

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

December 8, 2022

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chair Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Officers Present

Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
Pete Festersen	Omaha City Council
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Douglas Kindig – Chair	NE Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Jacquelyn Morrison (rep. Jean Stothert)	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Chris Rodgers	Douglas County Commissioner
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Jim Warren	Sarpy County Commissioner

Members/Officers Absent

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Carol Vinton – Vice Chair	IA Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)

MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson	Court Barber	Christina Brownell	Lindsey Button	Josh Corrigan	Sue Cutsforth
Matt Eash	Michael Helgerson	Carlos Morales	Elizabeth Zeller		

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the December 8, 2022 meeting agenda – (Action)

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Warren to approve the agenda of the December 8, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the October 27, 2022 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Walsh to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh, Warren

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, activities and events including: MAPA's recent team-building staff retreat; MAPA received three PRSA Nebraska Awards of Merit for the 2021 Annual Report, Moving Forward newsletter & the Heartland 2050 Baby Steps Giant Leap video; redevelopment work continues on Transformation Hill on the former Dana College campus in Blair, NE; funding continues for the Pottawattamie County Housing Trust Fund projects; Thriving Communities program update; Digital Equity Act and regional funding committee updates.

b. Federal Certification Review Report – Justin Luther, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Mr. Luther presented to the Board MAPA's Federal Certification Review report. On May 17 - 18, 2022, the FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted the certification review of the transportation planning process for the Omaha, NE urbanized area. This final report summarized the status of planning areas, provided an overview of review findings and highlighted noteworthy practices. The report included several recommendations for the TMA to improve the current transportation planning process. A summary was provided of commendations and recommendations. Based on

this review and ongoing oversight by FHWA and FTA, the transportation planning process carried out in the Omaha, Nebraska Transportation Management Area is certified as meeting the requirements as described in 23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613 through September 30, 2026.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (ACTION)

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the November 30, 2022 meeting.
2. CONTRACT AMENDMENT -
 - a. Pacific Junction (20PJUN01) Amendment 4 - extension of time to April 23, 2023

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Rodgers to approve all items on the consent agenda.

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 2023-09: FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT # 3 – (ACTION)
Mr. Barber presented to the board for approval Resolution 2023 – 09: FY 2023 TIP Amendment #3; which included changes to two NDOT projects and updates to Metro Transit’s 5307 and 5339 programs.

MOTION by Warren, SECOND by Hike, to approve Resolution 2023 – 09: FY 2023 TIP Amendment #3.

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. NEW CONTRACTS – (ACTION)
Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the new contracts listed below.
 - a. Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC Lobbyist Agreement 2023 – 2024; \$12,000.00 per year
 - b. Resolution 2023 – 10: Fort Crook Road Corridor Study Program Agreement - \$145,000.00

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Rodgers, to approve the contract with Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC Lobbyist Agreement for 2023 – 2024; and Resolution 2023 – 10: Fort Crook Road Corridor Study Program Agreement.

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. TRAVEL – (ACTION)
 - a. National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) National Conference of Regions, Washington, D.C. – January 23 - 25, 2023 (2 Staff , 3 Board Members) – \$10,497.50

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Hike to approve the travel for 2 staff and 3 board members to attend the NARC National Conference of Regions in Washington, D.C., January 23 - 25, 2023.

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers,, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. TRAFFIC DATA SUMMARY – (INFORMATION)

Mr. Corrigan presented to the Board the findings of the Biennial Regional Traffic Patterns Report. This report aggregates traffic count data and adjusts it to a regional dataset. Data included top traffic interchanges and intersections in the region; as well as regional traffic patterns, freight data and multimodal data.

I. DISCUSSION –

1. FORMATION OF REGIONAL FUNDING COMMITTEE - Information

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on the feedback from the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) & Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) on the formation of a regional funding committee.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.