

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

Minutes
October 22, 2020

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairperson Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Officers Present

Troy Anderson (rep. Jean Stothert)	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Pete Festersen	Omaha City Council
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Doug Kindig – Chair	NE Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Carol Vinton (<i>arrived at 1:38 p.m.</i>)	IA Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Members/Officers Absent

Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
Justin Schultz	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Jim Warren	Sarpy County Commissioner

MAPA Staff

Christina Brownell	Don Gross	Mike Helgerson	Michael Keays	Brenda Ramirez	Greg Youell
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B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the October 22, 2020 meeting agenda – (Action)

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Walsh to approve the agenda of the October 22, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors

AYES: Anderson, Duda, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the September 24, 2020 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Walsh to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Anderson, Duda, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Warren

MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS – (Information)

1. Agency Reports –

a. Executive Director’s Report – Presented by Greg Youell, Executive Director

Mr. Youell provided an update to the Board on MAPA department projects and activities. Updates were provided on the following: MAPA’s 2020 Annual Council of Officials meeting; recently adopted 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan; Travel Demand Management (TDM) employer surveys; upcoming Virtual Block Talks; CARES Act Economic Recovery; and staffing update.

b. Staff Update: Mr. Don Gross, Community and Economic Development Manager, provided an update to the Board on Department activities.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

Approved by

Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Finance Committee Minutes of the October 14, 2020 Meeting.
2. Final Contract Payment – HDR Task Order 2 – \$2,295.00

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

AYES: Anderson, Duda, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Contracts – (Action)

Mr. Youell presented to the Board the new contracts listed below.

- a. Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC Lobbyist Agreement - \$12,000 per year / 2 years –

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval an agreement with Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC for lobbying services for MAPA with the State of Nebraska for 2021 and 2022. The firm will provide updates on legislation, sponsor events with elected officials, work with Senators, the Governor’s Office, and legislative committees, coordinate strategy, engage on bills of interest, provide information necessary for reporting requirements, and related activities.

- b. Resolution 2021 – 11: 21 STBG01 – FY 2021 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Agreement - \$405,000 –

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval the FY 2021 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Agreement. This agreement provides funding for three recent Heartland 2050 mini-grant awards, including the 24th Central Multimodal Transportation Corridor Study (City of Omaha), Southside Terrace-Indian Hills Multimodal Transportation Study (City of Omaha), and the Neighborhood Enhanced Access to Trails (NEAT) planning project (PMRNRD).

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Festersen, to approve the new contracts H.1.a and H.1.b.

AYES: Anderson, Duda, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Resolution 2021 – 12: Final FY 2022 Policy Guide and Applications – (Action)

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the updated Policy Guides and Applications listed below.

- a. Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG - MAPA): programmatic changes recommended by the Project Selection Committee include: Prioritize project delivery for federally-funded projects; prioritize system preservation through Advanced Construction Program; Identifying a funding target for System Preservation activities in the LRTP. The project selection process was updated to better match these priorities. Updates to project selection criteria were recommended to better align with the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, including the addition of an employment accessibility measure.
- b. Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TAP-MAPA) - Updated dates for measures including safety data and accessibility. Updated project selection schedule for FY 2022.
- c. FTA Section 5310 Elderly & Disabled Transit Program - Updates include clarification to language about required coordination and data sharing; and as well as the language regarding regional significance.
- d. Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant - Updated references to planning documents including 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan; updated references to the Heartland 2050 Action Plan; Included information about Memorandum of Understanding which follows awards.

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Duda, to approve Resolution 2021 -12: Final FY 2022 Policy Guide and Applications.

AYES: Anderson, Duda, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. FY 2022 Call for Projects – (Action)

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the FY 2022 Call for Projects. Updates were provided on the schedule for MAPA Project Selection for the 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as available funding for STBG and TAP funding.

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Vinton, to approve the FY 2022 Call for Projects.
AYES: Anderson, Duda, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Walsh
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION –

1. Metro Area Motorist Assist (MAMA) Program – (Information)

Mr. Youell updated the Board on the status of the MAMA program. On July 30, 2020 a MAMA volunteer was struck and killed by a motor vehicle. The program has not been in operation since that time and the Nebraska Department of Transportation has made the decision to contract this service out. An RFP will be issued to utilize a professional service for this program going forward. The MAPA Foundation is the administrative fiscal arm of this MAMA program and MAPA staff will be working to close this out over the next few months.

2. 2021 MAPA Meeting Dates – (Information)

Members were provided with a list of 2021 MAPA meeting dates.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.