

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of October 23, 2015 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, October 23, 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
Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue Public Works
Chris Shewchuk	City of Bellevue Planning Department
Greg Reeder	City of Council Bluffs Public Works
Kris Faris	City of Gretna Public Works
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista Public Works
Murthy Koti	City of Omaha Public Works
Todd Pfitzer	City of Omaha Public Works
Derek Miller	City of Omaha Planning Department
Marty Leming	City of Papillion Public Works
Dan Freshman	City of Ralston Public Works
Jeff Scherzberg	Douglas County Engineers Office
Scott Suhr	Iowa Department of Transportation
Curt Simon	Metro Transit
Tim Weander	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
Matt Cox	City of Council Bluffs Public Works
Chad Weaver	City of Omaha Planning Department
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha Public Works
Bill Herr	Sarpy County Public Works
Maurice Hinchey	Nebraska Department of Roads – District 2
Larry Legg	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Jeff Soula	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Taylor Eman	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Justin Luther	Federal Highway Administration – Nebraska
Erich Hines	Federal Highway Administration – Nebraska

GUESTS

Kyle Kovar	3M Company – Traffic Safety Division
Randy Barth	3M Company – Traffic Safety Division
Lee Myers	AARP
John Donovan	AECOM
Jacob Weiss	HDR, Inc.
John Jorgensen	HGM Associates, Inc.
Arobindu Das	Iteris, Inc.
Ernest Wesolowski	Citizen-At-Large

STAFF

Michael Felschow	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Ashley Myers	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Megan Walker	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2015 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Todd Pfitzer
Second by: Marty Leming
Motion Carried

B. Advance Construction Conversion Program

Mr. Felschow told the TTAC they would like to convert resurfacing projects and exchange it for existing projects that have gone through the project selection process and will be funded locally. It's suggested that a working group be formed to develop a MOU of how this conversion process will work.

Membership of the group will be:
Todd Pfitzer
Brad Zumwalt / Noel Salac
Dean Dunn
Bill Herr
Justin Luther

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee at their October 23, 2015 meeting of the formation of the Advance Construction Conversion Program working committee and its membership.

Motion by: Todd Pfitzer
Second by: Marty Leming
Motion Carried

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

Mr. Felschow presented the many changes of the FY 2016 TIP. There was discussion regarding 132nd and 144th Streets Adaptive Traffic Signal Control and 132nd Street and Giles Road about the utility phase for FY 2016.

Motion #3: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their October 29, 2015 meeting of the FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments 1- 5.

Motion by: Murthy Koti
Second by: Curt Simon
Motion Carried

D. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment

Mr. Felschow said in the LRTP the STP funding levels on a table for Nebraska roadway projects did not produce correctly. The FHWA recommended all of the projects in the TIP be delayed but it was agreed that the other elements of the TIP can move forward which includes Iowa and transit projects. Procedurally, the MTIS amendment cannot be approved until the LRTP is corrected. Three projects could be affected and they are US Highway 75 in Bellevue, 114th Street and possibly the Adaptive Traffic Signal Control project.

Once the Amendment is complete, it will be recommended it go through a 30-day public comment period. The comment period will close November 30th and it will then go through TTAC and the MAPA Board of Directors for final approval which should occur by December 10th. The TIP will be updated and those amendments will likely then be able to proceed by December 18, 2015.

Motion #4: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their October 29, 2015 meeting of 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment.

Motion by: Tim Weander
Second by: Noel Salac
Motion Carried

E. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Felschow presented to the TTAC information from FY 2015. There is \$12 million not spent in STP for Nebraska and a balance \$336,000 in TAP. For Iowa, there is \$8.7 million in the Highway Program and \$287,000 for TAP. \$1.4 million is the FY 2016 – 2019 summary amount for the ending balance for Nebraska – STP and \$854,000 for Iowa. For TAP funds, the ending summary balance for Nebraska is \$1.5 million and \$347,000 for Iowa. In 5339/5307 funds, \$1.4 million is the ending balance and \$53,000 for 5310.

F. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Myers said the 2050 LRTP will be a merging of several other planning projects which include MTIS, RTV, Heartland 2050 and Pottawattamie County Master Plan, Sarpy County Master Plan and the Coordinated Transit Plan. The initial outreach will be happening this fall with the final Plan being completed in the spring 2017. The Plan will include the 8-county area that has been included by the Heartland 2050 visioning process.

Mr. Felschow said there will be discussions with subcommittees about goals for the Plan with that information being brought back to the TTAC.

G. FY 2017 TIP Development

Ms. Myers said it's also time to update the FY 2017 TIP. The Project Selection Committee met in August and there will be a call for projects December 4th, applications will be due January 8th and the final TIP's approval will be in June 2016.

H. Transportation Activities

Ms. Walker gave an overview of transportation activities:

- MTIS
- Little Steps Big Impact
 - Grant Process
- EV Meeting
 - Grant Process
- Vanpool Program

Mr. Felschow described the vanpool program. A designated driver picks up the riders from their home or a determined location such as a parking lot and transports them to work, etc. and then returns them.

I. Subcommittee Report Back

Mr. Walker told the Committee there was a Coordinated Transit Committee meeting on October 21st where they approved the 5310 policy guide and selection criteria.

The Citizens' Advisory Council will meet in November.

J. Additional Business

Mr. Youell announced Ms. Myers' resignation and said she will be taking a position at the MPO in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mr. Youell said the new EPA designation is 70 ppb from 75 ppb. Omaha is presently at 67 ppb.

K. Adjournment

Motion #5: Motion to adjourn:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.