# OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
## Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
## Minutes of February 16, 2018 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 16, 2018, at Metro, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Denny Wilson opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

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| Denny Wilson | Sarpy County Public Works |
| Janet McCartney | Cass County |
| Dan Kutilek | Douglas County Engineers Office |
| Jeff Roberts | City of Bellevue Public Works |
| Greg Reeder | City of Council Bluffs Public Works |
| Dan Giittinger | City of Gretna Development Services Director |
| Joe Soucie | City of La Vista Public Works |
| John Kottmann | City of La Vista Public Works |
| Derek Miller | City of Omaha Planning Department |
| Todd Pfitzer | City of Omaha Public Works |
| Gayle Sturdivant | City of Omaha Public Works |
| Mark Stursma | City of Papillion Panning Department |
| Dan Freshman | City of Ralston Public Works |
| Evan Schweitz | Metro Transit |
| Paul Gavin | Nebraska Department of Transportation – Lincoln |
| Maurice Hinchey | Nebraska Department of Transportation – District 2 |
| Eric Williams | Papio-Missouri River NRD |

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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| Justin Luther | FHWA – Nebraska Division |
| Greg Youell | Metropolitan Area Planning Agency |

GUESTS

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| Stephen Osberg | City of Omaha Planning Department |
| Bryan Guy | City of Omaha Public Works |
| Jeff Riesselman | City of Omaha Public Works |
| Drew Parks | Nebraska Department of Transportation – District 2 |
| Bill Herr | Sarpy County Public Works |
| Lee Myers | AARP |
| Jim Kollbaum | AECOM |
| Jeff Sockel | Alfred Benesch and Associates |
| Adam Denney | FHU |
| Mark Meisinger | FHU |
| John Jorgensen | HGM Associates |
| Arobindu Das | Iteris, Inc. |
| Doug Holle | Schemmer |
| Steve Ziemba | Terracon |

STAFF

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| Court Barber | Metropolitan Area Planning Agency |
| Travis Halm | Metropolitan Area Planning Agency |
| Mike Helgerson | Metropolitan Area Planning Agency |
| Megan Walker | Metropolitan Area Planning Agency |

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: Approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2018 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Janet McCartney
Second by: Greg Reeder
Motion Carried

B. FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 4

Mr. Barber presented the FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 4. The three projects on the Amendment are 1) Omaha Resurfacing Program; 2) 2018 Omaha Resurfacing Program; and 3) Signal Infrastructure Phase A1.

Mr. Barber explained the Omaha Resurfacing Program has been a placeholder project for the Omaha Resurfacing Program. The resurfacing project will be done with local money now and will be reimbursed in 2023 with federal funds. The placeholder project has been in the TIP the last couple of years and as these projects are done, the funding is moved from that budget line item to a budget line item of that fiscal year. The funds are moving from this placeholder project and are being moved to the FY 2018 Omaha Resurfacing Program.

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 22, 2018 meeting of the FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 4.

Motion by: Dan Kutilek
Second by: Todd Pfitzer
Motion Carried

C. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 3

Mr. Youell said this Amendment is proposing the removal of three items from Contracts / Subrecipients and they are 1) Transportation Support and Communications - $100,000; 2) Rideshare / Travel Demand Management - $14,000; and 3) Close the Gap Advisor - $16,000. These items are being cancelled or pushed back to FY 2019. He showed where adjustments are being made of these funds on the UPWP and also that $60,800 will be deobligated from this fiscal year and will be available in FY 2019. He said MAPA will be working with Council Bluffs on a Complete Streets project through the Iowa Department of Public Health and will be contracting with Smart Growth America for $6,000 in Iowa PL Funds.

Motion #3: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 22, 2018 meeting of the Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 3.

Motion by: Mark Stursma
Second by: Stephen Osberg
Motion Carried

D. Safety Performance Measures Target Setting

Mr. Helgerson said both Nebraska and Iowa have set their targets for five different measures. Under FAST Act and MAP-21, there are 180 days as an MPO to set regional targets and all of the targets set are measuring fatalities and serious injuries. These include education, engineering, enforcement, and legislation. As an MPO, the option exists to accept the state targets (both Iowa and Nebraska) and the decision was made to set its own targets.

Mr. Helgerson said they will evaluate the base line which is evaluating 5-year rolling averages in each category where trends are evaluated for each. The categories are Fatalities and Fatality Rate, Serious Injuries and Serious Injury Rate and Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. Discussion continued with graphs for each category as well as targets between Nebraska and Iowa.

Motion #4: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their February 22, 2018 meeting of the Safety Performance Measures Target adoption of state targets and matching targets to trend lines for FY 2018.

Motion by: Mark Stursma
Second by: Todd Pfitzer
Motion Carried

E. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Helgerson told the TTAC there is very little change from last month. There are no further obligations in Nebraska for STBG, there is a small correction to a project for Nebraska TAP and there is no change

for Iowa. He highlighted several Nebraska and Iowa STBG and TAP projects. Mr. Helgerson said they're working on an easier way doing project updates and explained the process to the Committee.

F. President's Infrastructure Proposal

Mr. Youell spoke about President Trump's American Infrastructure Initiative explaining it's $200 billion in Federal funds to spur $1.5 trillion in infrastructure investments over several years with partners at the state, local, Tribal and private level. The infrastructure proposal includes transportation, water, hydropower and broadband. Targeted in the Initiative are: 1) Building America's Infrastructure: 2) Stimulate Infrastructure Investment; 3) Invest in Rural America; 4) Increase State and Local Authority; 5) Eliminate Regulatory Barriers; 6) Streamline Permitting; and 7) Invest in our Country's Most Important Asset – Its People. 25% of the $200 billion will be devoted to a new rural infrastructure program to rebuild and modernize infrastructure in rural America as well as financing programs in a federal capital revolving fund.

He emphasized the importance of infrastructure being brought to the forefront and the opportunity to help educate the public and those who work in infrastructure and its funding. He said there been conversations of a possible 25-cent federal gas tax which has not being raised since 1993. With discussion of a federal user fee, he said there's concern about the federal percentage and he said the maximum would be 20%. If additional funding happens, that will allow shifting and the freeing up of funding to go to other priorities such as rural projects with needs certainly also in the urban areas.

Mr. Youell said there has been discussion about creating maintenance funding for the existing infrastructure as well as the focus on new. Mr. Helgerson said from their recent trip to Washington D.C., their conversations with those in Congress said the Initiative will be worked on for the next year with Congress beginning their hearings on this topic in the next month. He encouraged the Committee to talk to their legislators for information as well as with concerns. Discussion also included what types of projects would be implemented such as the shovel ready projects with the Obama Administration. Mr. Helgerson said weight would be given to projects based on its innovation, how it's being funded and how other resources are being leveraged. Funding discussion continued.

G. Member Agencies Updates

- Gayle Sturdivant: (City of Omaha) 114th Street and 168th Street public pre-construction meetings have met. 114th Street has closures and 168th Street closures will begin March 1. Other construction sites planned are 156th Street from Pepperwood to Corby Streets; intersection of 132nd and W. Center Road, 108th Street; and 150th and Dodge interchange. They will be going out to public review for construction specification update in early March.
- Todd Pfitzer: (City of Omaha) Construction will begin at 144th and Pacific Streets as part of the West Farm development that includes the 150th & Dodge interchange. Road diets are going on 24th Street South with possible construction on 24th Street near Creighton; 30th Street North west of the former Creighton Hospital; Omaha is studying the Vision Zero initiative and may be adopting it. This initiative is a policy trying to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities and focuses on traffic as well as pedestrians.

H. Additional Business

- MAPA Board of Directors – February 22, 2018
- Coordinated Transit Committee – February 21, 2018
- Heartland 2050 Summit at the Kroc Center – March 22, 2018
- Transportation Technical Advisory Committee – March 23, 2018

I. Adjournment

Motion #5: Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Todd Pfitzer
Second by: Jeff Roberts
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.