

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Friday Aug 19, 2022

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

In attendance:

Voting Members

Dean Dunn (City of Bellevue)
Matt Cox (City of Council Bluffs)
Pat Dowse (City of La Vista)
Kevin Carder (City of Omaha)
Todd Pfitzer (City of Omaha)
Dan Kutilek (Douglas County)
Craig Wacker (NDOT)
Maurice Hinchey (NDOT)
Damion Stern (NDOT)
*Eric Williams (Papio-MO River NRD)
Dennis Wilson (Sarpy County)
*Alex Evans (Sarpy County Public Works)
*Bryan Guy (City of Omaha)
*Joe Soucie (City of La Vista)
Tim Weander (NDOT District 2)

Non Voting Members

*Jeremy Williams (HDR)
Jessica Smith (Benesch)
Bruce Fountain (City of La Vista)
Shane Swope (Schemmer)
Matt Selinger (JEO)
Kara Kosiski (Olsson)
Mark Tuch (Burns & McDonnell)
Lee Myers (AARP)

MAPA

Carlos Morales
Jim Boerner
Court Barber
Travis Halm
Lindsey Button
Michael Blank

** Attended virtually. Voting members are not eligible to vote while attending virtually and do not count for quorum.*

Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
Quorum was met.

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. Approval of the Minutes from the July 22, 2022 meeting

Correct July 17th to June 17th. Pfitzer moved to approve the minutes with the aforementioned change, seconded by Dowse. Motion carried.

B. TTAC Chair and Vice-Chair Election

Kutilek moved to elect Denny Wilson as Chair and Todd Pfitzer as Vice-Chair, seconded by Hinchey. Motion carried.

C. Safe Streets and Roads for All Application

Jim Borner brought SS4A to TTAC. Application submitting at the end of the month. City of Omaha is a joint applicant. Covers all jurisdictions in MAPA TMA except Pottawattamie County roads (they are applying separately). Requesting \$750k federal funds.

MAPA application covers all MPO members - please don't apply separately!

PM1 Annual Targets include the entire TMA.

SS4A Planning evaluates just the SS4A study area and local roads.

MAPA is still accepting letters of support, and it would be quite helpful as it will help bolster the application. Reach out to Lindsey Button if you are interested in this.

Pfitzer moved to recommend approval of the application and resolution, seconded by Dunn. Motion carried.

D. Draft Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP)

Travis Halm brought the draft CTP to TTAC. Plan is required for 5310 funding. Goals include: enhance collaboration, raise community awareness, and provide options and connections for transit in the region. It is now going to the public for the required 30-day comment period. After the comment period, this will come before TTAC again on October 21st, 2022.

Kutilek moved to recommend approval of opening a comment period for the draft CTP, seconded by Hinchey. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

E. Highway 75 Corridor and Freight Strategy Update

MAPA [Court Barber]: Court Barber presented an update on the progress of the study, including cost estimates for remaining alternatives. Over 100 people attended the open house on this project. The point of this project is to move traffic, especially freight traffic, away from 30th street in North Omaha. The final report should come around sometime in October. The two main alternatives that are being looked at during this time are 28th Avenue, and Alt 7 (which requires a new bridge over the Missouri River).

F. MAPA Committee Structure Discussion

MAPA [Court Barber]: Court Barber led a discussion on ideas for restructuring MAPA's committees. We have 4 selection committees, and it may make more sense to combine all 4 of these selection committees into one large selection committee that would include members from TTAC, RPAC, and CTC. It would be a single longer meeting instead of several smaller meetings where we would discuss and knock out selection issues for the various funding categories.

G. Member Agency Updates

MAPA [Court Barber]: We will take some time to remember Tom Doyle, Douglas County Engineer since 1983, who passed on August 6th.

Douglas County [Dan Kutilek]: I worked for Tom for 39 years, and he worked for grace and honor. He was calm at all times and very educated. Grew up in poverty but did well in high school, was on the debate team. He was involved in the Harrison St improvement project, Northwest Connector.

Omaha [Todd Pfitzer]: Tom helped me in my race, called me and helped coach me and kept up to date on what was occurring in the race.

MAPA [Carlos Morales]: We are continuing to look for additional federal funding, keeping our grant section of our website up to date, keeping coordination between Nebraska and Iowa in good shape, and if you have any questions feel free to reach out.

Douglas County [Dan Kutilek]: Construction updates, projects are moving along, traffic signals are being put in.

NDOT [Maurice Hinchey]: Highway 75 update construction update, paving is still underway, several sections have been completed with parts of the Highway reopening, but more sections will be closed soon for reconstruction. Western Douglas County trail is now open. Highway 36 pavement repairs are done, culvert extensions underway.

Council Bluffs [Matt Cox]: No Updates.

Bellevue [Dean Dunn]: A 36th Street Phase II letting next year.

La Vista [Pat Dowse]: Construction updates along 86th Street trail, grade-separated crossing between trail and 86th Street is being put in.

Omaha [Todd Pfitzer]: Farnam street construction updates. Public works has been busy with the Streetcar to evaluate the appropriate route, bridge costs over I-480, etc. Supply chain issues are delaying utility construction in another project. Starting the week after Labor Day, signal updates will begin.

Sarpy County [Dennis Wilson]: I direct you to ConnectSarpy.com as there are too many projects to discuss. Roundabouts are being put in. New golf course open for members. Transportation planning is being done by Sarpy County and several cities within Sarpy County for all arterial roads, partially north-south arterial roads.

H. Additional Business

Pfitzer moved to adjourn at 11:12am.