

# TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Friday Jun 17, 2022

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency  
2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68102  
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## MINUTES

In attendance:

### Voting Members

Dan Glittinger (City of Gretna)  
Pat Dowse (City of La Vista)  
Derek Miller (City of Omaha)  
Krista Wassenaar (City of Omaha)  
Dan Kutilek (Douglas County)  
Craig Wacker (NDOT)  
Maurice Hinchey (NDOT)  
Eric Williams (PMNRD)  
Ivan Maldonado (Metro Transit)

### Non Voting Members

Bruce Fountain (City of La Vista)  
Bryan Guy (City of Omaha, Virtual)  
Dean Dunn (City of Bellevue, Virtual)  
Damion Stern (NDOT, Virtual)  
Jessica Smith (Transystems, Virtual)  
Jacob Weiss (HDR, Virtual)  
Joan Green (E&A, Virtual)  
Katie Salerno (Olsson)  
Lee Myers (AARP)

### MAPA

Carlos Morales  
Court Barber  
Lindsey Button

Court Barber called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Quorum was not met so votes were postponed on all action items listed below.

## Action Items

For TTAC Approval

### **A. Approval of the Minutes from the May 20, 2022 meeting**

Eric Williams corrected a typo in the PRMNRD agency update.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

### **B. Final FY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Court Barber presented the final TIP, including newly selected projects and a demonstration of fiscal constraint. Open house on June 8th from 4-5:30, 4 people came in. Received a few comments, but nothing substantive. Some people were asking questions related to Hwy 75 as they had attended some of those

meetings, but nothing relevant to TIP. No public comments to share with the committee at this time. Public comment remains through next Thursday.

Two changes from the draft to the final TIP. Project CB was awarded through Iowa DOT Lift program - intermodal freight facility. This will need to be in our TIP and LRTP. Waiting for comments from Iowa DOT. CTC meeting earlier this week, MAPA requested an increase in funding for vehicle replacements as costs have increased so substantially. Bring back up to the 80/20 split rather than agencies having to make up the difference. This will also be in the TIP. Draft otherwise is the same, award values remain the same. No questions raised for the 2023 TIP - not at quorum so no vote was made.

**C. Amendment 7 - FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Court Barber presented amendment 7, which includes changes to a project sponsored by the City of Council Bluffs. Council Bluffs South Expressway Phase 1 - shifting the extent of the project. No change to the project cost.

**D. Amendment 2 - 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

Court Barber presented amendment 2, which includes changes to projects sponsored by the City of Omaha, City of Bellevue, City of Gretna, the PMRNRD, and Metro Transit. Combined the public meeting on June 8th to include both the TIP and the LRTP amendment. No comments on the draft LRTP amendment. Council Bluffs LIFTS project added. Omaha streetcar project added. Even though this project is not federally funded it is regionally significant and must be included in the LRTP, and ultimately in the TIP as well. La Vista 84th Street Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Improvements project added. This will ultimately be added to the TIP as well once final information and necessary forms are received.

Eric Williams raised a question regarding federal funding allocations to these newly added projects, and almost all are not relevant for the TIP. Metro 24th St corridor does include STBG funding.

## Discussion Items

**E. Member Agency Updates**

**NDOT Engineering (Maurice Hinchey);** Progress updates on numerous infrastructure improvement, repaving, bridge work, striping, barrier replacement, trail, repair, intersections, road closures, and other projects. Work halts due to the College World Series. Several major lengthy closures coming to Westbound I80 and L street Northbound ramp (32 and 45 days respectively).

**City of Omaha Planning Department (Derek Miller);** Bike Ped master plan is underway - public engagement soon. Year long process. Thanks to MAPA for mini grant funding.

**MAPA (Court Barber & Carlos Morales);** Heartland 2050 summit taking place on Wednesday June 29th, 2022. Continuing to work on safe streets for all discretionary grant application. Will be putting together one application for the whole region and will be reaching out to community stakeholders to join in this effort.

**NDOT Planning (Craig Wacker);** in the middle of our NEVI plan required by the new bill - will have this done and submitted by Aug 1, 2022 as required by federal funding. Webpage is live and survey for public input is

open. One for general public and one for business owners. Come July will put out an RFQ for the carbon reduction strategy required for carbon reduction funds - year long process - must be Adopted by Nov 2023. Both plans require yearly updates

**City of La Vista (Pat Dowse);** Cowboy creek trail efforts started yesterday. 84th st underpass will get the request in shortly. Giles and 72nd infrastructure improvements. Vertical non transportation construction going on in redevelopment areas.

**City of Gretna (Dan Glittinger);** WESTEP is working on RFP with all interlocals involved in that project. Road closures and infrastructure improvements. Kpark (?).

**City of La Vista Community Development (Bruce Fountain);** Currently working on plans for the next fiscal year

**City of Omaha Public Works (Krista Wassenaar);** 168th is open again. Bids will open later this fall for other projects.

**PMRNRD (Eric Williams);** Ribbon cutting on bridge in Valley. Douglas County and NRD have been talking with western douglas county communities to discuss trail connectivity - lot of interest right now - Bridge replacement q st elkhorn river includes pedestrian facility design - design pedestrian facility on the bridge now because we won't get another chance. Carlos asked about information on new flood maps. Eric has no updates aside from the availability of the online tool. There have been a lot of changes. Call our office if you have questions. Saddle Creek is now in the flood plain. Dam sites are working. Maps can be accessed at <https://www.papionrd.org/public-invited-to-open-houses-to-discuss-new-draft-flood-maps/>. Next meeting at UNO on Tuesday.

**Douglas County (Dan Kutilek);** Federal aid project is underway and on schedule. Progress updates on other infrastructure and bridge projects. Public meeting next week. Currently have 20-22 projects with developers in various stages from bid to construction.

**METRO Transit (Ivan Maldonado);** College World Series route and service increases.

#### **F. Additional Business**

No additional business

**Court Barber adjourned the meeting at 10:41am**

## **Future Meetings & Events**

- **MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, June 23, 2022**
- **TTAC: Friday, July 22, 2022**

*Meeting Quorum: The presence of ten (10) members of TTAC at an officially called meeting shall constitute a quorum.*