

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY  
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the August 20, 2021 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, August 20, 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
Jim Boerner	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Rachel Goettsch	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Travis Halm	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

MEMBERS

Dennis Wilson	Sarpy County
Mike Helgerson	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista
Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue
Todd Pfitzer	City of Omaha
Krista Wassenaar	City of Omaha
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County
Craig Wacker	NDOT
Maurice Hinchey	NDOT District 2
Barbara Gerbino-Bevins	NDOT District 2
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD

GUESTS

Jacob Weiss	HDR
Bart Pugh	Schemmer
Jessica Smith	Transystems

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of the Minutes from the July 16, 2021 meeting

No questions, comments, or revisions were offered.

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

B. Amendment 1 to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

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Barber presented the amendment. Williams asked whether there is sufficient funding to cover the change, Barber responded that there is. Wilson asked about the extent of the Gretna to Wehrspann Trail, Williams described the trail termini.

Kutilek moved to recommend opening the amendment for public comment to MAPA's Board of Directors, Pfitzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Transportation Safety Equity Planning

Boerner presented an update on MAPA's ongoing efforts to incorporate equity-planning best practice and highlighting proposed changes to the upcoming Safety Report. Wilson asked if the assessment will look at causes related to safety impacts, Boerner replied that this will be developed in the future. Williams asked which portions of the assessment apply to transportation, Helgerson responded that the assessment is agency wide. Williams

followed up with a question about how the equity scoring was done, Helgerson responded that it is qualitative and that MAPA welcomes recommendations on how to score items more quantitatively. Williams asked how the recommendations translate to work program items and how the work gets done, he questioned how the assessment shows MAPA meeting or exceeding goals while regional data shows otherwise. Helgerson responded by saying the report is focused on MAPA's performance and that as we move forward we want to use the metrics in more externally-focused activities like performance measures and project selection.

D. Recognition of Ernie Wesolowski, Nebraska Navy

E. MetroNEXT Update

Evan Schweitz presented an update on the progress of Metro's initiative.

F. Member Agency Updates

NDOT - Hinchey & Gerbino-Bevins provided an update on District 2 construction.

La Vista - Soucie provided an update on projects in La Vista.

Bellevue - Dean Dunn provided an update on projects in Bellevue.

PMRNRD - Williams provided an update on the Western Douglas County Trail.

Omaha - Guy provided an update on Omaha's signal system upgrades. Pfitzer introduced Krista Wassenar, a returning member of Omaha's public works team. He also expressed frustration with new Union Pacific crossing policy.

Douglas - Kutilek provided an update on the county's 180th Street project.

Sarpy - Wilson provided an update on multiple projects in Sarpy County.

G. Additional Business

Helgerson announced when MAPA's annual meeting will be and asked for nominations to MAPA's regional awards.

Helgerson updated the committee on the recently passed senate transportation bill that will go to the house; Williams asked for additional information which Helgerson said he would provide to the committee.

H. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.