

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

Minutes
April 28, 2016

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/Officers Present

Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Ben Gray	Omaha City Council
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Ron Kohn	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Tom Richards	Sarpy County Commissioner
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Jean Stothert (arrived @1:37 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Omaha

Members/Officers Absent

Patrick Bloomingdale	MAPA Secretary/Treasurer, Douglas County
Matt Walsh (arrived @1:45 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Guests

Cassie Paben	City of Omaha
Mary Jane Truemper	Citizen
RJ Jerrick	Greater Omaha Chamber
Shannon McClure	Greater Omaha Chamber
Angie Heise	Greater Omaha Chamber

MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel
Mike Helgersen	Karna Loewenstein	Greg Youell	

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the March 31, 2016 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Gray to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Sanders

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Ron Kohn reported that the Finance Committee met on April 20, 2016 and approved bills for March, reviewed February financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Gray to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2016 Finance Committee meeting.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Sanders

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 month of March. Mr. Youell shared that we have two new interns assisting our staff this summer. Fabiola Nomenyo will be working full-time with planning projects and Owen Stuckey will be assisting with data and GIS activities. The State of the Air Report has been released from the American Lung Association (ALA) and the metro area received an “F” for ground-level ozone. MAPA is preparing for the 2016 Little Steps Big Impact Program. The FHWA published the final Notice of Proposed Rule-Making (NPRM) on performance management to implement provisions of the FAST Act and MAP-21. The comment period is 120 days so the agency has until August 20th to review the proposed rule on performance management and provide comments. The FHWA head administrator, Greg Nadeau, held a roundtable meeting in Lincoln to discuss freight movement and congestion. The agency is currently working on several planning projects, the Long Range Transportation Plan (development of scenarios and analyzing data), Sarpy County Transit Study, Pott County Transportation Master Plan and other comprehensive plans for cities and counties in the Region. The Unicameral wrapped up and LB-960, the Transportation Innovation Act, was passed. Workshops will be held throughout the state of Nebraska to decide which Build Nebraska Act (BNA) projects should be selected. There is a portion of the bill that is for an economic opportunity program, similar to the RISE program in Iowa. In Iowa, the Council of Government funding is in the budget. The Housing trust fund will remain constant and the TIF bills and water quality bills did not make it out of committee. At the Federal level, the FY-17 T-HUD (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development) Bill was unanimously approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Iowa Association of Regional Councils (IARC) contracted with Captive Marketing to serve as Executive Director and provide organizational management. Carl Lingen is the new ED and will be invited to MAPA’s July Council of Officials luncheon to be held in Council Bluffs. MAPA will have its first all-staff retreat day on June, 7th and Karna Loewenstein will be facilitating. The management team will have a strategic planning session this fall and will be inviting board members to attend for a portion of the meeting.

Councilmember Ben Gray expressed his concern regarding information he learned while attending a recent health fair at an elementary school in the City of Omaha. Lead testing was conducted on 30 elementary students and all 30 of the students tested positive for high levels of lead. Two of the 30 students tested at a level at which they had to be referred.

2. Heartland 2050 Report – (Info)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein provided an update to the Board on Heartland 2050 activities. The committees are finalizing action steps for submission to the Executive Committee. Heartland 2050 will host a roundtable and work to identify which projects are priority and have the greatest sense of urgency and opportunity for the greatest impact. Staff is continuing work on the upcoming Summer Summit on August 2nd at the Harper Center at Creighton University. The Keynote Speaker will be Jeff Speck, author of, “The Walkable City”.

3. Presentation: Shannon McClure, Greater Omaha Chamber – Barometer Project – (Info)

The Barometer Project is a study conducted annually by the Greater Omaha Chamber and measures how Omaha and Omaha’s MSA (8 county region) stacks up against other markets across the nation on an economic growth basis. Omaha is compared against nine other markets and against eight indexes. All eight indexes follow Regional Economic Growth Theory. The data analyzes a three-year average and most of the results for the most recent study are looking at data from 2012-2015. The eight indexes are: growth, quality of life; cost of doing business; entrepreneurship; innovation; human capital and infrastructure. The nine markets that Omaha is compared against are divided into three categories: Aspirational Cities – Austin, Nashville, Raleigh; Competitive – Des Moines, Kansas City, Oklahoma City; Peers: Colorado Springs, Louisville, Salt Lake City. Overall, Omaha was ranked 5th, behind all aspirational regions and one peer, Salt Lake City. Omaha’s strengths are costs of doing business, quality of life, private capital, basic human capital and entrepreneurship. Opportunities for the region are innovation, advanced human capital (Bachelor’s Degree or higher), patent activity and information technology.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA –

1. CONTRACT FINAL PAYMENTS – (ACTION)

- a. Lovgren - \$1,949.13

2. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS – (ACTION)

- a. Live Well Omaha Bike Education – extension of time

3. JULY INSURANCE RENEWALS – (ACTION)

- a. Life / AD&D
- b. Long Term Disability
- c. Dental Plan

MOTION by Stothert, SECOND by Gray to approve items F.1.a, F.2.a. and F.3.a, b & c on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT – (Action)

Mr. Mike Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the LRTP Amendment. The State of Nebraska has increased the estimates for a number of major projects and as a result of that the LRTP must be updated to reflect those changes.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Kindig to approve the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2016 – 2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #10 – (Action)

Mr. Mike Helgerson presented the FY 2016 – 2019 TIP amendment #10 to the Board for approval. The first amendment is a change to the City of Valley's Safe Routes to School project, the change will program \$45,000 of funding this year Right of Way (ROW) acquisition and . The second, third and fourth projects are all related. MAPA has an agreement with the City of Omaha to provide them with the flexibility of advanced construction funding. This allows the city to build up a balance of about \$12 million over the next four years. There are changes to the three projects, the 30th Street Road Diet, Omaha Resurfacing Program Project and the 2016 Omaha Resurfacing Program. The final change is for Douglas County's 180th Street Phase 1 project to program \$364,000 of STP funding.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Stothert to approve the FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. NEW CONTRACTS – (Action)

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval new contracts listed below.

- a. Live Well Omaha CMAQ Agreement - \$19,440.00

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Stothert to approve new contracts listed above.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2017 BUDGET – (Action)

Mr. Youell presented FY 2017 Budget items to the Board for approval.

- a. Funds Budget
- b. Line Item Budget
- c. Project Budget
- d. Draft FY 2017 Work Program (UPWP)

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Stothert to approve the FY 2017 Budget items listed above.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMPENSATION – (Action)

Chairman Kohn presented to the Board for approval the Finance Committee's recommendation of a 3.5% merit increase for the Executive Director effective April 1, 2016. The Executive Director should also be included in any cost-of-living increase passed by the Board with the FY17 budget.

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Gray to approve the Executive Directors Compensation.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. FY 2017 ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION – (ACTION)

Mr. Greg Youell requested approval from the Board for the FY 2017 Annual Authorization Resolution, authorizing the Executive Director to file, negotiate and execute applications, contracts, agreements, assurances and other documents required with federal agencies as listed with the UPWP and attached resolution.

5. PROJECT CASE REVIEW- (ACTION)

Mr. Grant Anderson requested approval from the Board to provide favorable comment on the project cases from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality listed below.

- a. Case 2016-01 NDEQ – Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) – Section 128(a) Assessment Program
- b. Case 2016-02 NDEQ – Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) – Superfund State and Indian Tribe Core Program Cooperative Agreements

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Sanders to approve commenting on the two project cases listed above from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

J. DISCUSSION

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kohn adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.