

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of the March 18, 2022 Meeting

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, March 18, 2022. The meeting was held in the boardroom on the main level of the Metro Transit building.

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

STAFF, VOTING MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

STAFF

Court Barber	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Jim Boerner	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Carlos Morales	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Mike Helgerson	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

VOTING MEMBERS

Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue
Matt Cox	City of Council Bluffs
Krista Wassenaar	City of Omaha
Maurice Hinchey	NDOT District 2
Eric Williams	PMRNRD
Bryan Guy	City of Omaha
Lauren Cencic	Metro Transit
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista
Cole DeBerg	Sarpy County

GUESTS

Lee Myers	AARP
Stephen Osberg	Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

Joan Green	E&A
Kaine McClelland	NDOT
Travis Halm	Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Jason Carbee	HDR
Chris Gibbons	City of Council Bluffs
Dan Bellizzi	Olsson
Kara Kosiski	Olsson

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of the Minutes from the February 18, 2022 meeting

No comments received.

The committee was unable to approve the minutes due to lack of quorum.

B. Amendment 4 to the FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Barber presented the amendment. Williams asked about the schedule for Gretna's trail project, Barber responded that construction is slated for 2024. Williams asked about the 33rd & Hamilton project, Bryan Guy provided project details.

The committee was unable to provide an official recommendation due to lack of quorum.

C. Draft FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Morales presented the program. Myers asked what PEL stands for, Helgerson responded that it stand for Planning and Environmental Linkages.

The committee was unable to provide an official recommendation due to lack of quorum.

D. Streetcar Presentation

Osberg presented on recent urban core work and the streetcar proposal. Soucie asked about the status of ORBT, Cencic responded that it is performing better than Route 2 (what ORBT replaced) before the pandemic. Soucie asked if he could get a copy of the presentation, Osberg said yes. Dunn asked about the number of vehicles that will run on the line, Osberg said about six. Barber asked about the proposed one-to-two-way conversion on Harney and Farnam Streets and whether that would impact where the streetcar would run, Osberg did not think it would. Myers asked whether the one-to-two-way conversion is public, Osberg said he did not think so, Barber said the City of Omaha applied for regional federal funding to perform a study to determine its impacts and that is out for public comment, but that it has not been officially presented to the public.

E. Member Agency Updates

NDOT District 2 - Hinchey provided a construction update to the committee.

Sarpy County - DeBerg provided a construction update to the committee.

Omaha - Wassenaar provided a construction update and discussed Omaha's new project management software; Guy provided an update on the upgrading of about 100 signals in northwest Omaha; Morales asked about the upgrades and what the pedestrian impacts will be, Guy said that was part of the reason for the project, but that he does not have all the details on hand.

La Vista - Soucie provided an update on the Applewood Creek Trail project and informed the committee that the 2nd city-owned parking garage has begun construction on 84th Street.

PMRNRD - Williams said he is working with communities on under-the-road crossings for trails.

Metro Transit - Cencic said there is an aggressive funding package going to Metro's board soon based on MetroNEXT.

MAPA - Helgerson provided an overview of the Recast Your City event, informed the committee of the upcoming Indianapolis site visit and Heartland 2050 June Summit, and let everyone know about the upcoming broadband event.

F. Additional Business

No additional business was conducted by the committee.

G. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.