

**OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**  
Minutes  
February 25, 2016

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairman Kohn called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Officers Present

Patrick Bloomingdale	MAPA Secretary/Treasurer, Douglas County
Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Ben Gray	Omaha City Council
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Ron Kohn (departed @ 2:30 p.m.)	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Tom Richards	Sarpy County Commissioner
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Jean Stothert (arrived @1:35 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Omaha
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Members/Officers Absent

Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
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Guests

Mike Piernicky	Olsson Associates
Trista Farrens	Cass County EDC

MAPA Staff

Court Barber	Christina Brownell	Josh Corrigan	Sue Cutsforth
Melissa Engel	Michael Felschow	Karna Loewenstein	Jeff Spiehs
Greg Youell			

Chairman Kohn announced that there is a change in the agenda. Item G.2, Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment will be tabled for further review.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the January 28, 2016 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Richards to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Bloomingdale reported that the Finance Committee met on February 17, 2016 and approved bills for January, reviewed December 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 February 17, 2016 Finance Committee meeting.

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

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/Treasurer

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Monthly Report – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell provided an update to the Board on MAPA activities for the month of January. Mr. Youell introduced MAPA's newest staff member, Court Barber, who came to MAPA from the City of La Vista. Mayor Sanders, Councilmember Ben Gray, Supervisor Kohn, Sue Cutsforth and Greg Youell all attended the annual conference in Washington, D.C. for the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference. Attendees were able to meet with members of the delegation to discuss some of the studies and projects going on in our area. The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual NARC Conference will be in Salt Lake City in June. Mr. Youell updated the Board on the FAST Act. The major concern is the lack of permanent funding source and potential struggles over appropriations in the coming years. Mr. Youell and Mr. Mike Piernicky, Olsson Associates, attended the Kinetic KC Event – "Are driverless cars on the way sooner than we think" and provided a summary of the event to the Board. Following this event, Mr. Youell and Mr. Piernicky attended a meeting hosted by the Heartland Civic Collaborative, this group is made up of the chambers of Omaha, Kansas, Des Moines and St Louis. This collaborative is working on infrastructure issues and how the four states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas City and Missouri can work together. MAPA submitted a letter of support for LB960, opposed LB719 and monitoring a number of bills in Nebraska. MAPA is interested in broadening services into housing and will be releasing an RFP for an individual or firm to assist in starting the program. Mr. Youell provided a list to the Board of upcoming public and stakeholder meetings in upcoming weeks as part of public outreach for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Heartland Transportation Vision. Meetings are being coordinated with other planning efforts to avoid redundancy.

2. Heartland 2050 Report – (Info)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein provided an update to the Board on Heartland 2050 activities. The committees did not meet in February and were encouraged to attend the Winter Summit. The Winter Summit was very successful, there were 230 people in attendance. There were approximately 25 in attendance at the Neighborhood Event that was held with Ms. Margaret May on Tuesday evening and 35 in attendance at the Developer Event held Wednesday evening with Mr. Dan Lofgren. The Heartland 2050 Annual Report was completed and published this month.

3. Platteview Road Corridor Study Presentation – (Info)

Mr. Mike Piernicky, Olsson Associates presented an update to the Board of the Platteview Road Corridor Study. The project had two purposes, the first was to look at southern Sarpy County and to analyze and look at the alternatives for land use in the Southern Sarpy area. The sewer issue in southern Sarpy County is one of the key issues. This study looks at different land use options and what transportation alternatives are needed depending on the land use. The other key issue that was heard from the public and agencies across Sarpy County, was the concern of increased traffic along Platteview Road with the new connection of the Highway 34 Bridge. The first part of the study examined the existing conditions of the corridor and identified short term improvements to maintain safety and facility of the road. The study looked at several land-use studies and anticipated growth to be a continuous to existing metropolitan area and some targeted and concentrated growth to some smaller municipal entities (Ex. Springfield, NE). The study then performed an alternatives comparison for the cost of long-term improvements, a 4-lane arterial or a 4-lane expressway. The cost range is from \$60-100 million. The study provided a picture of a build out scenario looking into 2080-2100 and what that would look like to build out all of Sarpy County in the current suburban fashion. The study is working closely with other groups and studies to ensure compatibility and that they are using the same data. A public meeting will be held on March 22 at Papio-LV South from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

None.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. FY 2016 – 2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #8 – (Action)

Mr. Michael Felschow presented the FY 2016 – 2019 TIP amendment #8 to the Board for approval. The amendment will re-include a project that was not completed last year and needs to be included into the FY 2016 TIP. The project is in Council Bluffs, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Street bridge replacement and is for programming of \$2,000,000 of STP State-Funding in FY 2016.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP) AMENDMENT –

No action was taken. This item was removed from the agenda and tabled.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. NEW CONTRACTS – (Action)

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

- a. NDOR – CMAQ 3 Year Agreement - \$942,016 federal, \$235,504 local match for 3 years.

MOTION by Stothert, SECOND by Sanders to approve the new contract with NDOR for CMAQ funding.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2017 PRELIMINARY FUNDS BUDGET – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the FY 2017 Preliminary Funds Budget. This is a preliminary estimate of revenues for federal, state and local funds.

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Sanders to approve the FY 2017 Preliminary Funds Budget.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. PETER KIEWIT FOUNDATION GRANT – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the Peter Kiewit Grant for \$75,000 to fund Heartland 2050 2016 activities.

4. IOWA WEST FOUNDATION GRANT – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the Iowa West Foundation Grant for \$65,000 to fund Heartland 2050 2016 activities with “special award conditions”. They are encouraging the project team and committees to quickly narrow down and identify a few projects as the action items.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Gray to approve the Peter Kiewit Foundation Grant and the Iowa West Foundation Grant.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

J. DISCUSSION

1. 2014 TRAFFIC GROWTH REPORT – (Info)

Mr. Josh Corrigan, MAPA GIS Coordinator, presented to the Board the new 2014 Traffic Growth Report.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.