

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of June 19, 2015 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, June 19, 2015, at Metro, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Jeff Roberts opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Bill Herr	Sarpy County Public Works
Jeff Roberts	City of Bellevue Public Works
John Kottmann	City of La Vista Public Works
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista Public Works
Derek Miller	City of Omaha Planning Department
Chad Weaver	City of Omaha Planning Department
Murthy Koti	City of Omaha Public Works
Marty Leming	City of Papillion Public Works
Jeff Thompson	City of Papillion Public Works
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
Justin Luther	Federal Highway Administration – Nebraska
Kaine McClelland	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Jeff Soula	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln

GUESTS

Lee Myers	AARP
Jason Carbee	HDR, Inc.
Brad Chambers	Olson Associates
Kyle Kovar	3M Company – Traffic Safety Division
Ernest Wesolowski	Citizen-At-Large

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
Rachel Tucker	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: Approval of the minutes of the May 22, 2015 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

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

B. Final Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Myers presented the final draft of the FY 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. She said the 30-day public comment period had been completed, there had been postings on social media and a flyer was also mailed to libraries and local governments along with sensitive populations that would be affected by the Plan. There were five open houses during the public comment period and a few

comments were received during the process. Most comments were minor corrections about the document.

Mr. Helgersen said the fiscal constraint analysis used for the Plan was including revenue estimates for state funding and projects constrained by five-year "buckets" using the assumption that federal funding would increase by 2% every five years.

Based on planning guidance provided by the FHWA and the states, the projects that are in the first 10 years of the program, a change will be made so they will be programmed by year which means the Plan will be extended to 2025. It will have minimal effect on the way projects are programmed because of cash flowing through that period where some projects may have to be moved back. Based on how the original project was developed, it'll be taken back to the counties to discuss the impact of the changes. The meetings will be taking place over the next several weeks.

Estimating federal revenue sources has been updated by using more of the regional funding sources that has been recently anticipated.

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee with the comments received on the Final Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan but excluding those comments referred in the Fiscal Constraint Analysis which will be brought back to the TTAC for approval.

Motion by: Marty Leming
Second by: Derek Miller
Motion Carried

C. FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. Helgersen said the TIP Amendment had changed slightly than what was included in the June 12, 2015 TTAC emailing. All projects in the Amendment are Omaha projects.

- Dodge Street to Douglas Street S-Curve project is cancelled
- Phases 0, 1 and 2 of the Traffic Signal System Master Plan (TSSMP) is deployed
- Purchase of ATMS and local controller software
- Signal timing and interconnect improvements along 84th Street from Harrison to Center
- Phases B, C, D and E of the installation of the traffic signal network and traffic management system around Omaha

Motion #3: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their June 25, 2015 meeting of the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 7.

Motion by: Curt Simon
Second by: Marty Leming
Motion Carried

D. Committee Member Lists

Mr. Felschow presented the proposed TTAC voting and non-voting member list along with the sub-committee lists.

To the TTAC Membership list, the following changes were made:

- Adding Chad Weaver as an alternate for Derek Miller - Omaha Planning Department
- Moving Noel Salac / Brad Zumwalt as alternates for Mike Owen

The Florence Home would like to become a member of the Coordinated Transit Committee and that will be determined at their June 24, 2015 meeting.

Motion #4: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their June 25, 2015 meeting of the Committee Member Lists of TTAC and the Sub-Committee Lists as amended.

Motion by: Scott Suhr
Second by: Murthy Koti
Motion Carried

E. Final 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Felschow presented to the Committee the TIP timeline. It began in August 2014 with the call for projects and is in its final form for approval in June. He said there has been a modification with the Environmental Justice Analysis because they did not include all of the NDOR and Iowa DOT state projects. Only STP projects were included. The Omaha Signal Network Project was modified, as well.

Motion #5: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their June 25, 2015 meeting of the Final 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion by: Marty Leming
Second by: Derek Miller
Motion Carried

F. Final Bicycle / Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Helgerson said the Final Bicycle / Pedestrian Master Plan was put out for comment. The comments received suggested support for a wayfinding network of bike routes around the region. Some expressed interest in wanting to see reconstruction projects sooner. Projects had been put in phases by short-term, medium and long-term projects with the long-term projects 15 to 20 years out and would probably happen at the time of major reconstruction such as on major arterial streets. There was also an interest in more education with multi-modal training.

Among the minor changes made in the Plan included enlarging some maps, updating graphics and incorporating the new metro system map.

Mr. Felschow said an updated Plan will be incorporated into the 2050 LRTP with its update cycle.

Motion #6: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their June 25, 2015 meeting of the Final Bicycle / Pedestrian Master Plan.

Motion by: Eric Williams
Second by: Noel Salac
Motion Carried

G. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Felschow told TTC where projects are where they are with the TIP process. He said the balance right now is about \$10 million for STP funding for Nebraska. There's deobligation of around \$2 million in TAP with a TAP balance of \$6 million. TAP funding is almost complete for the year.

On the Iowa side, the amounts have changed little. For the second quarter, there's \$8.7 million in the Highway Program and around \$1 million in the Enhancement Program. Around \$700,000 has been programmed on the Enhancement side but nothing has been programmed so far for the Highway Program. There's less than \$300,000 remaining in the balance and it's hoped there will be more projects obligated so there will be less carryover.

To summarize, Nebraska started with about \$13 million programmed. After amendments, there is \$5.7 million programmed for FY 2015. The ending FY 2015 balance is estimated to be at \$2.5 million. With the past, OA ending balance is estimated to be at over \$33 million.

There's still a concern in projects being obligated which hurts NDOR because they don't have carryover.

H. State Fuel Tax Revenues

Mr. Youell went over the new state fuel tax revenues for both Nebraska and Iowa. Nebraska's hike will take effect January 1, 2016 at 6 cents a gallon and will raise the total gas tax over four years to 31.6 cents a gallon. However, between FY 2015 and FY 2016, there will be a slight drop in revenue because of the decline in fuel prices that will affect the wholesale fuel tax. In Iowa, the law took effect this past spring and it's a straight tax hike of 10 cents a gallon.

I. Transportation Activities

Among the transportation activities Ms. Myers discussed are

- Metro Travel Improvement Study
- Little Steps Big Impact
- Platteview Road
- EV Meeting

J. Additional Business

There was no additional business presented.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Marty Leming
Second by: Scott Suhr
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.