

DATE: September 16, 2016
TO: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
FROM: Dennis Wilson, Chairman
Greg Youell, MAPA Executive Director
RE: September 23, 2016 TTAC Meeting

The MAPA TTAC will meet Friday, September 23, 2016 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: TTAC will consider approval of the August 19, 2016 TTAC meeting minutes. (Action Item) (Attachment)

Recommendations to Board

B. Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Sub-allocation: Staff will request a recommendation for sub-allocation of Surface Transportation Program Block Grant (STPBG) funding to the Heartland 2050 program for projects submitted and approved annually through the TIP process. This process will be included as part of the TTAC STPBG policy guide. (Action Item) (Attachment)

Discussion Items

- C. Funding Obligation and Project Status: Staff will review the annual funding obligation and project status. (Information Item) (Attachment)
- D. NDOR District 2 Presentation – NDOR District Engineer to will present information on the Build Nebraska Act. (Information Item)
- E. Heartland 2050 Policy Guide: Staff will present a draft policy guide for selection of Heartland 2050 implementation projects using STPBG mini-grant sub-allocation. (Information Item) (Attachment)
- F. Member Agencies Update: Agencies will present updates regarding ongoing and future projects/programs across the region. (Information Item) (Time Permitting)
- G. Additional Business
Upcoming Meetings: Board of Directors – September 29; Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC) – October 19; TTAC – October 21
- H. Adjournment

Auxiliary aids, language assistance, and services are available when requested in advance. Please call the office.
Si necesita ayuda con traduccion. Por favor llame la oficina.

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of September 23, 2016 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, September 23, 2016, at Metro, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Todd Pfitzer opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Janet McCartney	Cass County
Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue Public Works
Greg Reeder	City of Council Bluffs Public Works
Dan Giittinger	City of Gretna
Rocky Henkel	City of La Vista
Todd Pfitzer	City of Omaha Public Works
Murthy Koti	City of Omaha Public Works
Marty Leming	City of Papillion Public Works
Curt Simon	Metro Transit
Noel Salac	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Tim Weander	Nebraska Department of Roads – District 2
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD

GUESTS

Kyle Kovar	3M Traffic Safety
Lee Myers	AARP
Jeff Lamontagne	AECOM
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha Public Works
Jason Carbee	HDR, Inc.
Arobindu Das	Iteris, Inc.
Larry Legg	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Brad Zumwalt	Nebraska Department of Roads – Lincoln
Ernest Wesolowski	Citizen

STAFF

Michael Felschow	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Court Barber	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Mike Helgerson	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Karna Loewenstein	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Megan Walker	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: Approval of the minutes of the August 19, 2016 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee meeting with an adjustment correcting Mr. Legg rather than Mr. Zumwalt making a statement in Item #H Member Agencies Updates regarding work on the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge.

Motion by: Marty Leming
Second by: Curt Simon
Motion Carried

B. Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Sub-allocation

Mr. Barber said the STP Policy Guide is being amended by adding the following to p.16:

D. Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Projects General Guidelines

Up to \$250,000 in Nebraska and \$80,000 in Iowa may be allocated from MAPA's total annual STPBG apportionment for projects selected under the Heartland 2050 mini-grant program. The Heartland 2050 Policy Guide details the method for selecting and funding projects. Projects chosen through this process will be reviewed by TTAC and submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their September 29, 2016 meeting of the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Sub-allocation.

Motion by: Tim Weander
Second by: Marty Leming
Motion Carried

C. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Helgerson said September is the last month of the federal fiscal year and this is an update of what has been accomplished over the past fiscal year. The 2017 TIP becomes active on October 1. For Nebraska there have been no additional obligations to STP during September and the same for TAP. In Iowa there has been little activity with STP because most projects in Council Bluffs are earmarked and are not shown.

Fiscal Constraint is being maintained this month for all programs.

In showing regional STP funding, many projects are being reprogrammed to FY 2017. There will be some projects that were expected to be done in phases this year that will be amended to be moved to FY 2017.

For Iowa, a couple of projects were moved to FY 2017 for STP funding.

With Nebraska TAP funding in FY 2016, BRT funding is underway as well as funding for the North Downtown Pedestrian Bridge. In Iowa, the Iowa Riverfront Trail III did not move forward this year but will for next year.

It was requested that more reporting be done regarding obligation and deobligation of projects of the past two years.

Discussion continued with NDOR on obligated and deobligated projects that will be looked at in FY 2017. Mr. Simon asked if a report could show the impact of cost increases that result when projects are pushed out. Mr. Helgerson said the increase is generally 3% a year. A call for TAP projects will be the same as last year with a call for applications in December.

D. NDOR District 2 Presentation

Mr. Weander presented to the TTAC information from the Build Nebraska Act informing them on how projects are selected for District 2. A list of about 60 capital improvement projects was presented totaling more than \$3 billion. Funding from other sources to be used for projects included \$1.2 billion of Build Nebraska Act over a 20-year period from FY 2013 to FY 2033. Last year the legislature passed a Transportation Innovation Act that provides an additional \$450 million. The second 10-year cycle is from FY 2024 to FY 2033 for projects to use another \$600 million of Build Nebraska Act funds and up to \$450 million from the Transportation Improvement Act for a total of \$1 billion of work. Public input grew the list to 101 projects and more than \$8 billion. Their task was then charged with what to build and what is the best thing to do for the State of Nebraska to grow the economy.

In doing so, Nebraska was broken into 5 regions. The regions' population, sales tax, vehicle miles traveled and the lanes miles provided a percentage for their ability to gain their portion of the funding. The Southeast Region which includes Omaha and Lincoln totaled 52.3% and \$200 - \$625 million in funding.

Scope options for projects where choices could be made available included 4-lane divided highway, 4-lane expressway, bypass, super 2 and 2 + 2 highways. To prioritize the projects, there are 3 components and they are engineering performance, economic performance and stakeholder input.

Mr. Weander reiterated that NDOR has to balance other important considerations such as geographic inclusion, corridor completion and the availability of supplemental funding. The initial selective process this fall will likely be less than \$1 billion in funding and it will be selected so some funds will be available in future years to address evolving capital improvement project needs.

Five projects for District 2 of the eight were selected and amounts to \$138 million. These projects include I-680 Fort Street to Irving Street; W. Dodge Road (Hwy 6) at 192nd Street; Hwy 75 – S. Kennedy Freeway; Hwy 77 Fremont Southeast Beltway; and Hwy 275 from Scribner and Hooper.

General discussion followed. Included was discussion about the gas tax. One third goes to the State of Nebraska, one third to the cities and one third to the counties. At the end of this 3-year period, 2 cents will go the State, 2 cents will go to the cities and 2 cents to the counties for transportation which amounts to \$1.5 million a year from the gas tax. The State of Nebraska has decided to use the 2 cents to put into the Transportation Innovation Act from now until FY 2033 which totals \$450 million along with the Build Nebraska Act with \$600 million. This is to be used for expansion projects, capital improvement projects and projects selected as high priority projects.

E. Heartland 2050 Policy Guide

Ms. Loewenstein said in follow-up to discussion of the Heartland 2050 mini grant proposals, the selection process has been outlined. Members from the TTAC and Heartland 2050 Executive Committee will review the proposals with a scoring process yet to be developed. The recommendations from these committees will move on to the MAPA Board of Directors. The funding available for the Heartland 2050 mini-grants is \$250,000 from Nebraska STP and \$80,000 from Iowa STP funds.

F. Member Agencies Update

- Mr. Pfitzer said the City of Omaha's Complete Streets kick-off meeting was held and the goals of the program were discussed with public outreach guidelines being a highlight of the goals.
- Mr. Leming gave an update saying Capehart Road has been closed from 84th Street to Bellevue and has now opened 40 days early. Other projects are Schramm Road from 84th to 90th Streets and Lincoln Road remains closed but is scheduled to open in early November. The Washington Street federal project from Capehart Road to Cedardale Road is in the final phases being closed out with paperwork.
- Mr. Henkel said they are currently accepting RFP's for design and construction phases for Giles Road and Eastport Parkway in preparation for the new Nebraska Multisport Complex and will soon be hiring a consultant for design and construction phases for the infrastructure of the new city center.
- Mr. Weander said a new national report was issued of an annual state-to-state summary of cost effectiveness and Nebraska is #4 on the listing. Federal Highway's U.S. Department of Transportation issued the federal automated vehicle policy.
- Mr. Williams said in Sarpy County 44th to 150th and Giles should be opening in a week.
- Mr. Legg reported on the City of Omaha signal project obligation as well as 26th and Q Streets, 36th Street's Phases I and II and explained on the gas tax money will be split.

G. Additional Business

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board of Directors – September 29, 2016
- Coordinated Transit Committee – October 19, 2016
- TTAC – October 21, 2016

H. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.