

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY  
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the April 16, 2021 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, April 16, 2021. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and broadcast on Facebook Live.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS, NON-VOTING MEMBERS, AND GUESTS

STAFF

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

MEMBERS

Greg Youell	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Derek Miller	City of Omaha
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County
Eric Williams	PMRNRD
Jim Kowach	City of Omaha
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha
Robert Stubbe	City of Omaha
Jeff Riesselman (virtual)	City of Omaha
Kevin Carder (virtual)	City of Omaha
Maurice Hinchey	NDOT District 2
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista
Justin Luther	FHWA Nebraska
Scott Suhr	Iowa DOT

GUESTS

Benny Foltz	Heartland BCycle
Jessica Smith	TranSystems
Joan Green	E&A
Lee Myers	AARP
Jason Carbee	HDR
Adam Denney	FHU
Jeff Sockel	Alfred Benesch & Company
Mark Lutjeharms	JEO
Bill Troe	SRF
Lonnie Burklund	JEO
Pat Byrd	JEO

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of the Minutes from the March 19, 2021 Meeting

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

B. 2021 Transit Safety Targets & Metro Transit's Public Transit Agency Safety Plan

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Bill Troe presented Metro Transit's safety plan and Court Barber presented the recommended transit safety targets for MAPA to adopt.

Kutilek moved to recommend approval of the transit safety targets as presented, seconded by Soucie. Motion carried.

C. FY2022 Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Program and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Awards

Eric Williams asked about TAP-C's recommended \$2,000,000 transfer to TAP from pandemic-related funds and how that will be finalized; he followed up with a question on whether TAP-C would need to have another meeting to decide. Helgerson and Barber responded that MAPA was discussing the matter with NDOT and that there will likely be a recommendation to transfer half of that amount to TAP.

Williams moved to recommend the awards, seconded by Kowach. Motion carried.

D. City of Omaha Signal System Program & Project Updates

Bryan Guy presented on the current state of Omaha's signal system projects. He showed the committee where the city has completed upgrades, where they are currently working on them, and where future upgrades will be implemented. He provided a brief overview of the data the city is collecting on travel time delay on corridors where projects have been implemented and showed the committee the new features the upgraded signals have.

E. Heartland Bike Share

Benny Foltz presented on the current status of Heartland Bike Share, including upcoming new stations, rider growth, and statistics from 2020.

F. Regional Funding Update

Helgerson presented on the existing funding status and provided an update on upcoming changes from Washington. Youell provided additional information on pandemic-related funding. No questions were asked and no comments were made.

G. Member Agencies Update

\_\_\_\_\_ Community updates were provided by the following members:

Douglas County

- Dan Kutilek
  - Brief update on the status of 180th street - the project continues to move forward

City of Omaha

- Kevin Carder
  - Thanked the committee for the Bike-Ped plan award and announced the approval of the Harney Street Bikeway
  - Echo what Kutilek said about bids, he feels like they are getting good bids
  - 120th continuing
  - 168th continuing
  - Work on 84th & Dodge St. to begin soon
- Jim Kowach
  - Updated the committee on the status of Omaha's 168th Street Project
- Bryan Guy
  - Updated the committee on the closure of 96th Street

City of La Vista

- Joe Soucie
  - Updated the committee on their 108th Street project which is to continue through mid June
  - A portion of 96th Street will be closed in La Vista starting in June
  - 114th & Gilles will see turn lanes added and signals updated

PMRNRD

- Eric Williams
  - Announced the RFQ on the NEAT study
  - Preparing for public engagement on the Platte River Trail Bridge, not expecting much in the way of participation

NDOT

- Maurice Hinchey provided the district 2 project update

Iowa DOT

- Scott Suhr said segment 4 of the CBIS project is underway and things are going smoothly

H. Additional Business

No additional business was conducted by the committee.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.