

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY  
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the September 17, 2021 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, September 17, 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 9:59 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS, NON-VOTING MEMBERS, AND GUESTS

STAFF

Court Barber	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Jim Boerner	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

MEMBERS

Dennis Wilson	Sarpy County
Dannielle Giese	Sarpy County
Mike Helgerson	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue
Todd Pfitzer	City of Omaha
Krista Wassenaar	City of Omaha
Derek Miller	City of Omaha
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha
Scott Suhr	Iowa DOT
Dan Kutilek	Douglas County
Craig Wacker	NDOT
Maurice Hinchey	NDOT District 2
Barbara Gerbino-Bevins	NDOT District 2
Eric Williams	Papio-Missouri River NRD
Alex Evans	Sarpy County Municipalities Public Works/City of Papillion

GUESTS

Lee Myers	AARP
Dan Bellizzi	Olsson

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of the Minutes from the September 17, 2021 meeting

No questions, comments, or revisions were offered.

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

B. STBG Policy Guide for the FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program & Call for Projects

Barber presented changes to the policy guide and ProSeCom's recommendation. Williams asked for members of ProSeCom to explain their recommendation to not open a call for projects. Pfitzer and Miller responded, saying application time and federal program uncertainty both contributed to the decision. Barber and Helgerson expressed MAPA's desire to pursue a call for projects and that they felt it was the best way to set the program up for continued success.

Evans asked about re-scoring projects submitted last year. Helgerson responded that there may be some updates needed, but scores will remain essentially the same.

Evans moved to recommend approval of the policy guide and opening a call for projects to MAPA's Board of Directors, Wacker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. TAP Policy Guide for the FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program & Call for Projects

Barber presented the policy guide, stating that no changes were made this year, and said that TAP-C recommends approval of the guide and opening a call for projects. Williams asked about the order of magnitude of the potential funding increase. Helgerson responded that it is not entirely clear, but he expects funding to double.

Pfitzer moved to recommend approval of the policy guide and opening a call for projects to MAPA's Board of Directors, Suhr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Central 24th Street Corridor Study

Jamie Winterstein and Kevin Carder from the City of Omaha presented on the process and findings of the study.

E. Member Agency Updates

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

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

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

Bellevue - Dunn provided an update on the city's 36th Street project.

Papillon - Evans provided an update on construction in Papillion.

Iowa DOT - Suhr updated the committee on projects in the district.

Omaha - Guy updated the committee on Omaha's signal system project. Pfitzer provided an update on other projects under construction and spoke about the general opposition to railroad crossing fees, saying he heard the issue is likely to be solved legislatively.

Sarpy - Wilson provided an update on construction in the county.

MAPA - Helgerson provided an update on MAPA's legislative committee and the availability of CRRSAA funds.

F. Additional Business

No additional business was conducted by the committee.

G. Adjournment

Suhr moved to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.