

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY  
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the May 21, 2021 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, May 21, 2021. The meeting was held in the training room on the lower level of the Metro Transit building.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS, NON-VOTING MEMBERS, AND GUESTS

STAFF

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

MEMBERS

Derek Miller	City of Omaha
Eric Williams	PMRNRD
Jim Kowach	City of Omaha
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista
Matt Cox	City of Council Bluffs
Dennis Wilson	Sarpy County
Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue
Dan Giittinger	City of Gretna
Mark Stursma	City of Papillion
Barbara Gerbino-Bevins	NDOT

GUESTS

Matt Selinger	JEO
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AGENDA ITEMS

A. Ratification of Virtual Meeting Action Items

Helgerson presented the list of items over the last year MAPA recommends ratifying. Wilson asked for additional clarification, Helgerson explained the potential issues with the approval of items in virtual meetings throughout 2020 and what most of the items consist of.

Stursma moved to ratify the listed virtual meeting items, seconded by Soucie. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the Minutes from the April 16, 2021 Meeting

No questions, comments, or revisions were brought forward. Soucie moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Cox. Motion carried.

C. Amendment 5 to the FY2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Barber presented the amendment. No questions or comments were offered.

Soucie moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Stursma. Motion carried.

D. Amendment 1 to the FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Helgerson presented the amendment. No questions or comments were offered.

Giittinger moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Soucie. Motion carried.

E. Final FY2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Helgerson presented the new UPWP. Williams asked about what resiliency means as mentioned in the UPWP and whether that includes planning for climate change. Helgerson responded that the resiliency in the UPWP focuses mostly on specific impacts locally like flooding and the pandemic.

F. Open Public Comment Period for the Draft FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Barber presented the draft TIP. Williams asked whether electric vehicles are being considered as part of the FTA Section 5310 awards. Barber responded that they are not, but that it would be a good topic of discussion with NDOT and the CTC. Walker commented that there are other federal funding programs that are designed for upgrades of this kind, but that they have not been pursued locally in the past. Helgerson commented that one of those programs is being used by Metro Transit to fund electrification efforts.

Soucie moved to open the draft tip for public comment, seconded by Cox. Motion carried.

G. STBG-MAPA Buy-Back Program for Regional CRRSAA Apportionment - Nebraska

Helgerson presented the proposed buy-back program as developed by MAPA, its working group, and NDOT. Soucie asked about the working group's request to have the buy-back done at 100% instead of 90% as proposed by NDOT, with 10% of the funding reserved by the state. Helgerson explained the state position, primarily that they do not wish to set a precedent for fully funding swaps of this kind. Williams asked about the TAP Committee's recommendation of transferring \$2,000,000 of the apportionment to TAP projects, given that the plan does not include it. Barber responded that with NDOT's reluctance to complete that transfer and the buy-back MAPA re-evaluated the TAP situation and is working with NDOT on a solution, though the first year of the 2022 TIP should not be impacted because schedule shifts will enable programmed projects to move forward as planned.

H. System Reliability Performance Measures (PM3) Progress Report

\_\_\_\_\_ Boerner presented the report. Williams asked about the change in travel time reliability as seen during 2020 and how continued changes in commute patterns might affect system planning going forward. Boerner responded that this is something MAPA intends to study, at least on a small scale in the near term, but that it is unknown how large an effect the changes will have.

I. Additional Business

No additional business was conducted by the committee.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.