OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of March 23, 2018 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, March 23, 2018, at Metro, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Denny Wilson opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Denny Wilson	Sarpy County Public Works
Janet McCartney	Cass County
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County Engineers Office
Chris Shewchuk	City of Bellevue Planning Department
Matt Cox	City of Council Bluffs Public Works
Dan Giittinger	City of Gretna Development Services Director
Brady Small	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
Bob Stubbe	City of Omaha Public Works
Jeff Thompson	City of Papillion Panning Department
Scott Suhr	Iowa Department of Transportation
Evan Schweitz	Metro Transit
Paul Gavin	Nebraska Department of Transportation – Lincoln
Tim Weander	Nebraska Department of Transportation – District 2
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD
Bruce Fountain	Sarpy County Planning Department

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Jeff Riesselman	City of Omaha Public Works
Steve Ingracia	Nebraska Department of Transportation
Maurice Hinchey	Nebraska Department of Transportation – District 2
Bill Herr	Sarpy County Public Works
Lee Myers	AARP
Steve Schmidt	Burns & McDonnell
Arobindu Das	Iteris, Inc.
Nick Weander	Olsson Associates
Shane Swope	Schemmer
Steve Ziemba	Terracon

STAFF

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

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: Approval of the minutes of the February 16, 2018 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Janet McCartney
Second by: Dan Kutilek
Motion Carried

B. FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 5

Mr. Barber presented the FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 5. The three projects on the Amendment are all Safe Route to School projects and are being funded by state tap funds.

The projects are 1) Valley D.C. School 2) OPS McMillan Middle School SRTS Project; and 3) Westbrook Safe Routes to School.

Mr. Barber said the TIP has been moved online to our MAPA website at www.mapacog.org. There is now the ability to click on each Amendment project and it will bring up the total project costs, a map and all of the information for the project.

Motion #2: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their March 29, 2018 meeting of the FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 5.

Motion by: Jeff Thompson
Second by: Scott Suhr
Motion Carried

C. Draft FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Helgerson went over the budget table of the UPWP. He said the budget for the upcoming year is $4.3 million total with $3.2 million being federal funds which includes the soft match included with the aerial photography project. The budget includes the new performance management language from both Iowa and Nebraska State DOTs. This budget will take effect July 1, 2018.

Among the FY 2019 initiatives are

- LRTP update in coordination with CEDS
- Regional Transportation Survey
- Eppley Corridor Connector Study
- Continuation of NIROC Aerial Photography; Transit ROI; Little Steps, Big Impact; and Bellevue Bridge Study projects

Motion #3: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their March 29, 2018 meeting of the Draft FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program.

Motion by: Chris Shewchuk
Second by: Scott Suhr
Motion Carried

D. FY 2018 – 2021 Draft Title VI Plan

Mr. Helgerson told the TTAC the Title VI Plan is being revised which is required every three years. MAPA's policies are being updated ensuring compliance of Title VI requirements with the American Disabilities Act and the Table of Limited English Proficiency Requirements. Most updates are with the availability of new ACS data and many are reinforced by the Public Participation Plan. Mr. Helgerson reiterated that much of the reporting and sub-recipient procedures have remained the same.

Motion #4: Seeking approval of the MAPA Board of Directors at their March 29, 2018 meeting of the FY 2018 – 2021 Draft Title VI Plan.

Motion by: Tim Weander
Second by: Jeff Thompson
Motion Carried

E. Funding Obligation and Project Status

Mr. Helgerson said the obligation for Nebraska projects has increased substantially with a number of projects identified in the current year looking for additional funding. As of February, the amount stands at $48 million obligated for STBG Nebraska funding and only $33,000 is being obligated for TAP. For Iowa, most of the projects moving forward are currently earmarked which brings little change.

A list of current projects was presented and Mr. Helgerson explained this list will be available on the website in the near future. In the listing are numerous projects with at least one phase identified for FY 2018. He said staff will be meeting with many of the Nebraska jurisdictions with STBG TIP projects looking at cost estimates, etc. to identify which need to be carried over to FY 2019. For Iowa, STBG funding has some small phases associated with the East Beltway projects with DPS earmark funding.

For TAP funding, there was a small transfer to FTA for the Metro project and the North Downtown Pedestrian Bridge which is in its final design and will likely move out one or two years. On the Iowa side, the Iowa Riverfront Trail III, Multi-Use-Trail – Phase I and the City County Connector Trail are not moving forward and will be reprogrammed.

Mr. Helgerson said staff will be working with jurisdictions who have projects in the federal program with status updates and it will be online rather than working by email. He said more information will be presented at the April meeting as it's not yet been moved online.

F. FY 2017 Public Participation Plan Annual Report

Ms. Walker presented the FY 2017 Public Participation Plan's Annual Report. Last year the focus was on internal processes with fewer plans. Among completed projects include the Sarpy County Transit Study, the TIP and MTIS Phase II. The Strategic Communication Plan, the Project Workflow Program and the Central public meeting database for all departments were internally focused on. It was noted that newspaper advertising and the CAC were two areas where improvement was needed. In their review, 2018's actions will be developing an agency wide communications strategy, the PIP update, expanding social media presence and experiential involvement program. The PIP update will include Title VI, ADA, LEP, CTP and LRTP updates.

TIP FEE

Mr. Youell addressed the TTAC on the proposed TIP Fee. He said MAPA is funded through county fees and in doing a survey with COGs around the country, MAPA's fees are substantially lower than peer agencies. He said additional work could be done with more funding and that's why the TIP Fee is being proposed. He went over the verbiage proposed for MAPA's Interlocal Agreement to include the new fee with the verbiage being non-specific allowing those details to be specified in the annual TIP. This makes it possible for future adjustments to be made without amending the Agreement. The TIP Fee would be a 1% fee on the federal 80% for STBG and TAP projects and does not include state or transit fees. There is a provision for very large projects greater than $10 million where the 1% would be on the project's first $10 million and beyond that the fee would be .5%. The fee would cover each of the phases of the project. Advance Construction would be applied when the funds are converted to federal funds. If the cost comes in lower, that would be a credit to the jurisdiction and could be applied to a future project. Iowa's timing is different so when the TIP is finalized in May or June, invoices would then go out.

Mr. Williams asked if the fee applies to new projects or those already on the TIP. Mr. Youell said it would start for projects on the FY 2019 TIP and it is not retro-active for projects on the FY 2018 TIP. Projects on the FY 2019 TIP where they're on for the first year and are being obligated and that's where the TIP fee would be applied.

Mr. Youell addressed a question by Mr. Suhr and said it's believed the fee would generate about $180,000. Mr. Kutilek questioned the large 180th Street project and asked when billing would come due. Mr. Youell said in unique projects like that, MAPA would work with the jurisdiction but generally the fee would be paid each year the project is being obligated. Mr. Stubbe asked how each phase will be assessed for large phases and Mr. Youell said more discussion is needed to determine what's reasonable and also said it will fund transportation duties in the FTE.

Mr. Youell said the Interlocal Agreement must be first approved by its members. The TTAC won't see this Agreement but they will see all of the details that would appear in the TIP and would have to approve that portion. The timeline Mr. Youell said will depend on feedback they receive but potentially it could come back to the TTAC in April as an action item with the TIP being approved in June.

G. Member Agencies Updates

- Bill Herr: (Sarpy County) 168th Street from Harrison to Gertrude – closing on March 26; 1st phase of 156th and Harrison Street where Harrison Street will close east of 156th Street – there are 4 phases to be completed by October
- Janet McCartney: (Cass County) An RV camp in Cass County
- Dan Kutilek (Douglas County) Bids have been received for bridges in western Douglas County; bids for Ida Street paving west of 168th Street; 180th Street process continues with continued work with the railroad and Corps of Engineers with letting fall of 2019 with work 2020 and 2021; 156th Street construction will follow 168th Street with 180th Street to follow 156th Street

- Matt Cox (City of Council Bluffs) – West Broadway segment 2 has received bids with construction to start in April for the $7 million project
- John Kottmann (City of La Vista) Redevelopment of 84th Street continues; third public meeting for 84th Street Streetscape project has been held with the final conceptual plan
- Todd Pfitzer (City of Omaha) 114th Street utility phase is ending; 168th Street is closed for construction; 192nd and Blondo Street signal should be functioning in two weeks; 150th Street bridge is under demolition with the Boys Town development; controller updates underway with the new yellow flashing arrows on signal lights; 144th Street and Pacific Streets – restrictions ongoing with the Boys Town development; many resurfacing projects underway around the city
- Jeff Thompson (City of Papillion) Lincoln Road east of 132nd Street to west of Prairie Queen will be closing until summer; 120th Street from Cornhusker Road north to near the new Thrasher Development will be closing April 2nd until late summer; construction on Portal Road at 96th Street for an additional third lane; Lincoln Road will close from 108th to 117th Streets for construction in the next month; signal going in at Eagle Ridge Drive and Cornhusker Road; temporary signal at Hwy 50 and Schramm Road will be operational by April 4th; Capehart Road between Hwy 50 and 150th Street bids have been awarded for construction
- Evan Schweitz (Metro) 50 replacement bus shelters to be installed around the city this summer with an anticipated contract to be awarded in May
- Paul Gavin (NDOT) Continue work with Performance Measures as required by the Fast Act with a workshop held in early March; additional meeting with MPOs on April 5th to discuss Performance Measures as related to travel time reliability and freight reliability; upcoming Performance Measures are May 20 for the NDOT to set its Performance Measures with MPOs having 180 days thereafter to set or accept the state Measures; Memorandum of Agreement coming to include Performance Measures
- Maurice Hinchey (NDOT – District 2) Projects include: Ralston viaduct – Phase 2; 80 / 480 / 75 interchange at 24th Street; I-80 and 13th Street additional lanes – widening 16th Street bridge – remodel 13th Street interchange; SB 13th Street on-ramp from WB I-80 will close for 30 days beginning March 26; NB Hwy 75 and SB I-480 to I-80 EB is closed for 30 days; I-80 WB CD Road to I-L-Q Streets resumes for deck repair and overlay; SB I-680 CD road closed to I-L-Q Streets for 3 months; Hwy 75 Platte River to Fairview Road is on Phase 3; Fort Crook Road closes on March 26 from Capehart to Fairview Road; WB Hwy 34 to SB Hwy 75 on-ramp opened; I-680 Fort Street to Mormon Bridge construction; Waterloo viaduct project underway; Mormon Bridge construction for a June start; Hwy 31 Schramm Park to Nebraska Crossing begins April 9
- Tim Weander (NDOT – District 2) Creighton Pedestrian Bridge starts in April with a press conference on April 5 and in the Omaha World-Herald on April 8 – http://keepomahamoving.com/ for information; Hwy 370 to put in a signal at 192nd Street before fall school start; 186th Street to put in a signal; discussion continued for safety measures of recent wrong way head-on collisions with fatalities on the JFK Freeway
- Justin Luther (Nebraska FHWA) Omnibus bill to the President for funding through September
- Scott Suhr (Iowa DOT) Council Bluffs Interstate project continues; public involvement with online meetings for the Interstate project; see http://511ia.org/ for road information
- Greg Youell (MAPA) Omnibus Bill – the Tiger program is tripled from last year; transit formula fund is fully funded; highway fund is fully funded for roads and bridges; no rescissions; airport program is good with an emphasis for non-hubs

H. Additional Business

- MAPA Board of Directors – March 29, 2018
- Coordinated Transit Committee – April 18, 2018
- Transportation Technical Advisory Committee – April 20, 2018

I. Adjournment

Motion #5: Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: Jeff Thompson
Second by: Tim Weander
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.