

**OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes  
March 27, 2015

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairman Kohn called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members Present

Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors (arrived at 1:40 p.m.)
Doug Kindig	Nebraska Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Ron Kohn	Iowa Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Rich Pahls	Omaha City Council
Tom Richards	Sarpy County Commissioner
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Cassie Seagren	(Alt. Representing Mayor Stothert) Chief of Staff, City of Omaha

Members Absent

Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
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Guests

Jordan Pascale	Omaha World Herald
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MAPA Staff

Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel	Michael Felschow
Mike Helgerson	Ashley Myers	Megan Walker	Greg Youell

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the February 26, 2015 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Kindig to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORT – (Action)**

Mr. Clare Duda reported that the Finance Committee met on March 18, 2014 and approved bills for March, reviewed January financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Richards, SECOND by Sanders to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 Finance Committee meeting.

AYES: Duda, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/ Treasurer

D. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Monthly Report – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell provided an update to the Board on MAPA activities for the months of February and March. MAPA received a report of a gas tax increase of 10 cents for the State of Iowa. MAPA was notified by NDOR that they will grant \$930,000 in federal funding to expand the B-Cycle system, MAPA will serve the administration for that project. MAPA has been discussing providing housing services for the community and is looking into applying for a pilot project in the State of Nebraska. Mr. Youell provided an update on LB-318, a committee hearing was held on March 11, four people testified in support of the bill. Mr. Youell updated the Board on workshops and meetings that MAPA has held for the air quality issue, MAPA recently held a meeting with governmental and business representatives to discuss the issues. In addition, MAPA is hosting an electric vehicles workshop on April 1 and discussing putting in a grant to NDOR for electric vehicle infrastructure. In 2013, MAPA approved a contract to work with NRD on several buyouts the only one moving forward is Iske Lake. Heartland 2050 is continuing to present to the communities and answer questions from citizens. A date has been set for the Heartland 2050 Summit, July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Thompson Alumni Center. Mr. Youell attended a Collaborative Impact Workshop in Washington D.C. this week. Mr. Youell shared a letter MAPA received from a citizen that was assisted by the Metro Area Motorist Assist volunteers and shared with the Board that NDOR has agreed to support the program for another 2 years.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

None.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board the contract amendments listed below.

1. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS – (Action)

a. HDR On-Call Modeling Contract Extension Supplemental Agreement - \$100,000

An extension of the Master Agreement with HDR to use them on an on-call basis for travel demand modeling. Extension provides up to \$100,000 over 2 years.

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Duda to approve the Contract Extension for HDR On-Call Modeling.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. UPWP FY 16 BUDGET – (Action)

a. Preliminary Line Item Budget – (Action)

b. Draft Unified Work Program (UPWP) – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented the Preliminary Line Item Budget and the Draft Unified Work Program to the Board for approval. Line Item Budget contains a total of 4.5 million, down from 6.2 million from last year. The Work Program will continue work on the Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Program is due to be updated over the next year. A traffic count system portal is currently being developed to allow the different GIS department to input their data into one system. The Draft UPWP also contains a Sarpy County Comprehensive

Plan update, a sewer study in the Platte watershed, interchange study for a potential new interchange in Gretna, continued work on the Bicycle-Pedestrian study and working with the City of Omaha, providing staff support for the Heartland 2050 initiative. In the transit area staff will be continuing working on the one-call center project, the 5310 project and continue work on air quality, traffic signals and congestion.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Sanders to approve the FY 16 Preliminary Line Item Budget and the Draft UPWP.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. FY 2015 – 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #4 – (Action)

Mr. Michael Felschow presented TIP Amendment #4 to the Board for approval including reprogramming of funds for the following projects: \$1.3 million for 180<sup>th</sup> St. Phase 1 from FY15 to FY16, \$7.4 million in construction for 36th St. in Bellevue from FY 16 to FY 17 and \$2 million for 132<sup>nd</sup> St. & Giles from FY15 to FY16. The Amendment also includes 12 projects that have been selected for the use 5310 FTA funding. The final amendment is for resurfacing and reconstruction of bridges on I-680 for \$7.9 million.

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Hanafan to approve FY 2015 – 2018 TIP Amendment #4.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. TITLE VI PLAN – (Action)

Ms. Megan Walker presented the final updates to the Title VI Plan for approval. Changes include the combining of ADA and Title XI coordinator position and more closely aligning the comment and complaint procedures with NDOR and IDOT procedures.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Duda to approve the Title VI Plan.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT– (Action)

Ms. Ashley Myers presented the 2035 LRTP Amendment to the Board for approval. The Amendment includes a move in the alignment of the BRT line from the original location that was identified to Dodge Street, in order for the project to still receive funding the LRTP must be updated, funding levels were also updated to include the TIGER Grant that Metro received and other anticipated funds.

MOTION by Seagren, SECOND by Kindig to approve the 2035 LRTP Amendment.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONTRACTS – (Action)

- a. MOU Metro Transit CMAQ – \$35,270.00
- b. DAAKE Website Development – \$29,900.00
- c. Steve Jensen H2050 Consultation – \$31,200.00

Mr. Greg Youell presented the contracts listed above to the Board for approval.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Richards to approve the contracts for MOU Metro Transit CMAQ, DAAKE Website Development and Steven Jensen H2050 Consultation.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. TRAVEL – (Action)

- a. National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) 49<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference, Raleigh, NC –
  - i. Greg Youell, Melissa Engel & three Member Staff – \$6,903.00
  - ii. Three MAPA Board Members (Officials Fund) - \$5,367.00

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the trip to NARC 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Raleigh, NC, attendees would include Greg Youell, Melissa Engel and three member staff. Mr. Youell also requested approval for three MAPA Board members to attend the NARC Annual Conference from the Officials Fund.

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Richards to approve travel to the NARC 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, in Raleigh, NC.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Bus Rapid Transit Site Visit, Eugene, OR – \$7,560.00

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval a trip to Eugene for a Bus Rapid Transit Site Visit for up to 10 travelers (attendees will include representatives from the City of Omaha and Metro Transit Authority).

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Duda to approve travel to Eugene, OR for a Bus Rapid Transit Site Visit.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. FY 2016 – 2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) DRAFT PROJECT LIST – (Action)

Mr. Mike Helgerson presented the FY 2016 – 2019 TIP Draft Project List to the Board for approval. Three projects were selected for TAP funding, including the Metro Bus Rapid Transit project, work on the North downtown Pedestrian Bridge and La Vista Applewood Creek Trail. The 5310 projects are divided into two categories, capital projects or operations projects. Last the Iowa and Nebraska STP Projects were identified, three projects in Council Bluffs were added and a resurfacing project for the City of Omaha.

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Richards to approve the FY 2016 – 2019 TIP Draft Project List.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Sanders, Seagren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

J. DISCUSSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kohn adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.