

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

Minutes  
February 23, 2017

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairwoman Sanders called the meeting to order at 1:30 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
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Cassie Paben (rep. Mayor Jean Stothert)	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Gary Mixan	Sarpy County Commissioner
Carol Vinton	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Members/Officers Absent

Ben Gray	Omaha City Council
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MAPA Staff

Court Barber	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel
Mike Helgersen	Karna Loewenstein	Jeff Spiehs	Greg Youell

Guest

Justin Luther	Federal Highway Administration - Nebraska
Joe Werning	Federal Highway Administration - Nebraska
Karen Bobo	Federal Highway Administration - Iowa
Darla Hugaboom	Federal Highway Administration - Iowa

Chairperson Sanders introduced guest from the FHWA Iowa and Nebraska to the Board.

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the January 26, 2017 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Kindig to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Paben, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Patrick Bloomingdale reported that the Finance Committee met on February 15, 2017 and approved bills for February, reviewed December financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Paben to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017 Committee meeting.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Paben, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

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

ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Monthly Report – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell provided an update to the Board on MAPA activities. Mr. Youell recapped the trip to D.C. for the NARC Conference of Regions. Mr. Youell made the trip along with Sue Cutsforth, Mayor Sanders and Supervisor Hanafan. While there, the group met with Sen. Fischer, Rep. Bacon, Rep. Young and staff from Sen. Ernst's office and attended the Nebraska Breakfast and Iowa Representatives' Coffee. Mr. Youell provided an update to the Board on Cass County joining MAPA as a "non-equity" member. Mr. Youell shared that he will be attending NROC's Legislative Breakfast and meeting with State agency Directors, NDOR and NDED. The I-COG Legislative Breakfast was held on February 7<sup>th</sup>. MAPA will be assisting Public Housing Authorities in Fremont, Douglas County, Omaha and Council Bluffs with the public outreach requirements for the Fair Housing Assessment. Mr. Youell provided an update on community development projects in Macedonia, Carter Lake, Ralston, Waterloo, Valley, Mills County, Treynor and Crescent. MAPA worked with the Sarpy County Chamber to coordinate meetings with major employers to discuss Sarpy County transit. MAPA will be participating in the "Jump State Challenge". Interviews are underway for the Associate Transportation Planner position. This position will focus significant effort on Heartland 2050's "Close the Gap" initiative to promote walkable communities connected by transit.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT –

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA –

The Board considered Consent Agenda items listed below for approval.

1. Contract Final Payments –

- a. Intercultural Senior Center - \$970.14
- b. Lovgren Marketing - \$1,627.83

2. Office Equipment –

The Board was asked to consider entering into an agreement for a copier lease.

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Duda to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Paben, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. FY 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4 – (Action)

Mr. Court Barber presented to the Board for approval the FY 2017 – 2020 TIP Amendment #4. The first amendment is a change to the 108<sup>th</sup> street project being moved from 2017 to 2018 with a funding increase. A series of amendments are related to the Omaha Signal Infrastructure Project, the primary change is funding for Phases B & C is being redirected to Phase A. There are funding changes to two adaptive traffic signal control projects, one on Dodge and the other on 84<sup>th</sup> Street. For Dodge Street, \$270,000 of HSIP funding has been programmed to 2017 and for 84<sup>th</sup> Street, the FY 2017 Phase has been increased to \$685,000. In Iowa, there are three trail projects: The River Road Trail is being pushed out from FY 2017 to FY 2022 and has an increase in funding; the City County Connector Trail is being moved forward from

2020 to 2017 and also has a funding increase; and the Riverfront Trail 3 has a been programmed in FY 2020 with \$257,742 in funding.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Kindig to approve the FY 2017 – 2020 TIP Amendment #4.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Paben, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment – (Action)

Mr. Mike Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the LRTP Amendment. Amendments include updates to the 108<sup>th</sup> Street Project and the Omaha Signal Network Project Phase A. The amendment also includes updates to the fiscal constraint tables reflecting changes listed.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Paben to approve the LRTP Amendment.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Paben, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. MAPA Functional Classification Map Addendum – (Action)

Mr. Mike Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the Functional Classification Map Addendum. There was one additional change included from the City of Bennington.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Duda to approve the Functional Classification Map Addendum.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Paben, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Contracts – (Action)

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

a. Lovgren Marketing CMAQ Campaign - \$196,000

MOTION by Paben, SECOND by Vinton to approve the contract with Lovgren Marketing for the CMAQ Campaign.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Paben, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Metro Community College Data Services

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Mixan to approve the contract with Metro Community College for Data Services.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Paben, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2018 Preliminary Funds Budget – (Action)

Ms. Melissa Engel presented to the Board for approval the FY 2018 Preliminary Funds Budget. Ms. Engel presented the overall budget funds to the Board, 78% of the budget is utilized towards transportation projects and the remaining is split between Heartland 2050, Community Development and general funds. MAPA receives 60% Federal funding and 40% local funding.

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Duda to approve the FY 2018 Preliminary Funds Budget.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Paben, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Heartland 2050 Update – (Info)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein provided an update to the Board on Heartland 2050 (H2050) activities. The workgroups are now active in Infrastructure, Housing & Development and Natural Resources. Preparation continues for the upcoming Winter Summit and reception honoring Keynote Speaker, Joe Reardon. The workgroup are in session for the “Close the Gap” and the “World Class Transit” initiatives. The Mini-Grant Selection Committee has been formalized and is composed of members from the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and members of the H2050 Executive Committee. This group will review and make recommendations and forward them to TTAC.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

J. DISCUSSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.