

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

Minutes  
July 28, 2016

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

Patrick Bloomingdale	MAPA Secretary/Treasurer, Douglas County
Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Ron Kohn	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Jean Stothert	Mayor, City of Omaha
Tom Richards	Sarpy County Commissioner
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Members/Officers Absent

Ben Gray	Omaha City Council
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)

Guest

Cassie Paben	City of Omaha
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MAPA Staff

Court Barber	Melissa Engel	Michael Felschow	Karna Loewenstein
Patti McCoy	Greg Youell		

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the June 30, 2016 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Richards to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert, 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 July 20, 2016 and approved bills for June, reviewed May financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Richards, SECOND by Stothert to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2016 Finance Committee meeting.

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

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 July. The Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS) analyzed six scenarios and MAPA along with NDOR came to a consensus on weights that rate each of the scenarios. There will be a presentation in the coming months to update the Board on the details of the scenario packages. Mr. Chuck Karpf has been meeting with communities and organizations to discuss opportunities and needs for MAPA's new housing program. It appears that Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation will be where MAPA's housing program begins. There is also discussion for Purchase-Rehab-Resell program sometime down the road. Mr. Youell provided an update on the CMAQ grants. The B-cycle system expansion is moving forward and the City of Omaha has agreed to have legal ownership of the stations. MAPA is submitting a grant to Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) for electric vehicle charging stations. The next round of the JLUS study has been approved by the Department of Defense. The Little Steps Big Impact campaign continues and there have been no violations of the ozone standard this summer to date. MAPA recently received a letter from the FTA confirming that the agency is exempt from the requirement of having a transit representative on the Board.

2. Heartland 2050 Report – (Info)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein provided an update to the Board on Heartland 2050 activities. The Action Plan went to a 30 Day Public Comment period and will close on July 30<sup>th</sup> and to date has received minimal comments. If there are no additional comments before the period closes, the Action Plan will be posted on the website and will also include public comments. Staff is continuing work on Summit activities for next week and the event has received some publicity from KETV and Omaha World Herald with some paid advertising as well. The attendance goal at Summit was to increase attendance from the last Summit by 20%. Currently the RSVP is at 440, well surpassing the goal of 300 attendees.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT –

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

The Board considered Consent Agenda items listed below for approval.

1. Contract Final Payments –

- a. Pottawattamie County GIS - \$3,820.03
- b. Sarpy County Planning - \$6,589.92

2. Final Payments with Exceptions – City of Omaha Planning – not to exceed \$44,996.85

3. Contract Amendments –

- a. Crescent Comp Plan Amendment
- b. Pottawattamie County Master Transportation Plan Amendment

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment – (Action)

Mr. Felschow presented to the Board for approval the 2040 LRTP amendment to go to a 30-day public comment period. There have been several projects with increases due to labor cost so the amendments will ensure that the amounts listed in the 2040 LRTP match the amounts listed in the TIP.

MOTION by Kohn, SECOND by Stothert to approve the 2040 LRTP Amendment 30-day Public Comment Period.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #13 – (Action)

Mr. Barber presented FY 2017 TIP items listed below to the Board for approval. The amendment includes changes to the Eastern Hills Drive – Segment C projects. Revisions include an update to the project description, and increase in DPS funding in FY 2016 for right of way (ROW) and an increase in DPS funding in FY 2017.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment – (Action)

Mr. Felschow presented to the Board for approval an amendment to the FY 2017 UPWP, Item 450 for the addition of the soft match of \$6,250 from the Nebraska Ethanol Board for the purchase of handheld ozone monitors. The equipment will be used for air quality monitoring, outreach and education.

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Richards to approve the FY 2017 UPWP Amendment.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### H. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Contract Final Payment : H2050 Guest Speaker Jeff Speck - \$10,000 plus expenses – (ACTION)

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval the contract final payment to the Heartland 2050 Guest Speaker, Jeff Speck for the amount of \$10,000 plus expenses. Mr. Youell provided an itinerary for Mr. Speck's visit to the Board. Mr. Speck's fees will be covered through sponsorship of the event.

MOTION by Kohn, SECOND by Richards to approve contract final payment to H2050 Guest Speaker, Jeff Speck for the amount of \$10,000 plus expenses.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

##### 2. New Contract : Economic Development District (EDD) Act Funds - \$81,383.00 – (Action)

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval the contract for EDD Act Funds in the amount of \$81,383. This funding has allowed MAPA to hire Mr. Chuck Karpf to begin MAPA's housing program.

MOTION by Stothert, SECOND by Duda to approve the EDD Act Funds

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

##### 3. Health Insurance Renewal – (Action)

Ms. Engel presented to the Board for approval the renewal of MAPA's major medical insurance for a 5% increase effective September 1, 2016.

MOTION by Richards, SECOND by Kohn to approve the MAPA's health insurance renewal.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

J. DISCUSSION

Mr. Youell announced to the Board that the MAPA Annual Award Nomination period is now open. The deadline for nominations is September 2, 2016.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.