

DATE: May 15, 2015
TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
FROM: Dennis Wilson, Chairman
Greg Youell, MAPA Executive Director
RE: May 22, 2015 TTAC Meeting

The MAPA TTAC will meet Friday, May 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Metro Building at 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. The TTAC meeting will be held in the Metro Training Room on the lower level. Please enter the building through Metro's front door and follow the signs to the Metro Training Room on the lower level. The agenda item materials can be accessed by clicking on the linked agenda item titles. The agenda is also available at the MAPA offices and online at <http://www.mapacog.org/boards-a-committees/58-agendas>.

AGENDA

For TTAC Approval/Review

- A. Meeting Minutes – The committee will consider approval of the April 24, 2015 TTAC meeting minutes. (Action Item) (Attachment)

Recommendations to the Board

- B. FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments – Staff will present and request recommendation for Board approval of various amendments to the FY 2015-2018 TIP from local jurisdictions. (Action Item) (Attachment)
- C. Draft FY 2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Staff will present and request recommendation to the Board to release of the Draft TIP for 30-day public review period. (Action Item) (Attachment)
- D. Federal Functional Classifications Map Update – Staff will present and request recommendation to the Board for approval of the federal functional classifications map update. (Action Item) (Attachment)
- E. FY-2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment – Staff will present and request recommendation to the Board for approval of the end of the year budget adjustment to the FY-15 UPWP. (Action Item) (Attachment)
- F. Final Draft FY-2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Staff will present and request recommendation to the Board for approval of the final UPWP. (Action Item) (Attachment)

Discussion Items

- G. Funding Obligation and Project Status – Staff will review the annual funding obligation status and the NDOR and Iowa DOT project status. Staff will also discuss PL funding and the application schedule. (Information Item)
- H. Transportation Activities – Staff will provide updates on the regional planning efforts including the Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS), the LRTP public meetings, and etc. (Information Item)
- I. 2014 Public Participation Annual Report – Staff will present the annual public participation report. (Information Item) (Attachment)
- J. Additional Business
- K. Adjournment

Auxiliary aids, language assistance, and services are available when requested in advance, please call the office.
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OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of April 24, 2015 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, April 24, 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
Jeff Roberts	City of Bellevue Public Works
Greg Reeder	City of Council Bluffs Public Works
Matt Cox	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
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha Public Works
Derek Miller	City of Omaha Planning Department
Chad Weaver	City of Omaha Planning Department
Dan Freshman	City of Ralston Public Works
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County Engineers Office
Scott Suhr	Iowa Department of Transportation
Curt Simon (alternate)	Metro Transit
Tim Weander	Nebraska Department of Roads – District 2
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Greg Youell	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Pat Kastl	Alfred Benesch & Company
Terry Bailey	Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce
Jason Carbee	HDR, Inc.
John Jorgensen	HGM Associates, Inc.
Doug Holle	The Schemmer Associates
Jim Kollbaum	URS Corp.
Justin Luther	Federal Highway Administration – Nebraska

GUESTS

Kyle Kovar	3M Company – Traffic Safety Division
Lee Myers	AARP
Ernest Wesolowski	Citizen-At-Large

STAFF

Michael Felschow	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Ashley Myers	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Mike Helgerson	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: Approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2015 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Dan Kutilek
Second by: Jeff Roberts
Motion Carried

B. Draft TTAC Member List

Mr. Felschow asked the Committee to look over the Member and Associates listing of TTAC and a final listing will be voted on at the June meeting.

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

Mr. Felschow presented the Preliminary Draft FY 2016 – 2019 TIP. Among portions of the TIP explained, Mr. Felschow said the staff had gone through the statistical process and updated all of the projects in the existing TIP and created a new database. A TIP Amendment Table was also updated. He said language was included for projects that double in construction costs and must go through a re-evaluation process. The draft still requires projects from IDOT as well as the Public Involvement Chapter.

Mr. Felschow said the TTAC is being asked to approve the fiscal constraint portion of the TIP. In May, the document will be released to the public for comment with final approval to be made in June. Omaha's 24th Street STP comment will be removed as it will be going to safety.

Mr. Felschow asked the Committee to review the document in the next two weeks for comments. Revisions, if necessary, will be made so it can be voted upon to go to public comment at the May TTAC meeting.

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee at their April 24, 2015 meeting of the Preliminary Draft FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program's fiscal constraint as it currently stands with modification of one table containing the Tiger Grant, if necessary.

Motion by: Curt Simon
Second by: Tim Weander
Motion Carried

D. FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Ms. Myers said the TIP's Amendment 5 is for bridges over I-680 at Hwy US-6 and for Heartland B-Cycle Expansion. The bridges project is changing the year and amount of NHPP funding. \$295,000 of state funding in FY 2015 will be programmed for PE-NEPA and program \$7,125,000 of NHPP funding in FY 2021 for construction. \$930,327 of CMAQ funding will be programmed in FY 2016 for construction for the B-Cycle expansion.

Motion #3: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their April 30, 2015 meeting of the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 5.

Motion by: Tim Weander
Second by: Dan Kutilek
Motion Carried

E. Draft Bicycle / Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Helgerson said the Draft Regional Bike / Ped Plan has involved many over the past year. Initial planning began in 2012 with an application with TCSP. Stakeholders identified needs with Heartland 2050 planning with its purpose being to identify regional priority corridors for bikeways and develop recommendations for implementation. On the Nebraska side, trails generally run northwest to southeast and going east to west and north to south being difficult. The process began in earnest in early 2014 with public meetings in January and October in 2014, stakeholder and steering committee meetings. Mr. Helgerson presented slides showing existing and proposed trails.

In the planning process, Mr. Helgerson said they are looking at bicycle levels of service and appropriateness to accommodating bike facilities. The process looks at the possibility of incorporating on-street facilities for bikeways, the speed limit, road width, daily traffic volumes and the availability of parking lanes.

Short, medium and long-term recommendations have been discussed. To not have to wait 15 to 25 years for the opportunity of reconstruction, a parallel network of the plan is being explored which includes neighborhood routes that could be low-volume neighborhood streets. Population and employment density has been looked at, proximity to existing trails or bike facilities as well as to schools which lead to where trips are often beginning and ending.

Recommendations of the plan focus on a corridor which could be centered on an arterial or a minor collector. Some of these could be short-term recommendations as opposed to a long-term recommendation. Different cross sections have been discussed at different parts of the corridor. In addition, there is a recommendation for signage throughout the plan which would be MUTCD compliant.

The recommendation at this time is on all of the corridors as indicated on the map provided to TTAC. They're categorized in short, medium and long term recommendations. Based on the analysis, many of the short-term recommendations are on the parallel routes and neighborhood streets that with some minor improvements to the roadway, changes can be made that are not too costly but would provide connections for short trips for riders' daily needs. Some of the medium term recommendations are projects that are traditional bikeway infrastructure, bike lanes, small trail segments and bridges over creeks. These recommendations would be a 5 to 10-year timeline for improvements.

Different from these recommendations are corridors that connect communities and that provide some of the east-west and north-south mobility. At the time of reconstruction, bikeways are considered but these projects could possibly not come up for 20 or 25 years, at best.

In studying the pedestrian element, pedestrian audits were conducted with case studies involving different types of areas and recommendations based on current use and future redevelopment. A tool kit was used for going into a neighborhood that may not have been developed with sidewalks and prioritizing sidewalk investments. HDR did an example of this in an Omaha Westside neighborhood where sidewalks had not been required when the neighborhood was developed.

The next FY 2050 LRTP will incorporate the Heartland 2050 regional transit vision and the bike / ped plan. After the public review period, the document will come back to TTAC for recommendation to the MAPA Board in June for final approval.

Motion #4: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their April 30, 2015 meeting releasing the Draft Bicycle / Pedestrian Master Plan to a 30-day public review period.

Motion by: Eric Williams
 Second by: Joe Soucie
 Motion Carried

F. Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Mr. Felschow said the LRTP is a stop-gap plan until the feds provide performance measures. This document will be merging the Heartland 2050 Vision, Bike / Ped Plan and the Regional Transit Vision. There are currently seven public meetings scheduled during this review period. In June, the Draft LRTP will come back to TTAC and then go to the MAPA Board for its recommendation to the Council Officials for their final approval in July.

ProSeCom, the bike/ped committee, Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC) and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) have all been part of the process to date. There are 17 chapters and hopefully next year it will be streamlined for easier reading.

- Scenario 1: ProSeCom listed projects in the 2035 to 2045 range and those projects were added to the 2035 LRTP
- Scenario 2: Core density where growth was shifted 10% from outside the interstate loop to within the 2035 projects
- Scenario 3: Shift 10% of growth from outside Interstate loop to within, Phase III Transit projects, and 2035 LRTP projects
- Scenario 4: Assumption that all priority corridors would have capacity improved by 13% and 2035 LRTP projects

- Scenario 5: Increases all Priority Corridors in the no-build network to 6 lanes

Preliminary Scenarios											
Scenario	Description	Total Flow	Priority V/C	Total VMT	Total VHT	Flow/VHT Ratio	Average Rank	Lane Mile Increase*	Capacity Increase*	Cost	Cost Effectiveness
A - ProSeCom & 2035 LRTP Projects	Projects identified by ProSeCom and existing 2035 LRTP projects	79,775,836	0.633	24,726,863	639,287	124.8	4.0	23.5%	17.0%	\$4,292,319	\$1.09
B - Core Density & 2035 LRTP Projects	Shift 10% of growth from outside Interstate loop to within and 2035 LRTP projects	79,869,167	0.733	24,334,256	626,106	127.6	2.8	18.0%	12.5%	\$4,191,534	\$0.80
C - Core Density, Transit, and 2035 LRTP Projects	Shift 10% of growth from outside Interstate loop to within, Phase III Transit projects, and 2035 LRTP projects	79,452,910	0.730	24,225,206	623,147	127.5	2.3	18.0%	12.5%	\$5,267,975	\$0.95
D - ITS & 2035 LRTP Projects	Assumption that all priority corridors would have capacity improved by 13% and 2035 LRTP projects	79,817,561	0.683	24,690,799	638,475	125.0	3.5	18.0%	22.1%	\$4,212,170	\$1.05
E - Priority Corridors (6-lanes) & LRTP 2035 Projects	Increases all Priority Corridors in the no-build network to 6 lanes	80,943,854	0.565	24,996,257	634,170	127.6	2.5	63.6%	48.0%	\$5,017,484	\$1.13

Scenario	V/C Rank	VMT Rank	VHT Rank	Flow/VHT Rank	Existing 2035 LRTP Goals				Total
					Accessibility & Mobility	Safety & Security	Urban Form & Environment	Keep Costs Reasonable	
A - ProSeCom & 2035 LRTP Projects	2	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
B - Core Density & 2035 LRTP Projects	5	2	2	2	0	0	+	0	+
C - Core Density, Transit, and 2035 LRTP Projects	4	1	1	3	0	0	+	-	0
D - ITS & 2035 LRTP Projects	3	3	4	4	+	0	0	+	++
E - Priority Corridors (6-lanes) & LRTP 2035 Projects	1	5	3	1	+	0	-	0	0

The final scenario package results in a cost effectiveness at \$0.65 (in thousands).

Maps provided to the TTAC represented federally-funded projects, locally funded projects and a map indicating a combination of federal, local and illustrative projects which includes the illustrative beltway.

LRTP Fiscal Constraint Overview

	TIP	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term		Total
	2016-2020	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2040	
Federal-Aid (IA)	\$354,102	\$120,508	\$36,017	\$57,234	\$53,600	\$621,461
Federal-Aid (NE)	\$280,414	\$210,135	\$156,650	\$103,811	\$115,350	\$866,360
Non-Federal-Aid (IA)	\$0	\$13,171	\$13,434	\$13,703	\$13,977	\$54,285
Non-Federal-Aid (NE)	\$0	\$168,963	\$172,343	\$175,789	\$179,305	\$696,401
Total	\$634,516	\$512,777	\$378,444	\$350,538	\$362,232	\$2,238,507

	TIP	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term		Total
	2016-2020	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2040	
Iowa Total	\$316,978	\$73,868	\$75,346	\$76,853	\$78,390	\$621,435
Nebraska Total	\$238,164	\$219,004	\$223,384	\$227,852	\$232,409	\$1,140,813
Total	\$555,142	\$292,872	\$298,730	\$304,705	\$310,799	\$1,762,248

	TIP	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term		Total
	2016-2020	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2040	
20% Match (IA)	\$88,526	\$30,127	\$9,004	\$14,309	\$13,400	\$155,365
20% Match (NE)	\$70,104	\$52,534	\$39,163	\$25,953	\$28,838	\$216,590
Iowa Total	\$124,232	\$126,387	\$128,575	\$130,797	\$133,053	\$643,044
Nebraska Total	\$278,821	\$279,196	\$279,422	\$279,492	\$279,398	\$1,396,328
Total	\$403,053	\$405,583	\$407,997	\$410,289	\$412,451	\$2,039,372

	TIP	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term		Total
	2016-2020	2021-2025	2026-2030	2031-2035	2036-2040	
Iowa Total	\$441,210	\$200,255	\$203,921	\$207,650	\$211,443	\$1,264,479
Nebraska Total	\$516,985	\$498,200	\$502,806	\$507,344	\$511,807	\$2,537,142
Total	\$958,195	\$698,455	\$706,727	\$714,994	\$723,250	\$3,801,621

Balance	\$165,050	\$103,017	\$280,116	\$324,195	\$318,780	\$1,191,159
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- Mr. Fountain asked if 180th Street could be shifted to 192nd and Mr. Felschow said the Committee selected 180th Street as a priority corridor and it does include a potential interchange.
- Mr. Koti told the TTAC that Dodge is at capacity and it's difficult to get from the northwest grid to downtown. The best scenario would be widening Maple Street to 6 lanes. Mr. Felschow said, however, ProSeCom did not make the choice to widen Maple Street and without improvement in travel, the northwest grid fails.
- Mr. Youell said there are many studies going on, including MTIS, and all will be going into the new LRTP including "big picture" questions.
- Mr. Fountain asked about the locally-funded map and Mr. Felschow said it's strictly local funds. Mr. Helgerson said the Schramm Road project between Hwy 50 and I-80 wasn't in the past plan. TIP and illustrative projects are shown.
- MTIS will allow for better solutions. Preparing a LRTP usually takes 18 months and this Plan was done in 6. Many of these projects being discussed should have been built 20 years ago so catch up will have to be done but, simply, there is not enough money to build sufficient roadways.
- In response to Mr. Miller's question, Mr. Helgerson said the cost of the beltway (illustrative) would be \$1.5 billion for the inner loop with 2008 money.

Mr. Felschow said meetings with the various counties will be scheduled to go over information.

Motion #5: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their April 30, 2015 meeting of the Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Program for a 30-day public review period.

Motion by: Tim Weander
 Second by: Scott Suhr
 Motion Carried

G. Urban Boundary Map Update

This Agenda Item is tabled at this meeting.

Motion #6: Seeking approval of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee at their April 24, 2015 meeting to remove Agenda Item G. Urban Boundary Map Update.

Motion by: Curt Simon
Second by: Dan Kutilek
Motion Carried

H. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Felschow said the project status has changed little since the March TTAC meeting. The obligation has decreased on the STP side with a balance of \$9.6 million. On the TAP side, all of the available OA has been used. The fiscal constraint tables have not changed since the March TTAC meeting.

I. Transportation Activities

Projects included in discussion:

- Metro Travel Improvement Study Meeting – held April 21, 2015
- One-Call Center – Summit scheduled for May 6, 2015

J. Additional Business

Mr. Youell said there was a LOCATE meeting where Khalid Mohamed spoke. He would like to invite Mr. Mohamed and FHWA to the next TTAC meeting.

The next Heartland 2050 summit will be July 15, 2015 at UNO's Thompson Alumni Center.

Mr. Youell said reauthorization most likely won't be happening.

Mr. Weander said the 168th and Dodge eastbound ramp will be closing May 11, 2015 for repair. Also the West Center on-ramp to I-680 to eastbound I-80 will close June 11, 2015 for the rest of the summer.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Tim Weander
Second by: Todd Pfitzer
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
FY2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Revision Summary - Amendment 6

<u>Control #</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Lead Agency</u>	<u>Revision Note</u>
OMET-Capital-04	Capital Expenditures	Metro	Update to Table 5.4: "Metro Program of Projects" to reflect Table 3.8 "Metro Fiscally Constrained 5307 and 5339 Funding Table": Reduce FY2015 Section 5339 funding to \$286,000 in FY2015 for Capital Expenditures

<u>Control #</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Lead Agency</u>	<u>Revision Note</u>
OMET-Capital-26	Capital Expenditures	Metro	Update to Table 5.4: "Metro Program of Projects" to reflect Table 3.8 "Metro Fiscally Constrained 5307 and 5339 Funding Table": Program \$600,000 of FY2015 Section 5339 funding in FY2015 for Capital Expenditures

<u>Control #</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Lead Agency</u>	<u>Revision Note</u>
OMET-Capital-27	Capital Expenditures	Metro	Update to Table 5.4: "Metro Program of Projects" to reflect Table 3.8 "Metro Fiscally Constrained 5307 and 5339 Funding Table": Program \$818,000 of FY2015 Section 5307 funding in FY2015 for Capital Expenditures



Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
FY2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

TIP ID 2015-100		Project Name Capital Expenditures	
Control Number OMET-Capital-04			
Lead Agency Metro	Project Type Transit Capital		
County Nebraska (TMA)	Length (mi)	Total Project Cost*	\$336.00
Location Omaha UZA/NE			
Description Revenue Rolling Stock			

Fiscal Year	Project Phase	Funding Source	Total Funds*	Federal Funds*	State Funds*	Local Funds*
2015	Capital	FTA 5339 (FY15)	\$336.00	\$286.00	\$0.00	\$50.00

* Amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars

Revision History

5/28/2015

Amendment 6

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Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
FY2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

TIP ID	Project Name		
2015-155	Capital Expenditures		
Control Number			
OMET-Capital-26			
Lead Agency	Metro	Project Type	Transit Capital
County	Douglas	Length (mi)	Total Project Cost* \$750.00
Location	At Metro bus facility in the City of Omaha		
Description	Diesel Tank Replacement		

Fiscal Year	Project Phase	Funding Source	Total Funds*	Federal Funds*	State Funds*	Local Funds*
2015	Capital	FTA 5339 (FY15)	\$750.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$150.00

* Amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars

Revision History

5/28/2015 **Amendment 6**
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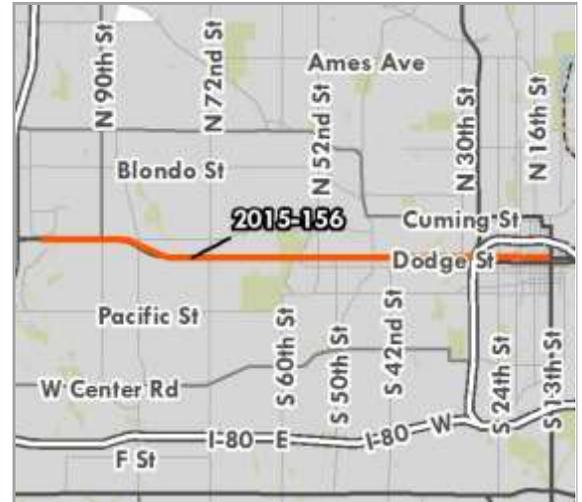
TIP ID	Project Name					
2015-156	Capital Expenditures					
Control Number						
OMET-Capital-27						
Lead Agency	Metro	Project Type	Transit Capital			
County	Douglas	Length (mi)		Total Project Cost*	\$1,022.50	
Location	Along Dodge/Farnham corridor, from Westroads Mall					
Description	Transportation Enhancements (Shelters, Signage, and BRT Stations)					

Fiscal Year	Project Phase	Funding Source	Total Funds*	Federal Funds*	State Funds*	Local Funds*
2015	Capital	FTA 5307 (FY15)	\$1,022.50	\$818.00	\$0.00	\$204.50

* Amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars

Revision History

5/28/2015 **Amendment 6**
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There are a number of large files in the TTAC packet this month; you will find links to those documents below.

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[Draft FY2016 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)

[Final Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#)

Memorandum

To: Brad Zumwalt

From: Greg Youell

Re: May 2015 FY-15 UPWP Amendment #4 - Budget Adjustments

The Work Program amendment submitted for your approval is a year-end budget adjustment. MAPA worked on the scope of activities identified in the FY-14 Work Program, as submitted in quarterly reports to the states, but the amendment represents a change in the level of effort from what was originally anticipated.

Some of the changes to the budget are due to new accounting and administrative procedures, but does not represent a significant change in MAPA activities. For work element 170, Technical and Policy Education, some activities now being assigned to this category were previously accounted for as part of their subject matter. For instance, a seminar on transportation funding and financing may have been charge to 401-02. The new grant tracking procedures more clearly allocate funding for activities to their most appropriate work element. The charge below lists the specific changes that were more than \$10,000.

MAPA Activities

170 Technical and Policy Education: Increase \$35,500

410 Short-Range Planning: Decrease \$22,000

The level of effort represents about 12% decrease from the original FY-15 budget and is due to better grant tracking and less time than previous years under these activities.

420 Long-Range Planning: Increase \$38,000

This is due to work on a high number of long-range planning studies, including the Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS), Heartland 2050, Platteview Road Corridor Study, and the Heartland Connections Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Study.

440 Transit / Human Service Transportation: Decrease \$33,000

Work continues on Work Program activities but at a slightly lower spend rate than anticipated.

470 Congestion Management / Safety and Technology: Decrease \$13,000

Work continues on Work Program activities but at a slightly lower spend rate than anticipated.

Contracts

470 Traffic and Bicycle Counting: MAPA and local jurisdictions did not utilize this funding for traffic and bicycle counting as originally planned.

840 MAPA Website: Decrease \$12,000. Project is underway but the remaining funds will be utilized after July 1, 2015 in FY-2016. Project will be programmed in FY-16 UPWP.

Federal Funds Budget

	FY15 Original Budget	FY15 Revised Budget	Increase (Decrease) From Original Budget	% Adjustment to Original Budget
MAPA Activities				
140 Transportation Forums	30,920	26,920	(4,000)	-13%
150 Project Review	1,200	1,200	-	0%
160 Data and GIS Forums	1,200	1,700	500	42%
170 Technical and Policy Education	10,000	45,500	35,500	355%
180 Public Events and Workshops	14,830	20,830	6,000	40%
190 MAPA Policy and Administrative Forums	79,765	81,265	1,500	2%
410 Short Range Planning	187,193	165,193	(22,000)	-12%
420 Long Range Planning	180,757	218,757	38,000	21%
430 Public Participation	34,260	37,260	3,000	9%
440 Transit / Human Service Transportation	188,590	155,590	(33,000)	-17%
450 Air Quality / Environmental	90,220	82,720	(7,500)	-8%
460 Iowa RPA-18	44,866	44,866	-	0%
470 Congestion Mgmt./Safety & Technology	38,585	25,585	(13,000)	-34%
700 Regional Planning		12,000	12,000	
810 Publications	47,740	47,740	-	0%
840 Public Information and Communications	22,800	23,300	500	2%
940 Transportation Administration	41,458	52,958	11,500	28%
Subtotal	1,014,384	1,043,384	29,000	3%
Contracts - MAPA Vendor Agreements				
410 Plans and Studies	35,040	35,040	-	
420 Modeling On Call Services	50,000	50,000	-	
440 Veteran's One Call Center Project	300,000	300,000	-	
450 Ozone Reduction Campaign	145,000	145,000	-	
470 Traffic and Bicycle Counting	17,000	-	(17,000)	-100%
470 Rideshare Software	10,000	10,000	-	
840 MAPA Website	25,000	13,000	(12,000)	-48%
Subtotal	582,040	553,040	(29,000)	-5%
Contracts - Subrecipients or Agreements Paid Directly by Federal Awarding Agency				
410 Short Range Planning Subrecipients	424,960	424,960	-	
420 Regional Bike-Ped Plan	197,500	197,500	-	
420 Bike Safety Education (TE)	268,192	268,192	-	
420 Platteview Road Corridor Study	338,811	338,811	-	
440 Metro Transit Planning Activities (TBD)	100,000	100,000	-	
440 JARC / New Freedom Grants	195,675	195,675	-	
440 5310 Grants	500,000	500,000	-	
450 Ozone Reduction Campaign	229,470	229,470	-	
Subtotal	2,254,608	2,254,608	-	
Total	3,851,032	3,851,032	-	

2014 Public Participation Annual Report



MAPA Omaha - Council Bluffs
Metropolitan Area
Planning Agency

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Introduction

The Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) Public Participation Plan outlines how MAPA will work to achieve public participation in all planning activities. The plan specifies how MAPA conducts public outreach and how the public can be involved throughout the planning process.

The 2014 Public Participation Plan (PPP) committed MAPA to completing an annual status report on the public participation activities of the prior year. The PPP stated successful evaluation of the effectiveness of the Plan requires incorporating public input and an annual evaluation process. Therefore, this 2014 Public Participation Report was completed in April 2015.

2014 Public Participation Activities

Five projects were completed in 2014. The projects which were completed are shown in Figure 1.

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

- Details how MAPA plans to conduct public outreach for all planning activities and how the public can be involved throughout the planning process. Completed the public outreach process for the plan including sending flyers to local governments and libraries detailing the opportunity to comment on the plan. Also, the documentation for this annual report was completed.

Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP)

- Serves as the guiding document for human service transit providers. The plan was developed locally and will be used when making transportation funding decisions. It includes the goals, needs/gaps, existing conditions, strategies to address barriers, a financial analysis, and an implementation process. Completed the public outreach process enabling the public to attend open house meetings, submit comments, and review the plan.

Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment (LRTP)

- Amended the LRTP to include the results of the first phase of the City of Omaha and Metro's Central Omaha Alternatives Needs Analysis Project. The study identified the need for better, more frequent transit service between Downtown and Westroads. The Locally Preferred Alternative will enhance transit connections between important districts and destinations along the Dodge/Farnam corridor in Omaha. Completed the public outreach process enabling the public to review the amendment, submit comments, and attend open house meetings.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Every year the TIP is developed. It lists all federally funded and "regionally significant" transportation projects programmed for four fiscal years. The TIP includes federally funded projects for roadways and trails, public transit and aviation projects throughout the Omaha-Council Bluffs region. Completed the public outreach process encouraging public review of the document and submission of comments.

Federal Certification Review

- Every four years MAPA undertakes a Federal Certification Review by the US Department of Transportation including the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Iowa Department of Transportation, and the Nebraska Department of Roads. A public meeting was held enabling the public to communicate with the DOT about MAPA's planning process.

Figure 1: Projects Completed by MAPA in 2014

Several projects had work started on them in 2014 and will be finished in the future (Figure 2). The Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan will be completed in early 2015. The Platteview Road Corridor will be completed in 2015; while implementation of the Heartland 2050 effort will continue for several decades.

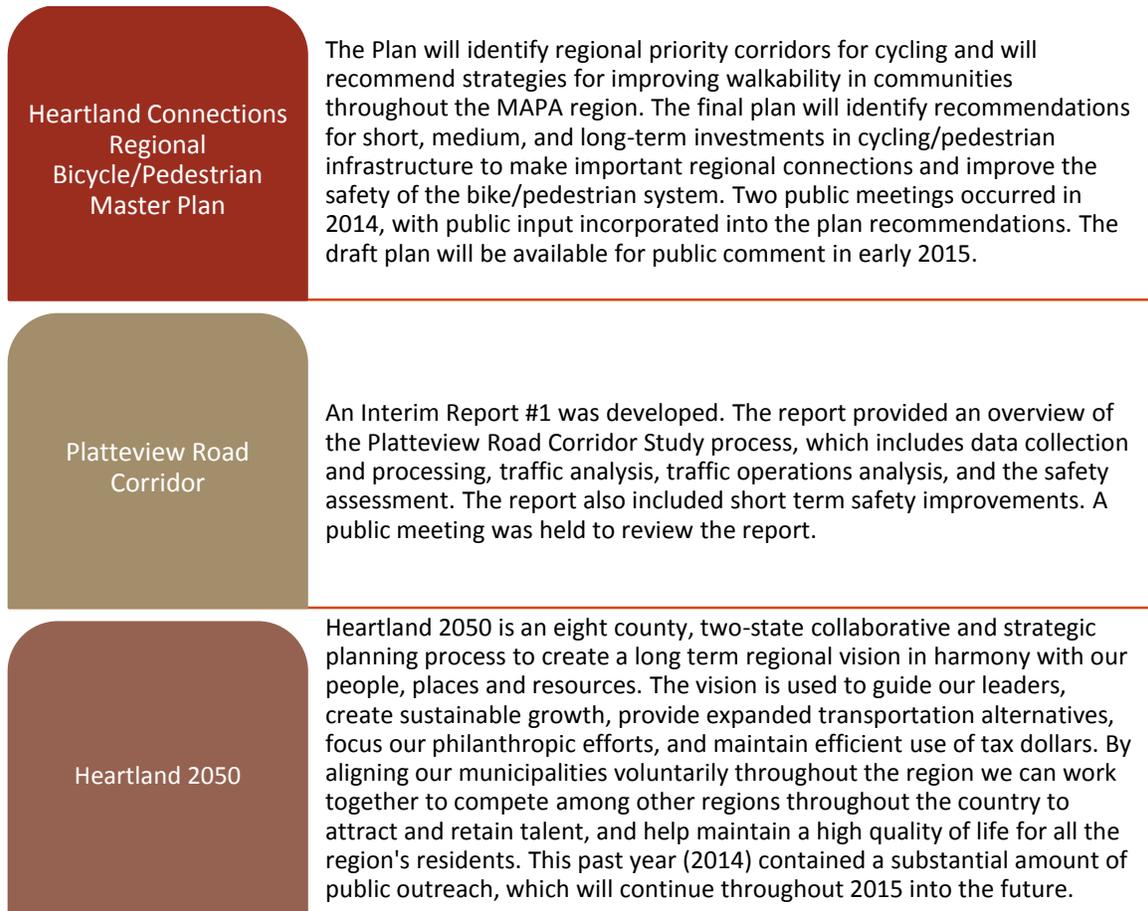


Figure 2: Projects in Progress

MAPA also completed a new branding brief, which reimagined MAPA's logo and other branding materials. These are shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3: A Portion of MAPA's New Branding Brief

Evaluation Indicators

The following eight evaluation methods were included in the 2014 Public Participation Plan. They shall be used in each year's annual report to evaluate the public participation process. This will facilitate the discovery of trends.

Public Participation Tool	Evaluation Criteria	Performance Goal(s)	2014 Indicator	Goal Achieved
Public Participation Plan	Required by law - No measure	Update at least every 3 years	Approved in February 2014	Yes
Newspaper Advertisements	Required by law - No measure	Increase number of participants/ respondents indicating they saw the advertisement	Published public comment period and public meeting advertisements. 0 people indicated they heard about the meeting because of the advertisement.	No
Website	Number of website hits	Increase number of web hits over the course of each year	Website hits are an all-time number as of 1/2/15 at 11:15 am Home page = 213,107 Transportation page = 20,494 Meeting Agendas page = 9,569	Base year developed. Did not have starting data to determine if the goal was achieved.
Newsletter	Feedback from public; number of returns	Maximum of 2% return rate per mailing	Currently there are 487 addresses on the newsletter list. On average there are 2-4 returned newsletters each time, which are promptly corrected for the next mailing. This is a .004% return rate.	Yes
Brochures	Number distributed during the year	Distribute throughout the MAPA Region, including key regional libraries in 1 st year; increase by 2-4 locations annually	Distributed Heartland 2050 brochures and flyers describing public workshops, surveys, and the vision document to public libraries, post offices, and various coffee shops.	Yes
Public Forums/ Open House/ Public Information Meeting/ Public Hearing	Public Attendance*[Transit Access (10 pts) + ADA Accessibility (10 pts)] = N	Goal of 1,000 annual points for public forums/ open house/ public information meeting/ public hearing	Held public meetings/open houses for several projects. See Appendix A for the supporting mathematics. 2,290 total point	Yes
Planning Document Distribution	Number of distribution sites	100% distribution of vital documents to necessary parties	Distributed documents and flyers to fourteen local governments and twenty-one local libraries.	Yes
Citizens' Advisory Council	Public Attendance + (Quorum or less [10 pts] or Greater than Quorum [20 pts]) = N	Goal of 150 total annual points for the Citizens' Advisory Council	The CAC was instituted in August with bylaws established in October. Quorum was achieved at the October 15 th meeting. Total points = 20	No

Table 1: Public Participation Evaluation Methods (Table 7.1 from the PPP)

As shown in Table 1, not all of the indicators were achieved. A discussion of each unachieved indicator is listed below with the action taken to complete the goals in subsequent years described in Table 2.

Issues

- ❖ Newspaper Advertisement goal of increasing the number of participates/respondents indicating they saw the advisement. MAPA does not currently track this information on our sign in sheets, so the only information we have is anecdotal. However, this will be remedied in the future by capturing this information on sign-in sheets. This is more fully explained in Table 2. .
- ❖ The Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) annual goal of 150 points was not achieved because the CAC was not formalized until October 2014, which was the last meeting of the year. Next year the CAC is planned to meet eleven times, which should allow the MAPA to achieve this goal.

Actions

MAPA will complete the actions listed in Table 2 to improve the public participation process and the likelihood of meeting the goals in future years.

Public Participation Tool	Action
Public Participation Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the Plan. 2. Create individual checklist of necessary public participation steps for each planning process. 3. Develop graphics detailing the public comment process and put these graphics on the website.
Newspaper Advertisements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will add a check box to public meeting sign in sheets that states, "How did you hear about the meeting? Email, Newspaper Article, Newspaper Ad, Facebook/ Twitter, Website, Friend, Other". 2. Determine the circulation of the newspaper used by MAPA for advertisements.
Website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to put MAPA's website on all documentations and point people to the site to find information. 2. Revise MAPA's website to make it easier to navigate.
Newsletter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to update any returned addresses in the database. 2. Develop a "Sign up for our E-Newsletter" button on the MAPA website. 3. Send the newsletter through electronic mail, as well as physical mail.
Brochures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to develop/update brochures and flyers. 2. Continue to distribute project brochures and flyers.
Public Forums/ Open House/ Public Information Meeting/ Public Hearing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to hold public meetings in transit and ADA accessible locations. Implement the Public Participation Plan to ensure people are aware of meetings and have the opportunity to attend. 2. Look for alternative meeting locations to attract people to attend meetings. 3. Establish methods for following up with citizens who submit public comments on planning documents. 4. Look for opportunities to partner with existing community meetings. 5. Expand EJ and translation services at meetings.

Planning Document Distribution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to deliver documents and flyers about the opportunity to comment to necessary parties. Utilize flyers rather than full documents to save paper. 2. Include document distribution on the checklist for each planning process that MAPA will create to implement the Public Participation Plan (the first row of this table).
Citizens' Advisory Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold monthly CAC meetings throughout 2015. 2. Invite interested parties to attend monthly CAC meetings. This would increase the public's knowledge of the planning process and encourage more participation in future events.

Table 2: Action to Achieve Goals

Summary

This past year (2014) was an extremely busy year for MAPA and many of the Public Participation Plan evaluation methods were achieved. It is MAPA's goal to continue to improve the public participation process and implement the Public Participation Plan successfully. MAPA staff will use this 2014 Public Participation Annual Report to recall participation goals and augment future public participation activities. For example, future public meeting sheets will include a checkbox area for "how did you hear about the meeting?", so MAPA can determine if public notices are effective.

MAPA staff will review the applicable Public Participation Annual Reports prior to the development of the new Public Participation Plan in January of 2018. The review will evaluate goal accomplishment, which will be used to alter the goals in the subsequent Public Participation Plans.

Appendix A: Public Event Formula Documentation

Formula: Public Attendance*[Transit Access (10 pts) + ADA Accessibility (10 pts)] = N

Coordinated Transit Plan				
Event	Public Attendance	Transit Access	ADA Accessibility	Total
4/8/14- HWS Afternoon	3	10	10	60
4/8/14- MAPA Evening	14	10	10	280
4/10/14- Salvation Army Afternoon	9	10	10	180
Total				520

LRTP Amendment				
Event	Public Attendance	Transit Access	ADA Accessibility	Total
5/8/14- Library	6	10	10	120
5/8/14- MAPA	4	10	10	80
Total				200

Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan				
Event	Public Attendance	Transit Access	ADA Accessibility	Total
1/22/14- Kroc Center	22	10	10	440
10/28/14- UNO	41	10	10	820
Total				1,260

Platteview Road				
Event	Public Attendance	Transit Access	ADA Accessibility	Total
5/29/15- Sarpy County Court House	25	0	10	250
Total				250

Certification Review Public Meeting				
Event	Public Attendance	Transit Access	ADA Accessibility	Total
3/11/2014	3	10	10	60
Total				60

Grand Total	2,290			
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