should be held at varying locations**
- Strive to **co-locate with existing and or already scheduled meetings** to provide the public the greatest opportunity to participate

Notification

Any meeting held by MAPA that is open to the public will strive to meet or adhere to these core principles:

- Events will be posted on the MAPA website at least one week prior to the event date.
 - The notices will include, date, time, location, and pertinent information about projects/programs/policies.
 - The notice will include the phone number and primary contact email. This contact information will also serve as the contact information for special accommodations for language and or special physical accommodations.
- Public notices may be published in local newspaper(s) between 4 and 20 days prior to the meeting, as determined is necessary for the meeting or project.

Language Accommodations

An assessment of the population primarily impacted by a given project or effort will be done to determine the proportion of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) residents within the project area(s). If over 5% of the population in the area primarily speaks a language other than English, text-based materials will be provided in that language, and efforts will be made to provide translation services at meetings.

Public Engagement Tools

MAPA uses a variety of tools to engage the public. The following is a list of outreach tools that MAPA may put to use. This list is not exclusive, and engagement tools that are not currently included in this list may be explored to enhance public engagement efforts on any given project.

Formats



Text



Charts and graphs



Images



Video

Audiences of varying



Abilities



Races and ethnicities



Languages



Social and economic status

Platforms



Print



Online



Mobile friendly

Channels



Social media



Website



Email



Partner organizations



Paid advertising

Metho



Surveys



Public appearances



Experiential involvement



Mapping tools



Scenario planning

Additional Accommodation Tools

All meeting announcements include the policy statement in the sidebar, communicating that assistance can be provided to the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population, people with disabilities, and others who may need assistance. This statement will be made available in any additional languages as determined to be relevant by the Language Assessment.

The ADA Coordinator and the process for filing an ADA complaint is identified in the Title VI Plan.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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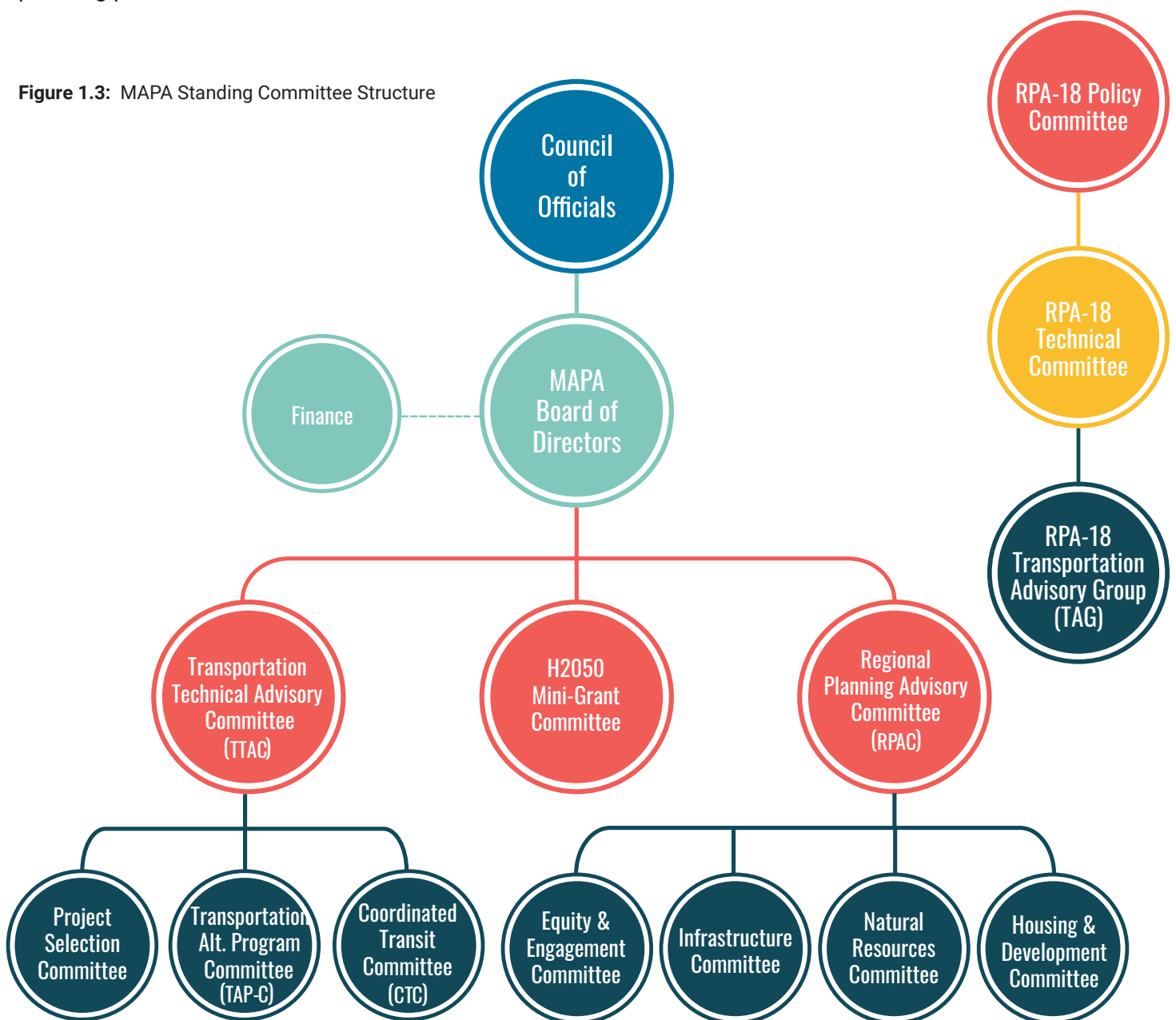
Incorporating Public Comments into MAPA Plans and Projects

Public input is a dynamic process that involves not only obtaining input, but ensuring its incorporation into the work product. All input will then be evaluated and analyzed for incorporation into the work product with any necessary or appropriate revisions to the product. This process will be continually evaluated and reviewed in-house as public participation is not static, and must always remain a top priority in the planning process.

Public Participation for MAPA Committees

MAPA's established committee and subcommittee structure provides a regular venue where the public can provide input to the agency's activities. MAPA's policy boards and standing committees are always open to the public; public notices are posted in advance in the MAPA lobby display case and on the MAPA website. Figure 1.3 is a diagram of MAPA's committee structure.

Figure 1.3: MAPA Standing Committee Structure



MAPA Committees

MAPA hosts recurring meetings to conduct, coordinate, and develop policies for MAPA. In general, all meetings organized by MAPA, this includes all Board and Council of Officials, committees and subcommittees, are all free and open to the public to attend. Meetings of committees with decision-making power (COO, Board, TTAC and RPAC), are held in compliance with the Open Meetings Acts of Iowa and Nebraska which requires that the general public have the opportunity to be notified and attend the meetings to provide input on matters under consideration by the committees.

Attendees at MAPA meetings may speak during public comment periods on subjects under discussion or otherwise relevant to the activities of MAPA. The Board and Council may request the name and address of the speaker as a condition of being allowed to speak. Only one speaker at a time will be allowed to address the Council or Board. Members of the public will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner so that a fair exchange of ideas between them and the Board and/or Council may take place. All members of the public can comment on all documents. This will continue to be stated specifically to encourage public participation. All plans are available for public review at the MAPA offices and website. Committee meetings will serve to satisfy formal comment periods and will be used, with the minimum timeframe noted in Figure 3.6, before studies reach conclusion.

MAPA takes meeting minutes which include the members present and absent, all actions taken, and a summary of all matters occurring during the meetings. The minutes are available on the MAPA website or at the MAPA office and are posted online after formal approval.

MAPA posts meeting information including agendas at a minimum of four days prior to the meeting on the MAPA website, and posts physical information and agendas at the MAPA lobby available for public review during normal business hours. See the PPP Executive Summary graphic for specific notification and other details regarding these meetings.

MAPA Sub-Committees & Working Groups

TTAC sub-committees such as the **Project Selection Committee** (composed of TTAC members), the **Coordinated Transit Committee** (includes human service and paratransit agencies), and the **Transportation Alternatives Program Committee** (involves engineers, bike/pedestrian advocates, and planners) make recommendations to TTAC. Anyone is welcome to join and participate in these conversations but MAPA does not make public notices or post agendas publicly for these meetings.

Implementation of the Heartland 2050 Regional Vision has created several committees and working groups that bring various stakeholders from the public, non-profit and private sectors together as well. These committees include efforts to address issues related to **Equity & Engagement, Housing & Development, Infrastructure, and Natural Resources**. Several working groups related to these committees focus on more specific areas of interest such as Local Food Systems and Community Forest Plan. Anyone is welcome to join and participate in these conversations which are reported ultimately to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC), however, MAPA does not make public notices or post agendas publicly for these more informal conversations.

Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) 18

The Iowa Department of Transportation has designated 18 Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs) that provide for regional transportation planning outside of urbanized areas. RPA-18 functions adjacent to the MAPA Board of Directors and committee structure. RPA-18 provides policy, program, professional and planning services for communities within the region.

RPA-18 is governed by the **RPA-18 Policy Committee**, composed of elected or appointed city, county and transit officials. Membership includes a county supervisor from Harrison, Mills, Pottawattamie and Shelby Counties, a mayor or city manager from Glenwood and Harlan, and the director of Southwest Iowa Transit Agency.

The RPA-18 Technical Committee provides technical support and analysis for the RPA-18 Policy Committee. This committee is composed of city public works, county engineering departments, county conservation representatives, and non-profit entities providing services within the region.

Public Involvement in Major Planning Activities

MAPA utilizes the public involvement strategies discussed earlier in the plan to encourage public involvement in all of its processes, plans, and projects. This section of the PPP provides a summary of the public participation guidelines for the most common MAPA transportation planning products for the MPO and RPA

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

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| Description: | The MPO Long Range Transportation Plan develops a long-term fiscally constrained vision for transportation improvements based upon a minimum 20 year planning horizon. The RPA Long Range Transportation Plan looks at the transportation projects for the RPA area over a 20 year period, it is not fiscally constrained unlike the MPO LRTP. |
| Amended: | As needed |
| Public Comment Period: | Amended LRTP = 7 days before TTAC/RPA and MAPA Board meetings (Minor) 30 days before TTAC/RPA and MAPA Board meetings (Major) Draft LRTP = 30 days between draft and final adoption |
| Public Meeting: | A series of at least three public meetings (open houses, public hearing, etc) held during the 30-day public comment period. Additional public meetings shall have a public comment period of two weeks prior and two weeks following the meeting. The TTAC and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. Public comments is observed at the Board of Directors meeting. |
| Public Involvement Strategies: | Inform the public and solicit public comments through the MAPA website, newsletter and social media platforms. Create opportunities to comment at regularly scheduled MAPA Board, TTAC and RPAC meetings. Post an electronic version of the Draft LRTP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review. |
| Public Participation Opportunities: | Comment on the draft and final planning documents via email, mail, and comment cards. Participate in public meetings. |
| LRTP Amendment Process: | Discuss the amendment with appropriate subcommittees, before TTAC/RPA makes a recommendation to the Board to release the LRTP amendment for public review and comment. Advertise the amendment in a local paper through a paid public notice, send a press release to area newspapers, television and radio stations, and post the information on the MAPA website. Hold at least one public meeting for the amendment. Email notification of the public comment period to identified outreach contacts including federal and state partners. Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved LRTP. |
| Thresholds: | Minor LRTP Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to anticipated funding or project categories • Changes to project route or termini that are greater than ¼ of a mile • Amendments to reflect changes to federal policy • Amendments to reflect changes to state policy Major LRTP Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to specific project funding levels that significantly impact fiscal constraint • Changes to project route or termini that are greater than ¼ of a mile • Adding a regionally significant project to the LRTP • Adding or changing a federal funding source |

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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| Description: | The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a short term, four (4) year implementation plan for programming Federal-aid transportation projects. Separate TIP documents are created for the MAPA region and the RPA region. This document lists all federally funded or regionally significant transportation projects by year, phase of work, and funding source. |
| Amended: | Monthly as needed |
| Public Comment Period: | <p>Prioritized project list = 30 days</p> <p>Draft TIP = 30 days (best practice for RPA)</p> <p>TIP Amendment = 7 days prior to TTAC or RPA Policy Committee meeting</p> <p>Emergency TIP Amendment = 24 hours of advance notice of emergency meeting</p> <p>*Only used for truly extraordinary circumstances</p> <p>Administrative Modifications = None</p> |
| Public Meeting: | <p>The TTAC and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. A public comment period is observed at the Board of Directors meeting.</p> <p>The RPA Policy and Technical Committee acts as the public meeting for the RPA-18 TIP approval process.</p> |
| Public Involvement Strategies: | <p>Publish a notice in local newspapers of the availability for public review and comment.</p> <p>Discuss the document and its availability for review and comment in the MAPA newsletter.</p> <p>Send a flyer to the local governments stating the availability for public comment.</p> <p>Post an electronic version of the Draft TIP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review.</p> |
| Public Participation Opportunities: | <p>Comment on prioritized project list and the draft TIP via email, mail, and comment cards.</p> <p>Comment on TIP amendments via email and mail.</p> <p>Participate in public meetings.</p> |
| TIP Amendment Process: | <p>Include the amendment with meeting materials emailed to TTAC and RPA Board members, posted on the MAPA website, and located in the MAPA lobby at least 7 days prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Discuss amendment with MAPA Board of Directors, RPA Policy and Technical Committee and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC).</p> <p>Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved TIP.</p> |
| Emergency Amendment: | <p>Occasionally, situations may arise when an emergency amendment to the TIP is necessary. An emergency amendment is an amendment that is processed on an expedited basis due to circumstances which cannot wait for the next TTAC, RPA, or MAPA Board of Directors meeting. Such amendments are only allowed by MAPA in cooperation with the States of Nebraska and Iowa, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA), and the local jurisdictions involved with the project(s).</p> <p>Emergency amendments are not used as a means of circumventing review by TTAC, RPA, or the public, but are only utilized in response to truly extraordinary circumstances in which expedited processing of an amendment of a non-controversial matter is necessary. If all parties involved with a project agree that an emergency amendment is necessary, then the amendment and documentation will be prepared by MAPA staff.</p> |

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

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| Description: | The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) governs the annual expenditures and services as the guiding document for an MPO's annual activities. This document tells the public what the MPO plans to do in the next fiscal year. It contains general information about agency strategies and projects that utilize Federal planning dollars. |
| Amended: | As needed |
| Public Comment Period: | Draft UPWP = 30 days Amendment = 7 days Administrative Modifications = None |
| Public Meeting: | The TTAC and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. A public comment period is observed at the Board of Directors meeting. |
| Public Involvement Strategies: | Post announcements at the MAPA Offices. Discuss the Draft UPWP at MAPA TTAC and Board of Directors meetings both of which are open to the public. Post an electronic version of the Draft UPWP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review. |
| Public Participation Opportunities: | Comment on the draft UPWP via email, mail, and comment cards. Comment on UPWP amendments via email, mail, and comment cards. Participate in public meetings. |
| UPWP Amendment Process: | Include the amendment with meeting materials emailed to TTAC and Board members, posted on the MAPA website, and located in the MAPA lobby 7 days prior to the meeting. Discuss amendment with MAPA Board of Directors and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC). Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved UPWP. |

Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP)

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| Description: | The Coordinated Transit Plan sets the goals and activities of the Coordinated Transit Committee and lays out the funding priorities for the region regarding the 5310 Program. |
| Amended: | As needed |
| Public Comment Period: | Draft CTP = 30 days Amendment = 7 days Administrative Modifications = None |
| Public Meeting: | The CTC, TTAC, and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. A public comment period is observed at the Board of Directors meeting. |
| Public Involvement Strategies: | Post announcements at the MAPA Offices. Discuss the Draft CTP at MAPA CTC, TTAC, and Board of Directors meetings all of which are open to the public. Post an electronic version of the Draft CTP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review. |
| Public Participation Opportunities: | Comment on the draft CTP via email, mail, and comment cards. Comment on CTP amendments via email, mail, and comment cards. Participate in public meetings. |
| CTP Amendment Process: | Include the amendment with meeting materials emailed to TTAC and Board members, posted on the MAPA website, and located in the MAPA lobby 7 days prior to the meeting. Discuss amendment with MAPA Board of Directors and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC). Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved CTP. |

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

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| Description: | The Public Participation Plan (PPP) outlines how MAPA will work to achieve essential public participation in all planning activities. It helps ensure consideration of the public's needs and preferences are incorporated into decisions. |
| Amended: | As needed |
| Public Comment Period: | Draft CTP = 30 days Amendment = 7 days Administrative Modifications = None |
| Public Meeting: | The TTAC, RPA, and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. A public comment period is observed at the Board of Directors meeting. |
| Public Involvement Strategies: | <p>Post announcements at the MAPA Offices.</p> <p>Post an electronic version of the Draft PPP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review.</p> <p>Discuss the Draft PPP at MAPA TTAC, RPA, and Board of Directors meetings both of which are open to the public.</p> <p>Email the Title VI and Public Participation email lists about the opportunity to comment on the draft PPP.</p> <p>Mail a flyer detailing the opportunity to comment on the draft PPP to local governments and libraries.</p> |
| Public Participation Opportunities: | <p>Comment on draft PPP via email, mail, and comment cards.</p> <p>Comment on PPP amendments via email, mail, and comment cards.</p> <p>Participate in public meetings.</p> |
| CTP Amendment Process: | <p>TTAC or RPA recommendation and Board approval to release the draft amended PPP for public review and comment. Post the draft on the MAPA website.</p> <p>Advertise the amendment in a local paper through a paid public notice, send a press release to area newspapers, television and radio stations, and post the information on the MAPA website.</p> <p>Email notification of the public comment period to identified outreach contacts.</p> <p>Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved PPP.</p> |
| Note: | *Annual status report of public participation efforts utilized to amend, update or overhaul the PPP as needed. |

Evaluation

MAPA strives to evaluate the effectiveness of the Public Participation Plan through various means. One way this will be accomplished is through an annual survey to members and the community to gauge the most effective tools and ways that the public accesses information. The overall Public Participation Plan will be evaluated for effectiveness and will incorporate new technology, best practices, and results of the annual status report every three years.

Furthermore, evaluation of overall knowledge regarding participation opportunities is important. For example, there are members of various existing MAPA committees who do not realize they can participate more fully in the process. Therefore, if MAPA can educate people about opportunities to participate and they do, the public participation process will be a success.

MAPA measures:

- Total number of public events (virtual and in-person)
- Total number of attendance
- Total newsletter views (open, bounce and click rates)
- Total number of social media posts
- Total number of social media interactions
- Total number of comments received for a project
- Total number of public notices posted
- Total media mentions, newstories
- Web traffic for MAPA and Heartland 2050 websites
- Geographic diversity of events

Evaluation Methods and Performance Goals **Table 6.2** Evaluation Methods of the Public Participation Plan

| Public Participation Tool | Evaluation Criteria | Performance Goal(s) | Methods to Meet Goal(s) |
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| Public Participation Plan | Updated as required by law. | Update at least every 5 years | Update and incorporate improvement strategies from public participation evaluations/status report |
| Newspaper Advertisements | Required by law. No measure | Increase number of participants/respondents indicating they saw the advertisement | Publish as required, place in prominent location if possible |
| Website | Number of website hits | Increase number of web hits over the course of each year | Include website address on all organizational products. Link to partner organizations |
| Newsletter | Feedback from public; number of returns | Maximum of 2% return rate per mailing | Update database with correct addresses |
| Public Forums/ Open House/ Public | Public Attendance*[Transit Access (10 pts) + ADA Accessibility (10 pts)] = N | Goal of 1,000 annual points for public forums/ open house/ public information meeting/ public hearing | Schedule at convenient times and locations. Use other public participation tools to increase awareness of meetings. Convene multiple meetings when possible. |
| Planning Document Distribution | Number of distribution sites | 100% distribution of vital documents to necessary parties | Distribution list to include county/ city government buildings, libraries, and online venue. |

MAPA will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the public participation tools outlined in this document. This will be accomplished by evaluating the methods compared to established performance goals on an annual basis. The results of the evaluation method will be incorporated in the subsequent Public Involvement Plan updates and will be included in the annual status report. If a major change is needed

in the public participation process, steps will be taken to amend, update, or overhaul the Public Participation Plan before the three-year timeframe is completed. Table 6.2 lists the evaluation methods which will be utilized in an annual status report created in cooperation between the Transportation Liaison and Communication Liaison.

Appendix A: Public Meeting Checklist

**All public meetings must ensure the public reasonable access to all local meetings, project records and information relating to the proposed and actual use of federal funds. All public meetings will be conducted in facilities that are accessible to person with disabilities. Attach documentation for each item.

**Items on this checklist will be completed as deemed appropriate, as every activity listed below may not be suitable for every public meeting.

1. Schedule meeting (Date completed: ____). Meeting date: _____
Meeting location: _____
 2. Accessibility
 1. Is the meeting ADA accessible?
 2. Does it have transit access/located on a transit route?
 3. Create meeting deadline matrix (template attached)
 4. Meeting notices
 1. Newspaper of general circulation (Date completed: _____).
 1. Paper(s) used: _____
 2. Note where comments can be sent if unable to attend meeting
 2. Post on MAPA website (Date completed: _____)
 3. Mail/Email (attach recipient list) (Date completed: _____)
 4. Post on social media. (Date completed: _____).
 1. Site(s) used: _____
 5. Article in *What's Happening*. Edition: _____
 6. Include availability of language assistance. Assistance needed: _____
 7. Make draft document available to public in conjunction with comment period and public notice
 1. MAPA and/or office (Date completed: _____)
 2. MAPA website (Date completed: _____)
 1. Collect and review public input.
 1. Where comments received? _____
 2. Response(s) sent. (Date completed: _____)
 3. Next Steps: _____
Other considerations:
 1. Have areas that are traditionally underserved and low-income and minority populations been reached?
Who was contacted? _____
 1. How were they contacted? _____
 2. (Date completed: _____)
 2. Create brochure/flier (Date completed: _____)
 3. Second Public Meeting – Status of Funded Activities (Date completed: _____)
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Appendix B: Glossary

Environmental Justice - refers to the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

FHWA - Federal Highway Administration. An agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation responsible for funding highways and trails .

FTA - Federal Transit Administration. An agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation responsible for funding providing technical assistance to public transit systems.

Iowa DOT - Iowa Department of Transportation.

ITS - Intelligent Transportation Systems use computer, electronics, and communications technologies and management strategies – in an integrated manner – to provide traveler information that increases the safety and efficiency of the surface transportation system. ITS also provides useful, real-time information to system operators.

L RTP - Long Range Transportation Plan – a long range plan that identifies area transportation needs in light of projected growth patterns and broadly charts major capital investments for transportation system development to meet these projected needs.

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization – a planning body required by the federal government which is responsible for the transportation planning and project selection in its region. It provides a forum for cooperative decision making for the metropolitan planning area. The governor designates an MPO in every urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000. MAPA has been designated this area’s MPO by the governors of both Nebraska and Iowa.

MSA – Metropolitan Statistical Area is an area defined by the Office of Management and Budget as a federal statistical standard. An area qualifies as an MSA in one of two ways: if there is a city of at least 50,000 population, or an urbanized area of at least 50,000 population and a metropolitan population of at least 100,000. An MSA must contain a county with the main city and may include additional counties that meet specific criteria concerning economic and social ties to the central city. The MSA in this region consists of Douglas, Cass, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills, and Pottawattamie counties in Iowa.

NDOT – Nebraska Department of Transportation.

NEPA -The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 is the basic national charter for protection of the environment. It established procedures that all federal agencies are required to implement to make environmental consideration a part of an agency’s decision-making process. NEPA requires all federal agencies to take into account environmental consequences when making decisions that could be

considered “major federal actions.” Federal agencies must assess the environmental consequences of proposed actions and consider that information when making decisions.

Public Participation Plan (PPP) - A Public Participation Plan outlines how an organization will work to achieve public participation in all planning activities. Public participation is an integral part of the planning process. It helps ensure consideration of the public’s needs and preferences are incorporated into decisions. According to the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, “Successful public participation is a continuous process, consisting of a series of activities and actions to both inform the public and stakeholders and to obtain input from them which influence decisions that affect their lives... Public participation activities provide more value when they are open, relevant, timely, and appropriate for the intended goal of the public involvement process. Providing a balanced approach with representation of all stakeholders and including measures to seek out and consider the needs of all stakeholders, especially those that are traditionally underserved by past and current transportation programs, facilities, or services.”

RTIP - Rural Transportation Improvement Program is the spending plan for funding expected over the next six years from all sources for transportation projects of all types in the Regional Planning Affiliation-18 (RPA-18).

STBG - Surface Transportation Block Grants – a federal funding program for roads that may be spent by states and localities for any roads that are not functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors. Funds may be used for a wide variety of purposes, but at least ten percent must be spent on enhancement projects.

TIP - Transportation Improvement Program is the spending plan for funding expected from all sources for transportation projects of all types in the MAPA Transportation Study Area over the next six years. MAPA prepares the TIP annually based on information submitted by local and state governments.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - “No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance”

TMA – Transportation Management Area – MPOs with a population more than 200,000, like the MAPA region, are deemed Transportation Management Areas (TMA) in federal law.

TTAC - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee is a MAPA committee, comprised of a broad representation of MAPA member jurisdictions. The TTAC reviews the LRTP and projects submitted for funding through the TIP and makes recommendations to the MAPA Board of Directors.

U.S. DOT - United States Department of Transportation is the federal cabinet-level agency with responsibility for highways, mass transit, aviation, and ports. It is headed by the Secretary of Transportation. The DOT includes the FHWA and FTA among others.

Appendix C: Environmental Justice (EJ) & Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Outreach Organizations

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| <i>Organization Name:</i> | 100 Black Men-Omaha Inc | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Lakeview Bible Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Rick Bell | <i>Contact Name:</i> | David Holton |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 2221 N 24th St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 1651 Avenue Q |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE NE 68110 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Carter Lake, IA 51510 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-934-7065 | <i>Phone:</i> | 712-347-6440 |
| <i>Website:</i> | 100blackmenomaha.org | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | American Legion | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Midlands Bible Baptist Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Jim Zach | <i>Contact Name:</i> | David Lydick |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 4830 S 21st St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 2407 Chandler Rd E |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68107 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Bellevue, NE 68005 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-731-5185 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-731-5932 |
| <i>Website:</i> | NA | <i>Website:</i> | midlandsbbc.org |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Assembly of God South Side | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Midland's Latino Comm Devmnt |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Charles Davis | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Marta Londono |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 4815 Harrison St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 4923 S 24th St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68157 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68107 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-733-6583 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-933-4466 |
| <i>Website:</i> | NA | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Associated Builders | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Miracle Hills Community Bapt |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Dick Johnson | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Kevin Walden |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 2602 Harney St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 11244 Blondo St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68131 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68164 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-344-4258 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-492-8374 |
| <i>Website:</i> | NA | <i>Website:</i> | mhchurch.org |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Bellevue Chamber of Commerce | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Mt View Boys & Girls Club |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Jim Ristow | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Thomas Linnell |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 1102 Galvin Rd S | <i>Street Address:</i> | 5322 N 52nd St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Bellevue, NE 68005 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68104 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-291-5216 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-208-3833 |
| <i>Website:</i> | bellevuenebraska.com | <i>Website:</i> | www.bgcomaha.org |

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| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Bellevue Community Church | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Native Omahans Club Inc |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Rick Jashinske | <i>Contact Name:</i> | NA |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 8601 S 36th St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 3819 1/2 N 24th St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Bellevue, NE 68147 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68110 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-733-0136 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-457-5974 |
| <i>Website:</i> | NA | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Building Bright Futures | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Omaha Community Foundation |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Mike Leighton |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 1004 Farnam St # 102 | <i>Street Address:</i> | 302 S 36th St # 100 |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68102 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68131 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-715-4145 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-342-3458 |
| <i>Website:</i> | buildingbrightfutures.net | <i>Website:</i> | omahafoundation.org |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Calvary Christian Church | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Omaha Gospel Hall Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Scott Beckenhauer | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Mark Fitch |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 10100 Cedar Island Rd | <i>Street Address:</i> | 5622 N 69th St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Bellevue, NE 68123 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68104 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-293-1700 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-571-5983 |
| <i>Website:</i> | calvarychristianchurch.org | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Camara De Comercio Y Hispana | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Omaha Together One Community |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | NA | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Paul Turner |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 4018 L St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 3647 Lafayette Ave |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68107 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68131 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-933-0384 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-344-4401 |
| <i>Website:</i> | NA | <i>Website:</i> | otoc.org |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Chamber of Commerce | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Omaha Urban Ahec |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Bob Mundt | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Lizabet Arellano |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 7 N 6th St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 5017 Leavenworth St., Suite 101 |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Council Bluffs, IA 51503 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68106 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 712-325-1000 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-502-1207 |
| <i>Website:</i> | councilbluffsiowa.com | <i>Website:</i> | ahecomaha.org |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Church of Christ | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Open Door Mission |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Adam Dollen | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Candace Gregory |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 2800 Twin City Dr # 3-6r | <i>Street Address:</i> | 2828 N 23rd St E |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Council Bluffs, IA 51501 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68110 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 712-256-6496 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-422-1111 |
| <i>Website:</i> | NA | <i>Website:</i> | opendoormission.org |

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| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Church of the Nazarene | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Pilgrim Christian Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Dan Cole | <i>Contact Name:</i> | NA |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 8206 Blondo St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 2818 N 70th St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68134 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68104 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-393-8040 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-556-2325 |
| <i>Website:</i> | omahacentral.org | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Community Baptist Church | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Presbyterian Church of Master |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | NA | <i>Contact Name:</i> | John D Hansen |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 8019 N 31st St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 10710 Corby Cir |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68112 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68164 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-457-4400 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-498-0871 |
| <i>Website:</i> | NA | <i>Website:</i> | pcmwindow.org |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Developmental Services of Iowa | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Prince of Peace Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Tonya Fustos | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Smart Smartt |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 535 W Broadway # 202 | <i>Street Address:</i> | 7818 Raven Oaks Dr |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Council Bluffs, IA 51503 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68152 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 712-242-0533 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-572-1028 |
| <i>Website:</i> | dsiowa.com | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Downtown Improvement Dist Assn | <i>Organization Name:</i> | South Omaha Business Assn |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Shelley Kiel | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Jean Mill |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 1620 Dodge St # 140 | <i>Street Address:</i> | 4827 S 24th St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68102 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68107 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-916-1796 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-731-8828 |
| <i>Website:</i> | NA | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Dundee Presbyterian Church | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Spiritual Science Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Robert Jordan | <i>Contact Name:</i> | NA |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 5312 Underwood Ave | <i>Street Address:</i> | 321 Hascall St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68132 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68108 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-558-2330 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-345-0101 |
| <i>Website:</i> | dpcomaha.org | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Economic Development Council | <i>Organization Name:</i> | St Andrews Episcopal Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Rod Moseman | <i>Contact Name:</i> | John Schaefer |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 1301 Harney St | <i>Street Address:</i> | 925 S 84th St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68102 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68114 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-346-5905 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-391-1950 |
| <i>Website:</i> | selectgreateromaha.com | <i>Website:</i> | standrewsomaha.org |

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| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Empowerment Network | <i>Organization Name:</i> | St Bernard Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Vicki Quaites-Ferris | <i>Contact Name:</i> | G Melchior |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 105 N. 31 st Ave. Ste. 101 | <i>Street Address:</i> | 3601 N 65th St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68131 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68104 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-502-5153 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-551-0269 |
| <i>Website:</i> | Empoweromaha.com | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Family Housing Authority | <i>Organization Name:</i> | St Joan of Arc Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Teresa Hunter | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Daniel Soltys |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 2401 Lake St # 201 | <i>Street Address:</i> | 3122 S 74th St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68111 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68124 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-934-6603 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-393-2005 |
| <i>Website:</i> | fhasinc.org | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | First Assembly of God | <i>Organization Name:</i> | St Matthew Lutheran Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Shawn Oberg | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Glen Thomas |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 3320 Harry Langdon Blvd | <i>Street Address:</i> | 1725 S 60th St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Council Bluffs, IA 51503 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68106 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 712-323-7721 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-556-7030 |
| <i>Website:</i> | cbfirstassembly.org | <i>Website:</i> | smlutheran.com |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Florence Christian Church | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Trinity United Methodist Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Jeff Hicks | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Charlotte Abram |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 7300 North Ridge Dr | <i>Street Address:</i> | 6001 Fontenelle Blvd |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68112 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68111 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-455-8082 | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-455-6379 |
| <i>Website:</i> | florencechristianchurch.com | <i>Website:</i> | NA |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Goodwill | <i>Organization Name:</i> | VFW Post |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Diane Cich | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Al Bernside |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 1616 Capitol Ave | <i>Street Address:</i> | 100 Locust St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68102 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Carter Lake, IA 51510 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-342-4720 | <i>Phone:</i> | 712-347-6969 |
| <i>Website:</i> | goodwillomaha.org | <i>Website:</i> | vfw.org |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Greater Omaha Chamber-of Commerce | <i>Organization Name:</i> | Victory Fellowship Church |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | David Brown | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Lonnie Parton |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 1301 Harney St | <i>Street Address:</i> | PO Box 1843 |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68102 | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Council Bluffs, IA 51503 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-346-5000 | <i>Phone:</i> | 712-323-3453 |
| <i>Website:</i> | omahachamber.org | <i>Website:</i> | vfministries.com |

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| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Justice for Our Neighbors | | <i>Organization Name:</i> | YMCA |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Emiliano Lerda | | <i>Contact Name:</i> | Staci Gowan |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 2418 E St | | <i>Street Address:</i> | 1111 Fort St |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68107 | | <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68110 |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-898-1349 | | <i>Phone:</i> | 402-339-9861 |
| <i>Website:</i> | jfon-ne.org | | <i>Website:</i> | metroymca.org |
| <i>Organization Name:</i> | Keep Omaha Beautiful Inc | | | |
| <i>Contact Name:</i> | Cindy Smilley | | | |
| <i>Street Address:</i> | 1819 Farnam St # 306 | | | |
| <i>City, State ZIP:</i> | Omaha, NE 68102 | | | |
| <i>Phone:</i> | 402-444-7774 | | | |
| <i>Website:</i> | knb.org | | | |

Appendix D: Resource Agencies and Interested Parties

The table below displays the various resource agencies and interested parties which were contacted for the development of this plan and will be contacted for future plan developments. This list will evolve continually as more organizations are identified.

| Resource Agencies | | | | | | | |
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| Agency Type | Organization | Full Name | Title | Email | Street Address | City, State ZIP | Phone |
| Federal | FTA Region VII | Daniel Nguyen | Community Planner | Daniel.Nguyen@dot.gov | 901 Locust Street Suite 404 | Kansas City, MO 64106 | (816) 329-3920 |
| Federal | FHWA- Iowa | Darla Hugaboom | Transportation Planner | darla.hugaboom@dot.gov | 105 6th Street | Ames, IA 50010 | (515) 233-7305 |
| Federal | FHWA- Nebraska | Justin Luther | Transportation Planner | Justin.Luther@dot.gov | 100 Centennial Mall North, Room 220 | Lincoln, NE 68508-3803 | (402) 742-8464 |
| Federal | US Army Corps of Engineers | | | dll-cenwo-pao@usace.army.mil | 1616 Capitol Ave., Ste. 9000 | Omaha, NE 68102 | (402) 995-2417 |
| Federal | US Environmental Protection Agency- Nebraska | Sara Morgan | Health Program Manager | sara.morgan@nebraska.gov | 100 Centennial Mall N | Lincoln, NE 68508 | (402) 471-3121 |
| Federal | US Environmental Protection Agency- Regional | Bob Dye | | dye.robert@epa.gov | 301 Centennial Mall S | Lincoln, NE 68508 | (913) 551-7605 |
| Federal | US Fish and Wildlife Service- Iowa Office | | | RockIsland@fws.gov | 1511 47th Avenue | Moline, IL 61265 | (515) 928-2523 |
| Federal | US Fish and Wildlife Service- Nebraska Office | Michael D. George | Field Supervisor | mike_george@fws.gov | 203 W 2nd St | Grand Island, NE 68801 | (308) 382-6468 ext: 12 |
| State | IDOT | Andrea White | Statewide Planning Coordinator Planning Team | andrea.white@iowadot.us | 800 Lincoln Way | Ames, IA 50010 | (515) 239-1210 |
| State | IDOT | Scott Suhr | District Transportation Planner | scott.suhr@ iowadot.us | 2210 E. 7th St. | Atlantic, IA 50022 | (712) 243-7627 |
| State | IDOT | Scott Schram | District Engineer | scott.schram @ iowadot.us | | | 712-243-3355 |
| State | Iowa Department of Environmental Quality | Kevin Baskins | General Press/Media Contact | Kevin.Baskins@dnr.iowa.gov | 502 E. 9th Street | Des Moines, IA 50319-0034 | (515) 281-8395 |
| State | Iowa Department of Veterans' Affairs | Robert King | Executive Director | Robert.king@iowa.gov | 7105 NW 70th Ave. | Johnston, IA 50131-1824 | (515) 252-4698 |
| State | Iowa Economic Development Authority | Tina Hoffman | Communications Director | communications@iowa.gov | 200 East Grand Avenue | Des Moines, Iowa 50309 | (515) 725-3150 |
| State | Iowa State Historical Society | Mary Cownie | Director, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs | Mary.Cownie@iowa.gov | 600 East Locust | Des Moines, Iowa, 50319 | (515) 281-7471 |
| State | Iowa Transportation Commission | Kathy Fehrman | Commissioner | Kathy.Fehrman@dot.iowa.gov | | | (308) 530-5331 |
| State | Iowa Workforce Development, Region 13 | | | Region13.Web@iwd.iowa.gov | 300 W. Broadway, Suite 13 | Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503 | (712) 242-2100 |
| State | NDOR | Craig Wackner | Highway Planning Manager | craig.wackner@nebraska.gov | 1400 NE Hwy 2 | Lincoln, NE 68509 | (402) 479-4623 |
| State | NDOR | Kaine McClelland | GIS | kaine.mcclelland@nebraska.gov | 1400 NE Hwy 2 | Lincoln, NE 68509 | |

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| State | NDOR | Mike Owen | Division Engineer | mike.owen@nebraska.gov | 1500 NE Hwy 2 | Lincoln, NE 68509 | (402) 479-4795 |
| State | NDOR | Tim Weander | District Engineer | tim.weander@nebraska.gov | 4425 S 108th St | Omaha, NE 68145 | 402-595-2534 |
| State | NDOR | Tom Goodbarn | District Engineer | thomas.goodbarn@nebraska.gov | 302 Superior St | Lincoln NE 68521 | 402-471-0850 |
| State | Nebraska Department of Economic Development | Lara Huskey | Deputy Director | lara.huskey@nebraska.gov | 300 S 68th St Pl | Lincoln, NE 68510 | (402) 471-3759 |
| State | Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality | | | NDEQ.moreinfo@Nebraska.gov | 8901 South 154th Street, Suite 5 | Omaha, NE 68138-3621 | (402) 595-1766 |
| State | Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs | John Hilgert | Director | john.hilgert@nebraska.gov | PO Box 95083 | Lincoln NE 68509-5083 | (402) 471-2458 |
| State | Nebraska Dept. of Labor | Phil Baker | Director | Phil.Baker@nebraska.gov | 550 South 16th Street | Lincoln, NE 68508 | (402) 471-9964 |
| State | Nebraska Game and Parks Commission | Jerry Kane | Public Information Officer | jerry.kane@nebraska.gov | 1212 Bob Gibson Blvd. | Omaha, NE 68108-2020 | (402) 595-2144 |
| State | Nebraska State Historical Preservation Office | Michael J. Smith | Director / CEO | michael.smith@nebraska.gov | 1500 R Street | Lincoln, NE 68501 | (402) 471-4745 |
| Local | Bellevue Chamber Of Commerce | Jim Ristow | President & CEO | president@bellevuenebraska.com | 1102 South Galvin Rd. | Bellevue, NE 68005 | (402) 898-3000 |
| Local | Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce | Bob Mundt | President/CEO | BMundt@councilbluffsia.com | 149 W. Broadway | Council Bluffs, IA 51503 | (712) 325-1000 |
| Local | Greater Omaha Chamber | David Brown | President and CEO | dbrown@omahachamber.org | 1301 Harney St. | Omaha, NE 68102 | (402) 346-5297 |
| Local | Gretna Chamber of Commerce | Lisa Halker | Administrative Assistant | info@gretnachamber.com | 204 North McKenna Avenue | Gretna, NE 68028 | (402) 332-3535 |
| Local | La Vista Chamber of Commerce | | | carol@lavistachamber.org | 7536 S. 84th St. Suite B | La Vista, NE 68128-2198 | (402) 339-2078 |
| Local | Omaha Airport Authority | Dave Amdor | Assistant Controller | dave.amdor@flyoma.com | 4501 Abbott Drive, Suite 2300 Eppley Airfield | Omaha, Ne 68110-2689 | (402) 661-8012 |
| Local | Omaha Airport Authority | Dave Roth | Director of Planning and Engineering | dave.roth@flyoma.com | 4501 Abbott Dr, 2300 | Omaha, NE 68110 | |
| Local | Pottawattamie County Development Corporation | Amy Recker | Executive Director | arecker@councilbluffsia.com | PO Box 1565 | Council Bluffs, IA 51502-1565 | (712) 256-5624 |
| Local | Ralston Chamber of Commerce | Tara Lea | President | tlea@ralstonareachamber.org | 5505 Miller Ave | Ralston, NE 68127 | (402) 339-7737 |
| Local | Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce | Annisa Visty-Witthrow | Office & Communications Manager | chamber@sarpychamber.org | 7775 Olson Dr | Papillion, NE 68046 | (402) 339-3050 |
| Freight | Burlington Northern | Andy Williams | Director of Public Affairs | andy.williams@bnsf.com | | | (817) 867-6369 |
| Freight | Union Pacific | Kelli O'Brien | Director, Public Affairs | kobrien@up.com | 1400 Douglas Street | Omaha, NE 68179 | (402) 544-4749 |
| Freight | Werner Trucking | Dick Reiser | VP | reiser@werner.com | 14507 Frontier Road | Omaha, NE 68138 | |
| Freight | Iowa Trucking Association | Brenda Neville | president | brenda@iowamotortruck.com | 717 E Court Ave | Des Moines, IA 50309 | (515) 244-5193 |
| Freight | Nebraska Trucking Association | Larry Johnson | president | ljohnson@nebtrucking.com | 1701 K St | Lincoln, NE 68508 | (402) 476-8504 |
| Tribal Lands | Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation | Floyd Azure | Chairman | cultres@nemontel.net | P.O. Box 1027 | Poplar, MT 59255 | (406)-768-2382 |

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| Tribal Lands | Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska | Alan Kelley | THPO | akelley@iowas.org | 3345 Thrasher Rd. | White Cloud, KS 66094 | (785) 595-3258 |
| Tribal Lands | Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska | Timothy Rhodd | Chairman | trhodd@iowas.org | 3345 Thrasher Rd. | White Cloud, KS 66094 | (785) 595-3258 |
| Tribal Lands | Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma | Janice Rowe-Kurak | Chairperson | rowe-kurak@iowanation.org | Rt. 1, Box 721 | Perkins, OK 74059 | (405) 547-2402 |
| Tribal Lands | Omaha Tribe of Nebraska | Amen C. Sheridan | Chairperson | asheridan@omahatribe.com | P.O. Box 368 | Macy, NE 68039 | (402) 837-5391 |
| Tribal Lands | Omaha Tribe of Nebraska | Calvin R. Harlan | THPO | CJHarlan59@yahoo.com | P.O. Box 368 | Macy, NE 68039 | (402) 837-5391 |
| Tribal Lands | Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians | John R. Shotton | Chairman | jshotton@omtribe.org | 8151 Highway 177 | Red Rock, OK 754651-0348 | (580) 723-4466 |
| Tribal Lands | Ponca Tribe of Nebraska | Gary Robinette | THPO | garyr@poncatrbe-ne.org | P.O. Box 288 | Niobrara, NE 68760 | (402) 857-3519 |
| Tribal Lands | Ponca Tribe of Nebraska | Rebecca White | Chairwoman | janc@poncatrbe-ne.org | P.O. Box 288 | Niobrara, NE 68760 | (402) 857-3391 |
| Tribal Lands | Sac and Fox Nation | George Thurman | Principal Chief | chief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov | Rt. 2, Box 246 | Stroud, OK 74079 | (918) 968-3526 |
| Tribal Lands | Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska | Twen Barton | Chairperson | tbarton@sacandfoxcasino.com | 305 N. Main Street | Reserve, KS 66434 | (785) 742-7471 |
| Tribal Lands | Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa | Gailey Wanatee | Chief | director.hr@meskwaki-nsn.gov | 349 Meskwaki Road | Tama, IA 52339 | (515) 484-4678 |

| Interested Parties | | | | | | | |
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| City | Bellevue Public Works Department | Jeff Roberts | Public Works Director | jeff.roberts@bellevue.net | 210 West Mission Ave | Bellevue, NE 68005 | 402-293-3025 |
| City | Blair Public Works Department | Allen Schoemaker | Director of Public Works | allens@ci.blair.ne.us | 218 S 16th Street | Blair, NE 68008 | 402-426-4191 |
| City | City of Bellevue, Nebraska | Rita Sanders | Mayor | Rita.Sanders@bellevue.net | 210 W. Mission Ave. | Bellevue, NE 68005 | (402) 293-3020 |
| City | City of Blair, Asst City Admin | Phil Green | Director of Public Works | PCGreen@ci.blair.ne.us | 218 S 16th Street | Blair, NE 68008 | 402-426-4195 |
| City | City of Council Bluffs | Greg Reeder | Public Works Director | greeder@councilbluffs-ia.gov | 209 Pearl St. | Council Bluffs, IA 51503 | 712-328-4635 |
| City | City of Council Bluffs | Matt Walsh | Mayor | wschultz@councilbluffs-ia.gov | 209 Pearl St., Attn: Matt Walsh | Council Bluffs, IA 51503 | (712) 328-4601 |
| City | Council Bluffs Public Works Department- Engineering | Matt Cox | City Engineer | mcox@councilbluffs-ia.gov | 209 Pearl Street | Council Bluffs, IA 51503 | 712-328-4635 |
| City | City of La Vista | Doug Kindig | Mayor | dkindig@cityoflavista.org | 8116 Park View Blvd. | La Vista, NE 68128 | |
| City | City of La Vista | John Kottman | City Engineer | jkottmann@cityoflavista.org | 1819 Farnam St. | Omaha, NE 68183 | (402) 331 8927 |
| City | City of Omaha | Carlos Morales | Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator | Carlos.Morales@ci.omaha.ne.us | 1819 Farnam St. | Omaha, NE 68183 | (402) 444 -5150 ext 2067 |
| City | City of Omaha | Derek Miller | Transportation Planner | Derek.Miller@ci.omaha.ne.us | 1819 Farnam St. | Omaha, NE 68183 | 402-444-5150 |

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| City | City of Omaha | Jean Stothert | Mayor | Jean.Stothert@ci.omaha.ne.us | 1819 Farnam St., Suite 300 | Omaha, NE 68183 | (402) 444-5000 |
| City | City of Omaha | Mikki Frost | Director, Human Resources | Mikki.frost@ci.omaha.ne.us | 1819 Farnam St., Room 506 | Omaha, NE 68183 | |
| City | City of Omaha | Ryan McClure | City Planner | Ryan.McClure@ci.omaha.ne.us | 1819 Farnam St. | Omaha, NE 68183 | 402-444-4303 |
| City | La Vista Public Works Department | Joe Soucie | Public Works Director | jsoucie@cityoflavista.org | 9900 Portal Road | La Vista, NE 68128 | 402-331-8927 |
| City | Mayor's Youth Leadership Commission | Daniel Ritter | Student | 2014242@prep.creighton.edu | 1819 Farnam St., Suite 300 | Omaha, NE 68183 | |
| City | Metro | Curt Simon | Executive Director | csimon@ometro.com | 2222 Cuming Street | Omaha, NE 68131 | 402-341-7560 |
| City | Metro | Evan Schweitz | Transit Planner | eschweitz@ometro.com | 2222 Cuming Street | Omaha, NE 68131 | 402-341-0800 |
| City | Omaha Public Works Department | Todd Pfitzer | City Engineer - Transportation Services | todd.pfitzer@ci.omaha.ne.us | 1819 Farnam Street, Suite 600 | Omaha, NE 68183 | 402-444-5226 |
| City | Papillion Public Works Department | Marty Leming | Public Works Director | mleming@papillion.org | 145 West Second St. | Papillion, NE 68046 | 402-597-2043 |
| City | Southwest Iowa Transit Agency | Steve Andersen | | steve.andersen@swipco.org | 1501 SW 7th Street | Atlantic, IA 50022 | 712-243-4196 |
| County | Cass County Department of Roads | Lenny Thorne | Department Head | roads@cassne.org | 13860 12th St . | Plattsmouth, NE 68048 | 402-296-9353 |
| County | Cass County, Nebraska | Jim Peterson | Commissioner | dist3comm@cassne.org | 346 Main St., Rm 202 | Plattsmouth, NE 68048 | (402) 296-9300 |
| County | Douglas County Engineer's Office | Dan Kutilek | Manager Engineer | dan.kutilek@douglascounty-ne.gov | 15505 W Maple Road | Omaha, NE 68116 | 402-444-6460 |
| County | Douglas County, Nebraska | Mary Ann Borgeson | Commissioner | maryann.borgeson@douglascounty-ne.gov | 1819 Farnam St., LC2, Civic Center | Omaha, NE 68183 | |
| County | Harrison County Engineer's Office | Tom Stoner | Transportation Engineer | jtstoner@harrisoncountyaia.org | | Woodbine, IA | 712-644-3140 |
| County | Harrison County, Iowa | Bob Smith | Supervisor | dumbob@iowatelecom.net | Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 111 N. 2nd Ave. | Logan , IA 51546 | |
| County | Mills County Engineer's Office | Kevin Mayberrrt | Transportation Engineer | kmayberry@millscoia.us | 403 Railroad Avenue | Glenwood, IA 51534 | 712-527-4873 |
| County | Mills County, Iowa | Ron Kohn | Supervisor | r.e.kohn@msn.com | 403 Railroad Avenue | Glenwood, IA 51534 | (712) 527-4032 |
| County | Pottawattamie County Engineer's Office | John Rasmussen | County Engineer | john.rasmussen@pottcounty.com | 223 S 6th Street | Council Bluffs, IA 51501 | 712-328-5608 |
| County | Pottawattamie County, Iowa | Lynn Grobe | Supervisor | lynn.grobe@pottcounty.com | 227 S 6th St., Attn: Lynn Grobe | Council Bluffs, IA 51501 | (712) 741-5538 |
| County | Sarpy County Engineer's Office | Dennis Wilson | County Engineer | dwilson@sarpy.com | 15100 South 84th Street | Papillion, NE 68123 | 402-537-6900 |
| County | Sarpy County Public Works | Pat Dowse | | pdowse@sarpy.com | | | 402-537-6917 |
| County | Sarpy County, Nebraska | Tom Richards | Commissioner | trichards@sarpy.com | 1210 Golden Gate Drive #1250, c/o Sarpy County Commissioners | Papillion, NE 68046 | (402) 593-4155 |

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| County | Saunders County, Nebraska | Dave Lutton | Commissioner | luttonlaw@yahoo.com | 433 N Chestnut St, Attn:Dave Lutton | Wahoo, NE 68066 | (402) 944-3383 |
| County | Saunders Department of Roads | Steve Mika | Highway Superintendent | smika@co.saunders.ne.us | 426 N Broadway | Wahoo, NE 68066 | 402-443-8124 |
| County | Washington County, Nebraska | Steve Kruger | Commissioner | stevenkruger@abbnebraska.com | P.O. Box 466, Attn: Steve Kruger | Blair, NE 68008 | |
| County | Washington Department of Roads | Cheryl Parsons | | washcoroad@huntel.net | P.O. Box 130 | Blair, NE 68008 | 402-426-6844 |
| Developer | 75 North Revitalization, Inc. | Othello Meadows | Executive Director | othello@seventyfivenorth.org | 4383 Nicholas St., Suite 302 | Omaha, NE 68131 | |
| Developer | BHI Development Inc. | Jerry Torczon | Owner | jerry@birchwoodhomesinc.com | 11205 S. 150 St, Suite 100 | Omaha, NE 68138 | (402) 592-3277 |
| Developer | McCarthy Construction | Bob McCarthy | President | bobmccarthy@iowatelecom.net | | | |
| Educational | Iowa Western Community College | Dan Kinney | President | dkinney@iwcc.edu | 2700 College Road | Council Bluffs, IA 51502 | |
| Educational | Metropolitan Community College | Heath Mello | Senator | hmello@leg.ne.gov | | | (402) 471-2710 |
| Educational | University of Nebraska at Omaha | BJ Reed | Dean | breed@unomaha.edu | Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Eppley #202 | Omaha, NE | (402) 554-2262 |
| Educational | UNO- Dept of PBA | Angie Eikenberry | Associate Professor | aeikenberry@mail.unomaha.edu | | , | 402-554-3488 |
| Local | Alegent Creighton Health | Sarah Sjolie | | Sarah.Sjolie@alegent.org | McCauley Center, 12809 W. Dodge Rd. | Omaha, NE 68154 | (402) 343-4507 |
| Local | Glenwood Area Chamber of Commerce | Linda Washburn | Executive Director | linda@glenwoodia.com | 5 North Vine St. | Glenwood, IA 51534 | (712) 527-3298 |
| Local | Omaha Housing Authority | Clifford Scott | CEO | cscott@ohauthority.org | 540 S. 27th St. | Omaha, NE 68105 | (402) 444-6900 |
| Military | USAF - Offutt Air Force Base | April Gray | Base Community Planner | april.gray.3@us.af.mil | | | (402) 271-3449 |
| Military | USAF - Offutt Air Force Base | Bruce McCauley | Interim Director, 55th Civil Engineer Squadron | Bruce.McCauley@offutt.af.mil | | | (402) 294-5501 |
| Military | USAF - Offutt Air Force Base | Charles D Kuhl | Colonel | charles.kuhl@offutt.af.mil | | | (402) 294-5552 |
| Neighborhood Alliance | Benson-Ames Alliance | c/o Omaha by Design | University of Nebraska at Omaha campus | baalliance@omahabydesign.org | 6001 Dodge St. | Omaha, NE 68182-0402 | (402) 554-4010 |
| Neighborhood Alliance | Market West Neighborhood Alliance | Chad Eucker | President | ceacker@delineadesign.com | 701 S 15 St, Studio 101 | Omaha, NE 68102 | (402) 547-7941 |
| Neighborhood Alliance | Midtown Neighborhood Alliance | Diana Failla | President | info@midtownomaha.org | P.O. Box 31191 | Omaha, NE 68131 | Not available |
| Neighborhood Alliance | North Downtown Alliance | Jennifer Zimmer | | info@northdowntownomaha.com | 1516 Cuming Street | Omaha, NE 68108 | |
| Neighborhood Alliance | North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance | Terrie Jackson Miller | Executive Director | nonaomaha@gmail.com | 3223 North 45th Street #310 | Omaha, NE 68104 | (402) 457-7848 |
| Neighborhood Alliance | South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance | Oscar Duran | President | od_1500@msn.com | PO Box 7707 | Omaha, NE 68107 | (402) 250-1648 |
| NGO | Empowerment Network | Vicki Quates-Ferris | Director of Operations | vqferris@empoweromaha.com | 105 N 31st Ave., Suite 101 | Omaha, NE 68131 | (402) 502-5153 |

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| NGO | Avenue Scholars Foundation | Dr. Kenneth Bird | President & CEO | kbird@avescholars.org | 7101 Mercy Road, Suite 240 | Omaha, NE 68106 | (402) 991-5595 |
| NGO | CQuence Health Group | Mike Cassling | CEO | mcassling@cquencehealth.com | 13808 F St. | Omaha, NE 68137 | |
| NGO | Great Plains Communications | Todd Foje | CEO | tfoje@gpcom.com | 1600 Great Plains Centre, | Blair, NE 68008 | (402) 426-6505 |
| NGO | Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce | David Brown | CEO | dbrown@omahachamber.org | 1301 Harney St. | Omaha, NE 68102 | (402) 346-5000 |
| NGO | Iowa West Foundation | Pete Tulipana | Executive Director | ptulipana@iowawestfoundation.org | S Main St., #550 | Council Bluffs, IA 51503 | (712) 309-3001 |
| NGO | Live Well Omaha | Sarah Sjolie | Executive Director | anne@livewellomaha.org | 12565 W Center Road, Ste 220 | Omaha, NE 68144 | 402-934-5886 |
| NGO | Metropolitan Omaha Education Consortium | Dick Christie | Executive Director | rchristie@unomaha.edu | 6001 Dodge St., Kayser Hall 208 | Omaha, NE | (402) 554-2865 |
| NGO | Metropolitan Utilities District | Amy Lindsay | Board Member | amylindsay98@cox.net | 1723 Harney St. | Omaha, NE 68102-1960 | (402) 932-5554 |
| NGO | NP Dodge Real Estate | Sandy Dodge | CEO | sdodge@npdodge.com | 12050 Pacific St. | Omaha, NE 68154 | |
| NGO | Omaha Public Power District | Lisa Olson | Executive VP | lolson@oppd.com | | | |
| NGO | Waitt Corporation | Dana Bradford | CEO | dbradford@waittcompany.com | 1125 S. 103rd St., Suite 425 | Omaha, NE 68124 | (402) 697-8003 |
| Non-Profit | Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands | Nancy Williams | Chief Information Officer | nwilliams@bgcomaha.org | 2610 Hamilton Street | Omaha, NE 68131 | (402) 342-1600 |
| Non-Profit | Boys Town | Randy Scott | | Randolph.Scott@boystown.org | 14100 Crawford St. | Boys Town, NE 68010 | |
| Non-Profit | Emerging Terrain | Anne Trumble | Executive Director | anne@emergingterrain.org | 1717 Vinton Street | Omaha, NE 68108 | 402-884-8754 |
| Non-Profit | ENOA | Tammie Sehez | | | | | |
| Non-Profit | Holy Name Housing Corporation | Marilyn Ross | Executive Director | mross@hnhn.omahacoxmail.com | 3014 North 45th Street | Omaha, NE 68104 | (402) 453-6100 |
| Non-Profit | Latino Center of the Midlands | Carolina Quezada | Executive Director | cquezada@latinocenterofthemidlands.org | 4821 S 24th St. | Omaha, NE 68107 | (402) 733-2720 |
| Non-Profit | ModeShift Omaha | Geoff Deold | | geoff@d-aarch.com | | | |
| Non-Profit | NeighborWorks®Home Solutions | Ken Lyons | Chief Executive Officer | klyons@nwhomesolutions.org | 3520 Lake St. | Omaha, NE 68111 | (402) 451-2939 x 1100 |
| Non-Profit | Omaha by Design | Julie Reilly | Executive Director | jreilly@omahabydesign.org | 6001 Dodge St., c/o University of Nebraska at Omaha | Omaha, NE 68182 | (402) 554-4012 |
| Non-Profit | Omaha Economic Development Corp. | Annette Artherton | Research and Development Director | AArtherton@omahaeconomic.com | 2221 North 24th Street | Omaha, NE 68110 | (402) 346-2300 |
| State | Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging | Susie Davern | | susie.davern@nebraska.gov | 4223 Center Street | Omaha, NE 68105 | 402-444-6536 |

Appendix E: ADA Compliance Facility Checklist

Event: _____

Location/Address: _____

Date and Time: _____

Person Completing Checklist: _____

Date: _____

| Element | Accommodation Area | Yes | No | N/A |
|----------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Transportation | If the event itself includes transportation, are wheelchair accessible vehicles available and advertised as available to the public? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is the meeting or event located close to accessible public transportation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If located close to accessible public transportation, does public transportation operate before and after meeting times? Ensure transportation is available until at least 8 pm. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is there an accessible route provided from the public transportation stop to the building or facility entrance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Accessible parking is available (review # of car and van accessible spaces)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | An accessible route with signage is provided from the parking lot to the facility? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evacuation | Do you know the emergency evacuation plans for the meeting/training location? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parking | Does the building have accessible (handicap) parking spaces? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If yes, are they at least 8' wide and have 5' aisles next to them? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sidewalk | Are there unobstructed curb ramps leading to the sidewalk (walkway)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Walkway | Is there a walkway from the parking lot to the building, at least 36" wide? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Does the walkway have a stable and firm surface? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If the accessible route is different from the primary route to and through the building, can you post signs with the wheelchair symbol that slow the route? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is the walkway level and free of steps? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If no, is there a ramp at least 36" wide? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If there is a ramp, does it have a gentle slope (1" rise to 12" length)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Element | Accommodation Area | Yes | No | N/A |
|----------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fire Alarms | Are there flash fire alarm signals in the building, in the meeting/training room? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Signage | Is there Braille text in the signage at the facility? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Entrance/Doors | Is the door at least 36" wide (wide enough for a wheelchair)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Can the hardware be operated with one hand level, push plate, etc.) with minimum of twisting or grasping? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Are the handles low enough to reach (maximum 48" high)? Can the door be pushed open easily? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is the threshold no more than ½" high and beveled? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | When a vestibule, is there a minimum of 48" between the sets of doors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Floors | Are the floors hard and not slippery? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is there a floor mat to dry feet and crutch tips to prevent slipping? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Corridors | Is there a 36" corridor, from the entrance to where the meeting/training is held? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is the path free of objects projecting 4" maximum into the corridor? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Elevators | Is there an elevator in the facility where the meeting/training is located? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If yes, is it a working one that is large enough for a wheelchair? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Are the controls within reach (maximum 48")? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Do the controls have Braille? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is there an audible signal ringing at each floor? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is there an audible two-way emergency communication system in the elevator? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Meeting Room | Is there enough clearance around the table for a wheelchair to move? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Can the wheelchair pull under the edge of the table to sit close? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Restrooms | Is there a wide, accessible path to the restroom? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is there a toilet stall wide enough that a wheelchair can enter and close the door behind? Interior space to turn around? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is the water closet (toilet) 17-19 inches high to the rim? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Can the wheelchair roll under the sink (29" to the bottom)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Can the faucets be reached and turned on easily? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Are the dispensers (soap, towel, etc.) reachable (maximum 48" high)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Is there a mirror at an accessible height (bottom of the mirror 44" above the floor)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

APPENDIX F

Legal Public Participation Requirements

FEDERAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization designated for the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)¹, MAPA is responsible under federal transportation planning law, to develop a metropolitan transportation plan (MTP)², a transportation improvement program (TIP), and a Public Participation Plan (PPP).

The federal requirement for MPOs to develop a Public Participation Plan (PPP) was first outlined in the “Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users” (SAFETEA-LU). Specifically, SAFETEA-LU required that the PPP be developed in collaboration with interested parties, and provide reasonable opportunities for all parties to participate and comment on regional transportation plans. The 2012 transportation reauthorization bill “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century” (MAP-21) continued to emphasize providing early and continuous opportunities for public involvement, and in 2021, the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act” (IIJA) expanded upon the importance of public involvement by providing the first provisions promoting digital equity, with numerous new discretionary grant programs requiring public involvement efforts with particular attention to environmental justice considerations.

In carrying out its planning work, MAPA must comply with;

- Federal metropolitan planning law and regulations ([23 U.S.C. § 134](#) et seq. and [23 CFR Part 450](#) et seq.),
- The [State of Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#),
- Iowa State law regarding Official Meetings Open to Public (Open Meetings) ([Iowa Code Chapter 21](#)), and
- Iowa Examination of Public Records (Open Records) ([Iowa Code Chapter 22](#)).

MAPA is further committed to developing and updating its regional transportation plans in accordance with the following requirements, including but not limited to:

- [American with Disabilities Act of 1990 \(ADA\)](#);
- [Age Discrimination Act of 1975](#);
- [Clean Air Act of 1970 \(CAA\)](#);
- [Executive Order 12898](#) Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice (EJ) in Minority and Low-Income Populations;
- [Executive Order 13166](#) Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency;
- [Executive Order 13985](#) Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government;

¹ Referred to as the Transportation Management Area (TMA)

² Referred to as the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- [Executive order 14008](#), Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act](#).

MAPA's Public Participation Plan procedures will follow and must comply with the following federal planning regulations set forth under 23 C.F.R. § 450.316 (a), outlined below:

- a) The MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing individuals, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, public ports, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation (including intercity bus operators, employer-based commuting programs, such as carpool program, vanpool program, transit benefit program, parking cash-out program, shuttle program, or telework program), representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The participation plan shall be developed by the MPO in consultation with all interested parties and shall, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for:
 - 1) The MPO shall develop the participation plan in consultation with all interested parties and shall, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for:
 - i) Providing adequate public notice of public participation activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP;
 - ii) Providing timely notice and reasonable access to information about transportation issues and processes;
 - iii) Employing visualization techniques to describe metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs;
 - iv) Making public information (technical information and meeting notices) available in electronically accessible formats and means, such as the World Wide Web;
 - v) Holding any public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times;
 - vi) Demonstrating explicit consideration and response to public input received during the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP;
 - vii) Seeking out and considering the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low-income and minority households, who may face challenges accessing employment and other services;
 - viii) Providing an additional opportunity for public comment, if the final metropolitan transportation plan or TIP differs significantly from the version that was made available for public comment by the MPO and raises new material issues that interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts;
 - ix) Coordinating with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation processes under subpart B of this part; and
 - x) Periodically reviewing the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan to ensure a full and open participation

process.

- 2) When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft metropolitan transportation plan and TIP (including the financial plans) as a result of the participation process in this section or the interagency consultation process required under the EPA transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR part 93, subpart A), a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made as part of the final metropolitan transportation plan and TIP.
- 3) A minimum public comment period of 45 calendar days shall be provided before the initial or revised participation plan is adopted by the MPO. Copies of the approved participation plan shall be provided to the FHWA and the FTA for informational purposes and shall be posted on the World Wide Web, to the maximum extent practicable.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS & ACTIVITIES

MAPA must consult, as appropriate, with State and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation concerning the development of the LRTP. There are no federally recognized Indian Tribal lands within the MAPA region. MAPA's consultation requirements under federal planning regulations are set forth under 23 C.F.R. § 450.316(b)-(e) as follows:

- b) In developing metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs, the MPO should consult with agencies and officials responsible for other planning activities within the MPA that are affected by transportation (including State and local planned growth, economic development, tourism, natural disaster risk reduction, environmental protection, airport operations, or freight movements) or coordinate its planning process (to the maximum extent practicable) with such planning activities. In addition, the MPO shall develop the metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs with due consideration of other related planning activities within the metropolitan area, and the process shall provide for the design and delivery of transportation services within the area that are provided by:
 - 1) Recipients of assistance under title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53;
 - 2) Governmental agencies and non-profit organizations (including representatives of the agencies and organizations) that receive Federal assistance from a source other than the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide non-emergency transportation services; and
 - 3) Recipients of assistance under 23 U.S.C. 201-204.
- c) When the MPA includes Indian Tribal lands, the MPO shall appropriately involve the Indian Tribal government(s) in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP.
- d) When the MPA includes Federal public lands, the MPO shall appropriately involve the Federal land management agencies in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP.
- e) MPOs shall, to the extent practicable, develop a documented process(es) that outlines roles, responsibilities, and key decision points for consulting with other governments and agencies, as defined in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section, which may be included in the agreement(s) developed under § 450.314.

TITLE VI, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Consideration of Environmental Justice (EJ) in the transportation planning process stems from Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI). Title VI establishes the need for transportation agencies to disclose to the public the benefits and burdens of proposed projects on minority populations. Title VI states that;

“No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

Title VI not only bars intentional discrimination, but also unjustified disparate impact discrimination, or, discrimination resulting from policies and practices that are neutral on their face (i.e., there is no evidence of intentional discrimination), but have the effect of discrimination on protected groups. Considerations were expanded to include age with the “Age Discrimination Act of 1975”, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal-aid funds, and low income populations with Executive Order 12898 “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations” (1994).

EO 12898 expanded upon Title VI, requiring each covered federal agency to “make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations”, and establishing an Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice to assist agencies in its implementation. In 2011, seventeen federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) signed the “[Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Justice and Executive Order 12898](#)” (EJ MOU), which advanced agency responsibilities and reporting requirements and reaffirming that agencies ensure meaningful opportunities exist for the public to submit comments and recommendations relating to the agency’s planning efforts, programs, policies, and activities. EO 12989 and the 2011 EJ MOU reinforce and expand upon Title VI, ensuring that every federally funded project nationwide considers the human environment when undertaking the planning and decision-making process.

In 2012, in accordance with the EJ MOU, the Department of Transportation (DOT) revised their EJ Strategy (originally drafted in 1995). The updated strategy requires the goals of EJ be adhered to throughout all agency activities, including transportation planning and project development, and to promote those goals through public outreach efforts conducted by the Department and its funding recipients. The DOT’s guiding EJ principles are briefly summarized as follows, and must be adhered to by all federally funded agencies including MPOs;

1. To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process,
2. To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations, and
3. To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low income populations.

The Federal Transit Authority (FTA) also issued guidance in response to the EJ MOU in the form of two circulars; [FTA Circular 4702.1B](#), Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients, and [FTA Circular 4703.1](#), Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients. The first of which specified new reporting requirements and added a requirement for mapping and charts to analyze the impacts of the distribution of State and Federal public transportation funds. The second provides recommendations to MPOs on how to engage EJ populations in the transportation decision making process, how to determine if EJ populations would be disproportionately negatively impacted by a plan, project, or activity, and how to mitigate those impacts.

[Executive Order 13985](#) (2021), “Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government” requires identification of methods to assess equity, and an equity assessment in all federal agencies, developed in consultation with members of communities that have been historically underrepresented in the Federal Government and underserved by, or subject to discrimination in, Federal policies and programs. It also established an equitable data working group to disaggregate federal datasets by key demographic variables to enhance efforts to measure and advance equity.

MAPA is committed to a more equitable and just region, and in June of 2020, the Board of Directors signed the [MAPA Equity Resolution](#), with commitments to:

1. Ensure that equity is a regional goal and that progress toward this goal is measured in MAPA’s planning work
2. Commit to listen to those affected and marginalized to learn how MAPA can help
3. Include robust representation from communities of color in MAPA boards, committees and stakeholder groups
4. Improve the employment, training, advancement, support and success of people of color by recruiting a diverse staff that reflects the region we serve
5. Review policies and programs to ensure equitable funding toward disinvested communities that will close disparities in our region and put all residents on a path toward reaching their full potential
6. Address the needs of African-American and other historically disadvantaged populations in the transportation planning and project selection process through Environmental Justice analysis, public engagement, and other activities
7. Target priority community development and economic development investments in Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAP/ECAP), and
8. Review MAPA’s work and progress in addressing these issues through a conducting an organizational equity assessment to be conducted annually at the end of each fiscal year.

MAPA’s Equity Resolution is well aligned with [Executive Order 14008: Tackling Climate Change at Home and Abroad](#), which was signed by President Biden in January of 2021, and created the government-wide [Justice40 Initiative](#), establishing the goal that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities. The [2021 MAPA Equity Assessment](#) can be found on the MAPA website, and in an effort to continue efforts towards an equitable region, MAPA released it’s the [Regional Equity Toolbox](#) in 2023, which serves as a collection of equity resources and a scoring matrix for the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area that identifies populations that could be disproportionately impacted by gaps in transportation.

[MAPA's Title VI Plan](#) was updated in January of 2021. It includes a Demographic Profile for the region, as well as the environmental justice analysis and ADA self assessment. MAPA's Title VI Plan outlines MAPA's responsibilities in Program Administration, Complaints, Data Collection, Environmental Review Requirements, Training Programs, Title VI Plan Updates, Annual Accomplishment Reports, Public Dissemination, Elimination of Discrimination, Maintaining Legislative and Procedural Information, and information on how MAPA is implementing, initiating, and monitoring the agency's Title VI program and Title VI and ADA activities. MAPA's Title VI Plan also contains information on Limited English Proficiency (LEP) households in the region, and a four factor analysis, conducted in accordance with [EO 13166](#), to determine the level and extent of language assistance measures. MAPA's Title VI Plan also contains provisions for providing appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in MAPA's programs, services, and activities, in accordance with the [American with Disabilities Act of 1990](#).