

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

Minutes  
April 27, 2017

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairwoman Sanders called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members/Officers Present

Rita Sanders (Chair)	Mayor, City of Bellevue/Chair
Patrick Bloomingdale	MAPA Secretary/Treasurer, Douglas County
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)
Carol Vinton	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)

Members/Officers Absent

Gary Mixan	Sarpy County Commissioner
Jean Stothert	Mayor, City of Omaha
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

MAPA Staff

Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel	Don Gross
Mike Helgerson	Karna Loewenstein	Owen Stuckey	Greg Youell

Guest

Ralph Batenhorst	HDR
Jason Carbee	HDR

Chairwoman Sanders tabled Item H.2.a, HDR On-Call Demand Modeling.

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the March 30, 2017 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Vinton to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Gray

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Patrick Bloomingdale reported that the Finance Committee met on April 19, 2017 and approved bills for April, reviewed February financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Duda to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Committee meeting.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton

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 introduced new full-time staff member, Owen Stuckey to the Board. Owen has been hired as a new Planner Tech IV and will begin full-time on May 8. Governor Ricketts signed the Rural Workforce Housing Bill (LB518). MAPA's Non-Profit Development Organization (NDO) is eligible to receive funding and NROC is working closely with DED on this program. MAPA has received a number of applications for the Valley-Waterloo owner-occupied housing rehab grant for low-to-moderate income households. Mr. Youell will be meeting with Cass County representatives and the new ED of the Southeast District (SEND) to discuss their desire to join MAPA. MAPA is awaiting Legal Counsel to decide if we need to pause on voting on the Interlocal Agreement. MAPA is moving forward with the Veteran's Grant for Mobility, funding will be provided to Metro Transit to equip their Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) system. Heartland 2050 was awarded a challenge grant for \$125,000 from Peter Kiewit Foundation and submitted an application to Iowa West Foundation for \$167,500. Heartland 2050 hosted the first Planners Forum luncheon with guest speaker Chuck Marohn and Broadly Speaking event, "Transporation in the Next American City" with Chuck Marohn and panel.

2. Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS) – Mr. Ralph Batenhorst, HDR

Mr. Ralph Batenhorst, presented to the Board an update on the Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS). Mr. Batenhorst presented on Phase 2 of the plan, Regional Strategy Development and Evaluation, currently under completion. Phase 2 steps were to develop a menu of options by corridor/area, develop and evaluation regional strategies package, evaluation existing funding sources/levels and new funding strategies, select a preferred regional strategy package, and last, develop and evaluate freeway corridor alternatives. The study evaluated seven packages and decided on Package 7 – Hybrid Vision Package. The Hybrid Vision Package represents a balanced, more attainable, yet aspirations system with emphases on roadway investments on the state system, new transit investments, and "Central City" bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Current progress on Phase 2 includes wrapping up the evaluation of freeway alternatives, developing evaluation summary matrix and Phase 2 final report.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT –

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA –

None.

G. OLD BUSINESS

None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payments – (Action)

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

a. Nebraska Department of Roads - \$39,760.00 (ACTION)

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval a non-contract payment to the Nebraska Department of Roads for the reimbursement for a purchase of a vehicle for the Southern Sudan Community Association utilizing FTA Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Funding.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Gray to the payment to Nebraska Department of Roads in the amount of \$39,760.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton

NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

b. City of Omaha Public Works - \$11,648.13

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval a contract payment to the City of Omaha Public Works for traffic counting activities in October and November 2016.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Gray to the payment to City of Omaha Public Works in the amount of \$11,648.13.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

2. New Contracts – (Action)

- a. HDR On-Call Demand Modeling – (Item Tabled – No Action Taken)
- b. Metro Transit – Automated Vehicle Location System (AVL) - \$881,250 federal; \$298,125 match

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Hanafan to approve the contract with Metro Transit for Automated Vehicle Location System.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

c. Peter Kiewit Foundation Grant - \$125,000

Ms. Loewenstein present to the Board for approval the Peter Kiewit Foundation Grant for Heartland 2050 in the amount of \$125,000. The grant is a challenge grant and will require a match of \$75,000 from two private funding sources other than the Iowa West Foundation.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Gray to authorize the Executive Director to sign a grant agreement with the Peter Kiewit Foundation for Support of Heartland 2050.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

3. Draft FY 2018 Budget – (Action)

Ms. Melissa Engel presented the Draft FY 2018 Budget to the Board for approval. MAPA is budgeting for \$6,346,585 of which 62% is from federal sources. MAPA continues to leverage in-kind sources to keep county appropriations low. County appropriations for FY 18 are \$392,378 or 6% of the budget. MAPA expenses for personnel and non-personnel represents 39% of the \$6,346,585 budget. The remaining 41% goes directly back to our membership for the support of planning studies, salaries and services.

- a. Funds Budget
- b. Line Item Budget
- c. Project Budget
- d. Draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Gray to approve the Draft FY 2018 Budget.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. FY 2018 Annual Authorization Resolution – (Action)

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval the FY 2018 Annual Authorization Resolution, authorizing the Executive Director to file, negotiate and execute applications, contracts, agreements, assurances and other documents required with the federal agencies as listed in the UPWP attached resolution.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Gray to approve the FY 2018 Annual Authorization Resolution.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Resolution to Apply for and Accept Nebraska Affordable Housing Funds – (Action)

Mr. Don Gross presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2017 – 16, authorization to submit application(s) and enter into agreement for the Nebraska Affordable Housing Program.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Duda to approve Resolution 2017 – 16.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Kindig, Sanders, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

J. DISCUSSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Vinton to Adjourn. Chairwoman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.