

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY  
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
Minutes of July 24, 2015 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, July 24, 2015, at Metro, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Denny Wilson opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Denny Wilson	Sarpy County Public Works
Bruce Fountain	Sarpy County Planning Department
Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue Public Works
Chris Shewchuk	City of Bellevue Planning Department
Matt Cox	City of Council Bluffs Public Works
Murthy Koti	City of Omaha Public Works
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista Public Works
Marty Leming / Jeff Thompson	City of Papillion Public Works
Janet McCartney	Cass County
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County Engineers Office
Scott Suhr	Iowa Department of Transportation
Curt Simon	Metro Transit
Maurice Hinchey	Nebraska Department of Roads – District 2
Noel Salac	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Greg Youell	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha Public Works
Bill Herr	Sarpy County Public Works
Lauren Cencic	Metro Transit

GUESTS

Lee Myers	AARP
Jim Kollbaum	AECOM
Melissa Maiefski	FHWA
Ben Fisher	HDR, Inc.
Dan Owens	Omaha Airport Authority
Mike Owen	Nebraska Department of Roads
Jason Jurgens	Nebraska Department of Roads
Matt Shimerdla	Schemmer Associates

STAFF

Michael Felschow	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Josh Corrigan	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Mike Helgerson	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Megan Walker	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Rachel Tucker	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: Approval of the minutes of the June 19, 2015 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Noel Salac  
Second by: Marty Leming  
Motion Carried

## B. Federal Functional Classifications Map Update

Mr. Corrigan presented the final Federal Functional Classification Map which has been approved by NDOR. The urban area boundaries did not change but the classification of roads had changes.

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their July 30, 2015 meeting of the Federal Functional Classification Map Update.

Motion by: Marty Leming  
Second by: Dan Kutilek  
Motion Carried

## C. TTAC Officer Elections

Denny Wilson, Sarpy County Public Works, is the current Chairman of TTAC and Todd Pfitzer, City of Omaha Public Works, is the current Vice Chairman.

Motion #3 – Nomination for Denny Wilson as TTAC Chairman and nomination for Todd Pfitzer for TTAC Vice Chairman.

Motion by: Marty Leming  
Second by: Murthy Koti  
Motion Carried

Motion #4 – Motion for nominations to cease for TTAC Chairman and Vice Chairman and seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their July 30, 2015 meeting of the election of TTAC Chairman Denny Wilson and TTAC Vice Chairman Todd Pfitzer.

Motion by: Jeff Thompson  
Second by: Scott Suhr  
Motion Carried

## D. Joint Project Delivery Efficiency Team

Mr. Jurgens, NDOR, and Ms. Maiefski, FHWA, presented the new Categorical Exclusion Programmatic Agreement. The goals include streamlining and increasing predictability of the NEPA process and insuring a thorough review of projects. The new PA is MAP-21 compliant.

The CE processing/approval authority is Level 1 – NDOR; Level 2 – NDOR; and Level 3 – FHWA.

Among questions asked of the presenters:

- Will Level 2 functional utility include raised median – Answer: Each project will be looked at individually.
- Concern there are different comments from state or federal reviews – Answer: More documents will be kept at NDOR so there will be fewer documents going through the state review process. This will be considered when the smart documents are built.
- Will these guidelines affect existing projects – Answer: Projects will most likely go through the new process and the new timeline of each project will be depend individually with each case.
- Is this process similar to other states – Answer: Iowa has a 5-step process which NDOR is not using but NDOR's new process does follow the national template.

Agreements and forms may be found at <http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/environment/index.htm> .

## E. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Felschow presented to the Committee the funding obligation and project status. There is a balance of \$9,628,000 in STP and \$161,000 in TAP for Nebraska. There is still a significant need for some projects to be completed and several projects need to be programmed in the next several months. Because IDOT's reporting is on a quarterly basis, that information has not changed.

For the FY 2015 TIP summary, \$13 million is where the program started. After amendments and adjustments, there is an estimated \$5.5 million in projects programmed for FY 2015. There is an estimate of \$9.6 million in the FY 2015 OA balance. If the projects programmed for the year are completed as anticipated, there will be a remaining OA balance of over \$34 million.

#### F. Transportation Activities

Mr. Helgerson updated the Committee on various transportation activities --

- MTIS – Phase IB is nearly complete and Phase II is about to begin
- Little Steps Big Impact – Continuing education and 2-ride bus passes
- Platteview Road – The study continues
- EV Meeting – Several communities are interested in purchasing EV stations through grants and placing them around the area

#### G. Subcommittee Report

Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC)

- Public Participation process for the TIP and 2040 LRTP
- Bike-Ped Master Plan
- Brainstormed for vanpooling locations
- Providing ideas / feedback to improve 2050 LRTP public meetings

Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC)

- Awarded vehicles and operations funds using criteria the committee established
- Deciding direction for One Call One Click call center
- Brainstorming alternate forms of coordination based on the Coordinated Transit Plan goals, strategies and action steps

#### H. Additional Business

- Heartland 2050's Summit on July 15, 2015 as their lead kick-off for implementation
- 24<sup>th</sup> Street – the project is going to the 2<sup>nd</sup> level for approval and is expected to be approved for the full dollar amount
- The La Vista project is expected to be moved from illustrative to the fiscal constraint portion of TAP funding
- Tracy Troutner's last day with FHWA – Iowa is July 27<sup>th</sup> and he'll begin with IDOT on August 3.

#### I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Scott Suhr  
Second by: Chris Shewchuk  
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.