

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of the February 19, 2021 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 19, 2021. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and broadcast on Facebook Live.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS, NON-VOTING MEMBERS, AND GUESTS

STAFF

Court Barber (virtual)	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Mike Helgerson (virtual)	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Megan Walker (virtual)	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Jim Boerner (virtual)	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Travis Halm (virtual)	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

MEMBERS

Greg Youell	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Dan Giittinger (virtual)	City of Gretna
Dean Dunn (virtual)	City of Bellevue
Derek Miller (virtual)	City of Omaha
Dan Kutilek (virtual)	Douglas County
Eric Williams (virtual)	PMRNRD
Pat Dowse (virtual)	City of La Vista
Jason Kubicek (virtual)	Sarpy County
Jim Kowach (virtual)	City of Omaha
Matt Cox (virtual)	City of Council Bluffs
Tim Weander (virtual)	NDOT District 2
Todd Pfitzer (virtual)	City of Omaha
Kaine McClelland (virtual)	NDOT
Dennis Wilson (virtual)	Sarpy County
Bryan Guy (virtual)	City of Omaha
Robert Stubbe (virtual)	City of Omaha
John Rassmussen (virtual)	Pottawattamie County
Jeff Riesselman (virtual)	City of Omaha
Jeff Calentine (virtual)	City of La Vista
Kevin Carder (virtual)	City of Omaha
Barb Gerbino-Bevins (virtual)	NDOT District 2

GUESTS

Adam Denny (virtual)	FHU
Emma Martin (virtual)	TranSystems
Jason Carbee (virtual)	HDR
Jessica Smith (virtual)	TranSystems
Joan Green (virtual)	E&A Consulting
Pat Byrd (virtual)	JEO
Nick Weander (virtual)	Olsson
Lee Myers (virtual)	AARP

A. Approval of the Minutes from the January 2021 Meeting

Kutilek moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Weander. Motion carried.

B. Amendment 3 to the FY2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Barber presented the details of the amendment. No questions were asked and no comments were made.

Miller moved to approve Amendment 3, seconded by Kutilek. Motion carried.

C. Iowa Functional Classification Changes - East Beltway Project

Boerner presented the process and proposed changes to the FCC map. No questions were asked and no comments were made.

Wilson moved to approve the changes, seconded by Pfitzer. Motion carried.

D. Regional Funding Update

Helgerson presented on supplemental funding coming for roadway and transit. Williams asked about the expected timeline, Helgerson responded MAPA expects guidance from NDOT and FHWA in the next few months.

E. Member Agencies Update

_____ Community updates were provided by the following members:

Tim Weander, NDOT - NDOT will have a new director on March 14th, John Selmer.

Dan Kutilek, Douglas County - Progress on 180th Street slowed due to weather, but still making progress; bids are out for spring work related to SIDs; the county is starting a wetland mitigation bank grading project; Kutilek asked the committee about Nebraska LB339 and whether anyone knows the progress of the bill - Pfitzer responded expressing his concern about the bill and his opposition, Weander responded expressing his opposition.

Kevin Carder, Omaha Planning - The City of Omaha published an automated bike-ped counter report showing an increase in trail activity in 2020 vs 2019 - 50% increase in pedestrian activity and 77% increase in bike activity.

Eric Williams, PMRNRD - The Western Douglas County Trail is moving forward, supposed to be done by the end of 2021; the Platte River Bridge Trail has reached 60% complete plans; the West Papio Millard connection has not yet started due to adjacent water infrastructure projects; the NEAT study RFQ, part of the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant program, will be released soon.

Barb Gerbino-Bevins, NDOT - Provided a construction update for NDOT District 2 projects.

Todd Pfitzer, City of Omaha - Introduced Jim Kowach to the committee.

Dennis Wilson, Sarpy County - The county plans to complete \$68 million in projects over the next few years.

Pat Dowse, City of La Vista - This spring the city will be working on asset preservation, intersection improvements at 114th & Giles, and CIP updates.

Jeff Riesselman, City of Omaha - RFP advertised for Omaha's traffic signal master plan.

F. Additional Business

No additional business was conducted by the committee.

G. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.