

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of May 22, 2015 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, May 22, 2015, at Metro, 2222 Cuming 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
Bill Herr	Sarpy County Public Works
Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue Public Works
Chris Shewchuk	City of Bellevue Planning Department
Greg Reeder	City of Council Bluffs 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
Murthy Koti	City of Omaha Public Works
Todd Pfitzer	City of Omaha Public Works
Bob Stubbe	City of Omaha Public Works
Marty Leming	City of Papillion Public Works
Dan Freshman	City of Ralston Public Works
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County Engineers Office
Scott Suhr	Iowa Department of Transportation
Curt Simon	Metro Transit
Tim Weander	Nebraska Department of Roads – District 2
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Kris Faris	City of Gretna
Terry Bailey	Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce
Tracy Troutner	Federal Highway Administration – Iowa
Justin Luther	Federal Highway Administration – Nebraska
Maurice Hinchey	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Jeff Soula	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln

GUESTS

Lee Myers	AARP
Jim Kollbaum	AECOM
Matt Shimerdla	AECOM
Jason Carbee	HDR, Inc.
Matt Kruse	Lamp, Ryneerson & Associates
Kyle Kovar	3M Company – Traffic Safety Division

STAFF

Michael Felschow	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Mike Helgerson	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 April 24, 2015 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Chris Shewchuk
Second by: Dan Freshman
Motion Carried

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

Ms. Myers told the TTAC there were three projects from Metro on Amendment 6 and one from Valley.

- Valley – Change federal funding source to SRTS; program FY 2015 for ROW and in FY 2016 for installation of a sidewalk;
- Metro Transit - Rolling stock purchases, diesel tank replacement, shelters, signage and BRT stations.

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their May 28, 2015 meeting of the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 6.

C. Draft FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Felschow presented the Draft FY 2016 – 2019 TIP to the TTAC. The timeline for the TIP began last August with TTAC's subcommittees, ProSeCom, TAP-C and CTC and in May the Draft TIP will be released to go out for a public comment period as well as a state review of the draft.

On the Nebraska side of the Nebraska STP table, Mr. Felschow said the extra \$30 million should be pulled down by 2019/2020 and will be programmed now. The City of Omaha has requested they can do AC for about \$3m a year in resurfacing which was opened up to all agencies and communities. The first AC conversion is being programmed in 2019 with the second in 2020 and because of that, the City of Omaha will remove two of the projects that were just put in the TIP last year and will be funded locally. The Iowa STP table shows their money programmed to just less than \$300,000 remaining in 2019.

Mr. Felschow said with Nebraska's TAP funding, if construction costs increase by 100%, the project needs to be reevaluated. In Iowa, the funding balances have been kept low.

For STP funding levels in Nebraska, the funds start at about \$38m and end with around \$772m. and they should be programmed out and be at a balance of \$11m in 2016, \$40m in 2017, \$16m in 2018 and \$27m in 2019. NDOR has approved these balances which are a significant commitment for them. There is some give in this funding category as it started with around \$900,000 and ending with \$573,000.

For STP funding levels in Iowa, the funds start at about \$8m and end at \$257,000. The TAP projects are being kept equal the amount of funding that's available.

For transit, a zero balance is being kept and authorization is about \$9m a year with an ending balance around \$400,000. 5309 funding is the Call Center (Veteran Grant) which is inflexible and that money will be used for call center technology with around \$984,000 in the fund.

Motion #3: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their May 28, 2015 meeting releasing the Draft FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program to a 30-day public review period.

Motion by: Todd Pfitzer
Second by: Scott Suhr
Motion Carried

D. Federal Functional Classification Map Update

Mr. Helgerson said updating is being done on the Federal Functional Classification map to bring it into compliance of FHWA regulations. Many of the changes removed rural roadways from the classifications and many principle arterials were changed to expressway.

Discussion followed Mr. Helgerson's presentation. Among the topics discussed:

- Based on design, W. Maple Road is updated to expressway because of the divided median
- Mr. Helgerson will look into removing "other" since principle arterials aren't used
- The updated classifications to not affect the order of projects but can affect capacity when modeling is done

- Heavily traveled 168th Street between Blondo to Ida Street will need a request to both NDOR and FHWA to upgrade from collector
- Updates are done 2 years after a census to reflect urban boundary census and in general every 10 years
- With concerns on classifications, questions go through MAPA and then through NDOR

A listing of what changes were made on the map will be sent by Josh Corrigan.

Motion #4: Seeking approval of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee at their May 22, 2015 meeting to table Agenda Item D. Federal Functional Classification Map Update and bring it back to the June 2015 TTAC meeting to approve recommendation to the MAPA Board of Directors.

Motion by: Marty Leming
Second by: Joe Soucie
Motion Carried

E. FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Mr. Felschow told the TTAC of several changes comprising the UPWP Amendment. Many are changes in the budget which will make end-of-the year adjustments.

Motion #5: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their May 28, 2015 meeting releasing the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment.

Motion by: Tim Weander
Second by: Brad Zumwalt
Motion Carried

F. Final Draft FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Felschow presented the final draft of the UPWP for FY 2016. Total PL funds for Nebraska are \$1,614,516 and for Iowa the total PL funds are \$198,263 with MAPA's total amounting to \$1,812,779. The Work Activities is standard to work programs of past years with the total amount at \$4,274,288 and 45,840 hours.

Mr. Felschow told the Committee there is a decrease in Nebraska PL funding in part because Grand Island has become an MPO which creates less funding for the rest of the state's MPO's. There was also an error in switch money where MAPA had more funding and that money is now correctly funded back to Lincoln. Mr. Luther said there is a formula that all MPO's agree upon for the distribution of funding.

Motion #6: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their May 28, 2015 meeting of the Final Draft FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program.

Motion by: Marty Leming
Second by: Tim Weander
Motion Carried

G. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Helgerson gave the TTAC an overview of where projects are currently in the FY 2015 TIP. He said the current status of obligation has changed little from previous months. Some of the projects will have phases reprogrammed in the FY 2016 TIP.

Mr. Pfitzer said the withdrawal letter for the Dodge/Douglas Streets project has been sent to NDOR.

H. Transportation Activities

Among the transportation activities Ms. Walker discussed are

- Metro Travel Improvement Study
- 2040 LRTP public meetings - 5 meetings were held

- Little Steps Big Impact - media rollout campaign currently happening
- One-Call Center Summit – Summit on May 6, 2015; Leaning In Meeting on May 27, 2015
- Platteview Road – Alternatives presented to stakeholders
- Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan – public comment ends on May 29, 2015
- EV Meeting – meeting held May 22, 2015

I. 2014 Public Participation Annual Report

Ms. Walker said public meetings were held for the 2014 Public Participation Annual Report. She said all goals were met except the goal to improve people seeing the newspaper advertisements and attending the meetings through the advertisements.

J. Additional Business

Mr. Felschow told the TTAC about the draft 2016 TTAC membership listing. He asked the Committee to look over the listing and it will be on the June TTAC agenda for recommendation to the Board of Directors. Corrections will be made to the draft listing.

Mr. Kutilek said the Citizens Advisory Committee is working hard and encouraged the TTAC members to read their minutes.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Todd Pfitzer
Second by: Dan Freshman
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.