

# TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Friday, October 21, 2022 | 10:00a  
Boardroom - Main Level of the Metro Transit Building

## Minutes

In attendance:

### Voting Members

Dennis Wilson (Carpy County)  
Matt Cox (City of Council Bluffs)  
Pat Dowse (City of La Vista)  
Kevin Carder (City of Omaha)  
Todd Pfitzer (City of Omaha)  
\*Krista Wassenaar (City of Omaha)  
Dan Kutilek (Douglas County)  
Craig Wacker (NDOT)  
Maurice Hinchey (NDOT)  
Damion Stern (NDOT)  
Eric Williams (PMRNRD)  
Alex Evans (City of Papillion)  
Bryan Guy (City of Omaha)  
\*Jeff Reissleman (City of Omaha)  
Joe Soucie (City of La Vista)  
Kevin Carder (City of Omaha)  
\*Scott Suhr (Iowa DOT)  
\*Dan Waddle (NDOT)

### Non Voting Members

Jason Carbee (HDR)  
Matt Selinger (JEO)  
Katie Salerno (Olsson)  
Tim Adams (WSP USA)  
Jesse Poore (FHU)  
Hunter Arias (FHU)  
Kornel Gwiazdowski (FHU)  
Alex Heywood (Burns & McDonnell)  
\*Jamie Kamarad (NDOT)  
\*Jessica Smith (Benesch)  
\*Terry Rush (T&A)  
\*Lee Myers (AARP)  
\*Jeff Riesselman (City of Omaha)

### MAPA

Carlos Morales  
Jim Boerner  
\*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 10:01 am.

## Action Items

For TTAC Approval

### **A. Approval of the Minutes from the August 19th and September 16, 2022 meetings**

No amendments were made. Maurice motioned Scott Suhr Iowa seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

### **B. Final 2022 Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP)**

Travis Halm presented the final plan for coordination of service and project programming over the next five years.

MAPA staff seek a recommendation from TTAC for adoption of the 2022 CTP.

Motion to recommend approval Todd Pfitzer Motioned Pat Dowse seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

### **C. Amendment 2 to the FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program**

Carlos Morales will present Amendment 2, which includes changes to projects sponsored by the City of Bellevue and the Nebraska DOT. Changes include the addition of two projects and the removal of two projects.

MAPA staff seek a recommendation from TTAC for approval of Amendment 2.

No comments. Motion to approve Alex Evans. Seconded by Pat Dowse. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

## Discussion Items

### D. Transportation Funding Status

Carlos Morales will share the current status of regional federal-aid transportation funding. STGB, TAP, and CR funding. FY 2023 began October 1.

Carbon Reduction is a newly available funding source that will be made available in FY23. MAPA will not be making a call for projects this year, so this funding will likely carry over to FY24. Eric Williams asked for clarification in CR funding. Carlos stated that CR is similar to CMAQ funding, but allocated locally. MAPA will be developing a new series of selection funding for projects that work to reduce carbon emissions in transportation. Call for projects will occur in fall 23. Funds will go directly to MAPA, but will come as an allocation from the State. The State has until November 2023 to develop a Statewide plan for carbon reduction by a given target date. MPOs will be the major stakeholders in that strategy. NDOT is currently in scope negotiations. Strategy does not need to be in place for MPOs to program the funds. Craig Walker recommends coordinating closely with FHWA prior to programming projects as guidance at this time is very vague.

### E. Project Selection Committee Update

Carlos Morales presented MAPA's thoughts on the creation of a new, unified project selection committee.

The current committee structure within MAPA was presented, along with a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of each committee. A new committee structure was presented, with the creation of a Regional Funding Committee (RFC) that would be responsible for selection projects under all MAPA funding streams. The goal of this structure is to limit the number of meetings members must attend, and to include additional voices and perspectives in the project selection process. Recommendations from RFC would go directly to the MAPA board. MAPA is currently drafting bylaws and will share prior to the December 2nd meeting. The Dec 2nd meeting will be a joint meeting between TTAC and RPAC to discuss the forming of this new project selection committee.

Eric Williams asked for clarification on Amendments to the TIP. Those would still go through TTAC, however, any addition of new projects would need to go through the full application process.

### F. Southside Terrace Indian Hills Multimodal Study

Jesse Poore with FHU presented the results of this Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant study. This study was conducted in conjunction with the City of Omaha's choice neighborhood grant funding, with efforts coordinated between FHU, Lamp Rynearson, and Capital Solutions. 30th St and Q st were of particular interest and this study recommended alignment to support multimodal transportation options and increase safety for this community.

One key take away moving forward on other plans and projects throughout the region is to be sensitive to survey fatigue when performing outreach on multiple projects within the same area.

### G. Member Agency Updates

Council Bluffs (Matt Cox) - progress on North Broadway bridge and Lincoln Highway - traffic is back to normal. South expressway reconstruction plan is complete and set for December letting. Working to complete remaining ROW acquisition for March letting on the Steven Rosch project (?)

La Vista (Pat Dowse) - applewood creek trail project is coming along well. South half of the Giles underpass is completed and the rest is ongoing. 84th st bike/ped and redevelopment is taking off and moving forward (trail on both sides and underpass) giles to Harrison underpass at Thompson Creek.

City of Omaha (Todd Pfitzer) - 168th center to pacific is open. Project let for the center to the Q St. portion. Working on updated concrete specs and will keep the committee posted. 84th and dodge working for completion by the deadline but is running behind.

City of Omaha (Kevin Carder) - public open houses for the active mobility master plan are scheduled for Nov 9 (Highlander) and 10 (Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center) from 5-7pm.

City of Papillion (Alex Evans) - 108th and giles to 96th and harris will be slowed for putting up holiday lights

Douglas County (Dan Kutilek) - Federal Aid 180th project phase 2 will open by 1st week of november for traffic. Harrison St west of 204th is supposed to open today. Other local projects are closing down for the winter. State st. by google data center ran into some soils problems over drainage structure. Hoping to get this resolved and pipe installed, and have the asphalt base in place in time to open for winter.

Iowa DOT (Scott Suhr) - Council bluffs interstate project is on schedule. Segment 5 Madison Avenue was let a month ago and came in significantly under budget.

NDOT (Maurice Hinchey) - Construction updates were provided on numerous projects throughout the Region. Bridge work, pavement, membrane, freeway closures, night work, guardrails.

PMRNRD (Eric Williams) - NEAT Study Steering committee meeting is this afternoon with final report to be completed before the end of the year. Platt River Bridge trail - NRD interested in getting plans finalized and working to be on the january letting. Beltline trail is not federal aid - it connects to North Omaha trail which is celebrating its completion with a tree planting - extensions are still in the works to improve connectivity in this neighborhood.

Sarpy County (Denny Wilson) - A number of projects in design phase. Schram Rd. by the Google complex. DOT has been working on 150th st and signals. Economic development projects tied to Gretna on Sarpy County Roads. Not a lot of information just now. Numerous bridge projects underway and in various stages from minimally paved to still in design phase. Country bridge match committee met a week and a half ago - October 14th release the RFP - dec 9th submission date.

City of Omaha (Krista Wassennar) - update on projects and RFW  
156th st will be bidding soon - advertising next week. Grover will be coming soon after. Baby Bob - getting into the January letting - working out some kinks as we get closer to bidding. Construction of that is contingent on CWS. Farnam roundabouts design RFP coming out very soon. OSA will be putting out the streetcar final design in November. RFQ for the streetcar CMGC will be coming.

## **H. Additional Business**

Reminders - don't leave without your calendars.

Joint TTAC/RPAC meeting in December

Todd Pfitzer motioned to adjourn, Pat Dowse seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:55.

## Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, October 27, 2022**
- **TTAC-RPAC Joint Meeting: Friday, December 2, 2022**

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