

.OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of February 20, 2015 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 20, 2015, at Metro, 2222 Cum-
ing Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Denny Wilson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Denny Wilson	Sarpy County Public Works
Bruce Fountain	Sarpy County Planning Department
Jeff Roberts	City of Bellevue Public Works
Greg Reeder	City of Council Bluffs Public Works
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista Public Works
Murthy Koti	City of Omaha Public Works
Todd Pfitzer	City of Omaha Public Works
Mark Stursma	City of Papillion Planning Department
Janet McCartney	Cass County
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County Engineers Office
Curt Simon (alternate)	Metro Transit
Maurice Hinchey (alternate)	Nebraska Department of Roads – District 2
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Greg Youell	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue Public Works
Chad Weaver	City of Omaha Planning Department
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha Public Works
Jeff Thompson	City of Papillion Public Works
Larry Legg	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Bill Herr	Sarpy County Public Works
Jim Jussel	Alfred Benesch & Company
Clyde Prem	Olsson Associates
Shane Swope	The Schemmer Associates
Jim Kollbaum	URS Corp.
Matt Shimerdla	URS Corp.

PUBLIC ATTENDEE

Lee Myers	AARP
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STAFF

Michael Felschow	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Mike Helgersen	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Ashley Myers	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Megan Walker	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: Approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2015 Transportation Technical Advisory
Committee Meeting.

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

B. FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvements (TIP) Amendments

Agenda Item B is tabled until a later TTAC meeting.

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee to table the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvements Amendment.

Motion by: Jeff Thompson
Second by: Janet McCartney
Motion Carried

C. UPWP FY 15 Amendment

Mr. Youell presented to TTAC an amendment to incorporate funding into the UPWP. Little Steps Big Impact was not ready to be in the UPWP at the time it was finalized. \$138,500 of CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) federal funds will be added from the State of Nebraska with a local match of \$34,625.

Motion #3: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 26, 2015 meeting of the UPWP FY 2015 Amendment.

Motion by: Curt Simon
Second by: Brad Zumwalt
Motion Carried

D. 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment

Mr. Helgersen said the amendment is similar to the one made to the LRTP last year but is more detailed in regards to how the project is developed. He said the Dodge Street Contraflow Alignment for the Omaha BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) project is added in Chapter 8 of the LRTP. Prior to the amendment last year, Metro Transit had not received the Tiger Grant. That federal revenue is now included in the Fiscal Constraint Analysis showing the federal revenue is anticipated and the local revenue will be available and has been added to Appendix B. The LRTP will be put out for a 30-day public comment period and the final reversion will be brought back to the TTAC next month for final approval.

Motion #4: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 26, 2015 meeting of the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment.

Motion by: Murthy Koti
Second by: Todd Pfitzer
Motion Carried

E. Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Ms. Myers told the TTAC the amendment to the PPP was approved in December when it then went out for a 45-day public comment period which ended on January 26, 2015. The document was put on Facebook and Twitter along with a press release and a Public Participation Plan and Title VI Stakeholders Meeting that was held on January 8, 2015. Ms. Myers said the comments were generally from resource agencies and interested parties about how the outreach is being done. CAC also gave feedback to possibly include graphics to clarify the meeting process and the steps a public comment goes through once it's submitted. Federal and state partners also provided feedback.

Motion #5: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 26, 2015 meeting of the Public Participation Plan.

Motion by: Dan Kutilek
Second by: Joe Soucie
Motion Carried

F. TTAC By-Laws Update

Ms. Walker reviewed the TTAC By-Laws with the TTAC. She said among items updated in the document by the subcommittee dealt with language being updated to allow for email and internet notifications, language defining the voting structure, voting members, clarifying the chair and vice-chair positions, gender bias, absences and participation for associate members.

Mr. Youell said the voting members will be those included on the list that was passed by the Board of Directors at their June 2014 meeting. A list of voting members will be reviewed by TTAC in May and that list will be sent to the Board of Directors to be approved at their June 2015 meeting.

Motion #6: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 26, 2015 meeting of the TTAC By-Laws.

Motion by: Eric Williams
Second by: Bruce Fountain
Motion Carried

G. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Felschow said the projects have not changed since last month but there will be an amendment in March.

Mr. Williams asked about the 24th Street project. Mr. Felschow said the project had gone from \$1M to over \$3M which, in turn, caused a negative balance in TAP funding. MAPA is working with NDOR to get it back to a positive balance. There could be safety money involved and they didn't want to make too many moves with the project in the TIP. To make sure the right plan is in place to go forward, work has been done with the project's partners and it was best to do this by tabling the project. It could become an action item next month but Mr. Felschow said there must first be agreements from the City, NDOR and all of the partners so it could be later in the spring.

H. Transportation Activities

Mr. Helgerson updated the TTAC on the following transportation activities:

- Little Steps, Big Impact Campaign
- Metro Travel Improvement Study (MTIS)
- Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan (Heartland Connections)
- Platteview Road Corridor Study

I. Additional Business

Ms. Walker said there will be an electric vehicle interest meeting on March 24, 2015 from 2 - 4:00 p.m. at the UNO Community Engagement Center.

Mr. Youell said Bellevue has two electric vehicle stations. There are communities across the state who are looking at putting together a CMAQ application for electric vehicle stations as a group of cities. Mr. Legg said they're working at into putting in a station in South Sioux City.

Mr. Roberts said the two stations in Bellevue are open to the public but you have to reserve them. The City of Bellevue has two electric vehicles.

Mr. Youell said his and some MAPA Board members' trip to Washington D.C. earlier in February was good. He commented on the possible ten cent gas tax for Iowa to help with transportation projects. He commented, as well, on Nebraska Senator Smith's LB 610 bill relating to a tax to help fund bridge infrastructures. Senator Stinner from Gering has introduced a bill for \$20M in aid for counties and \$20M for cities. Senator Nordquist introduced LB 644 to again study passenger rail between Omaha and Lincoln.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Pfitzer had a meeting with Senator Fischer recently and Mr. Pfitzer said she asked repeatedly for ideas that she can pursue for transportation legislation. Her two main topics

are veterans' affairs and transportation. Mr. Wilson said they also discussed jurisdictional waterways on expanding their limits. Sen. Fischer said she would oppose it but Mr. Wilson said the discussion was not positive. Mr. Pfitzer said by May 1, 2015, NDOR will have an agreement in regard to seeking categorical exclusion in this state and how they're handled. The goal is that there will be no federal oversight on CE's or below. Mr. Pfitzer said it was a productive meeting.

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.