

**OMAHA–COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes  
May 26, 2022

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chair Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

**Members/Officers Present**

Scott Belt @ 1:31 PM	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
Pete Festersen	Omaha City Council
Douglas Kindig – Chair	NE Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Chris Rodgers	Douglas County Commissioner
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Jim Warren	Sarpy County Commissioner

**Members/Officers Absent**

Jean Stothert	Mayor, City of Omaha
Carol Vinton – Vice Chair	IA Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Jim Warren	Sarpy County Commissioner

**Guest**

Justin Luther	FHWA Nebraska
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**MAPA Staff**

Grant Anderson	Court Barber	Christina Brownell	Lindsey Button	Sue Cutsforth
Matt Eash	Travis Halm	Michael Helgerson	Karna Loewenstein	Carlos Morales
Julie Smith	Elizabeth Zeller			

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the May 26, 2022 meeting agenda – (Action)**

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Walsh to approve the agenda of the May 26, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors  
AYES: Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the April 28, 2022 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors.  
AYES: Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS – (Information)**

**1. AGENCY REPORTS**

- a. Executive Director's Report - Mike Helgerson, Executive Director  
Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on MAPA projects and activities including recent meetings and events; Highway 75 Corridor & Freight Strategy; community and recovery planning updates; Council Bluffs / KC Streetcar Experience; and MAPA staffing updates.

**2. MAPA FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW – Justin Luther, Transportation Planner - FHWA (Information)**

Mr. Luther presented to the board and for the public, an overview of the MAPA Federal Certification review process and requested feedback from stakeholders and the public. Mr. Luther provided information on the ways the public can provide feedback during the Federal Certification Review process.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the May 18, 2022 meeting.

2. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS –

- a. Douglas County GIS - \$18,648.76
- b. Metro Transit - \$14,661.57
- c. Pottawattamie County GIS - \$8,362.36

3. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

- a. Business Owner's Package
- b. Commercial Auto
- c. Directors & Officers
- d. Workers Compensation

4. FY2023 MAPA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The FY 2023 MAPA committee members were reviewed, appointed and approved by the MAPA Board of Directors.

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Rodgers, to approve Consent Agenda Items.

AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

1. RESOLUTION 2022-29: FY 2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #6 – (ACTION)

Mr. Barber presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2022-29: FY 2022 TIP Amendment #6. This amendment includes changes to projects sponsored by Iowa DOT, the City of Omaha, and Metro Transit.

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Walsh, to approve Resolution 2022-29: FY2022 TIP Amendment #6.

AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. LONG RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRTP) Draft AMENDMENT #2 – (ACTION)

Mr. Barber presented to the Board for approval for LRTP Amendment #2 to go to a 30 day public comment period. This amendment includes changes to projects sponsored by the City of Omaha, City of Bellevue, City of Gretna, City of Council Bluffs, City of Papillion, Sarpy County, Douglas County, Village of Waterloo, the PMRNRD, and Metro Transit.

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Walsh, to approve Long Range Improvement Program (LRTP) Draft Amendment #2.

AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. DRAFT FY 2023 - 2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – (ACTION)

Mr. Barber presented to the Board for approval of the draft FY 2023-2028 TIP to go to a 30 day public comment period.

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Belt, to approve Draft FY 2023 - 2028 TIP to go to a 30 day public comment period.  
AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: Kindig  
MOTION CARRIED.

2. RESOLUTION 2022-27: FY 2023 ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION– (ACTION)

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval of Resolution 2022-27 FY2023 Annual Authorization Resolution.

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Belt, to approve Resolution 2022-27 FY 2023 Annual Authorization Resolution.  
AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: Kindig  
MOTION CARRIED.

3. FY 2022 & 2023 BUDGET ITEMS – (ACTION)

Mr. Helgerson and Mr. Eash presented to Board for approval the FY 2022 & 2023 budget items listed below and recommended adoption by the Council of Officials:

a. FY 2022 Budget Amendments –

The Board will consider amendments to the FY 2022 Budget. The amendments reflect adjustments to current projections for the remainder of FY 2022 and accounts for some projects that did not go forward during FY–2022.

- i. Line Item Budget
- ii. Resolution 2022 – 30: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 1

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Belt, to approve the FY 2022 Budget & Resolution 2022 - 30 UPWP Amendment 1.

AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED.

b. FY 2023 Budget –

The Board will consider approval of the Final FY 2023 Budget Items and FY 2023 Community Development Work program listed below and recommend adoption by the Council of Officials:

- i. Funds Budget
- ii. Line Item Budget
- iii. Program Budget
- iv. Community Development Work Program
- v. Resolution 2022 - 31: Final FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program / UPWP

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Hike, to table approval of FY 2023 Budget & Resolution 2022-31 Final FY 2023 UPWP.

AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – (ACTION)

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval of the Interlocal Agreement, the FY 2023 Chair and Vice Chair of the MAPA Board of Directors will be elected. Newly elected officers will serve July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Hike, to elect Douglas Kindig to serve as Board Chair and Carol Vinton to serve as Board Vice-Chair.

AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

5. JULY INSURANCE RENEWALS – (ACTION)

Mrs. Brownell presented to the board for approval the renewals of MAPA's Life / AD&D, Long Term Disability and Dental Plan; as well as an increase to employer retirement contributions. Policy effective dates are July 1, 2022.

- i. Dental Plan - Increase to premiums of 4.9%; addition of Child Orthodontia Rider Policy for Employee + Child(ren) and Family; renewal rates guaranteed for 2 years.
- ii. Life / AD&D - Increasing employer paid life insurance from \$25,000 to \$50,000
- iii. Long Term Disability - Increase to premium by 2.4%
- iv. Vision - No increase to premiums, rates guaranteed through 6/30/2025
- v. Increase to employer retirement contribution rate from 5.5% to 7%

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Walsh, to approve July Insurance Renewals and the increase to employer retirement contribution from 5.5% to 7%.

AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT - (ACTION)

Mrs. Brownell presented to the Board for approval amendments to the MAPA Personnel Policy.

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Walsh, to approve Personnel Policy Amendment.

AYES: Belt, Festerson, Hike, Kindig, Rodgers, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION – None.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Kindig adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.