

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY + REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEES



Friday, December 2, 2022 | 10:00a

Omaha Public Library Milton Abrahams Branch, 5111 N 90th Street, Omaha

AGENDA

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. Approval of the Minutes from the October 21, 2022 meeting (2.5 min)

TTAC Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

B. Amendment 3 to the FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program (5 min)

Court Barber will present the amendment, which includes changes to two NDOT projects and updates to Metro Transit's 5307 and 5339 programs.

MAPA requests a recommendation to approve this amendment to the Board of Directors.

For RPAC Approval

C. Approval of the Minutes from the October 7, 2022 meeting (2.5 min)

TTAC + RPAC Joint Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

D. Formation of a Regional Funding Committee (40 min)

Court Barber will present the proposed makeup of the committee along with its powers and responsibilities.

MAPA seeks a recommendation from both committees to the Board of Directors whether to pursue the formation of this committee.

Discussion Items

E. MAPA Certification Review Report (15 min)

Justin Luther with FHWA Nebraska will present the report from MAPA's review.

F. Regional Housing Affordability (15 min)

Meridith Dillon and Eva Roberts with Front Porch Investments will present about how their organization is working to support affordable housing options in our region.

G. Traffic Data Presentation (less than 15 min)

Josh Corrigan from MAPA will provide a brief overview of the 2019-2020 Traffic Reports.

H. Additional Business

Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, December 8, 2022**
- **Coordinated Transit Committee: January 18, 2023**
- **Transportation Technical Advisory Committee: January 20, 2023**
- **Regional Planning Advisory Committee: February 3, 2023**

*Meeting Quorum: The presence of ten (10) members of TTAC at an officially called meeting shall constitute a quorum.
The participation of two thirds of the membership of voting members of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum.
The vote of a simple majority plus one of members present shall decide questions brought before the Committee.*

Agenda Item A

Meeting Minutes

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/PPAC 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.

Agenda Item B

FY2023 TIP Amendment 3

FY2023 TIP Amendment 3

Effective Date 12/08/2022

ONEDOT STIP Approval Date

ONEDOT STIP Approval Letter

MAPA Board Resolution

NDOT Approval

Revisions

OLA	Project Name	Description	Details
Document Revision			
		Metro Transit's 5307 and 5339 Programs of Projects are updated for FY2023, including changes to funding for all project categories. See the updated tables at https://mapacog.knack.com/2023-transportation-improvement-program#fta-sections-5307--5339/	view
Funding Increase			
Metro	24th Street Transit Corridor Design	\$560,000 of Other Discretionary funding programmed in FY2023 for PE-NEPA-FD and \$1,600,000 of Other Discretionary funding programmed in FY2023 for PE-NEPA-FD; these increases reflect two discretionary federal-aid awards received by Metro: Areas of Persistent Poverty (AOPP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE), respectively	view
Funding Source Change			
NDOT	HSIP-80-9(124)	\$308,000 of NHPP funding programmed in FY2023 for UTIL-CON-CE; HSIP funding for UTIL-CON-CE in FY2023 decreased from \$4,872,000 to \$4,839,000	view
Project Description Update			
NDOT	US-275/72nd St, Omaha	Description updated to clarify intersection work will be performed and update the length of the project to 1.02mi.	view

Agenda Item C

RPAC Minutes

**(no attachment for TTAC
packet)**

Agenda Item D

Formation of a Regional Funding Committee

**Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Regional Funding Committee Bylaws**

Adopted:

DRAFT 11/21/2022

ARTICLE I – ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

The name of this committee shall be the Regional Funding Committee of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.

Section 2: Origin

The Committee is an appointed group composed of members of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC), Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC), and Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC) of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency. These committees will hereinafter be referred to as the Parent Committees.

Section 3: Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the MAPA Board of Directors on project selection for federally-funded projects within the MAPA Transportation Management Area (TMA). The Committee, composed of members of the parent committees and associated stakeholders, will select projects for federal funding programs which advance regional development and infrastructure priorities.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to guide MAPA staff and its Board of Directors on allocating federal aid funding to projects within the TMA region. The Committee will, with guidance from MAPA staff, evaluate project applications and make formal recommendations to the Board of Directors on how to allocate regionally-apportioned federal funds.

ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Membership

A. Composition: There shall be 15 voting members of the Committee. Members shall be individuals representing jurisdictions or organizations with direct responsibility of construction or maintenance of transportation infrastructure, public health activities, education initiatives, economic development, and/or advocacy of transportation infrastructure enhancements. Representatives from private, for-profit organizations cannot be members of the Committee.

The Committee shall be comprised of members of the Parent Committees in accordance with the following:

- Five (5) members shall be appointed by the TTAC
 - One (1) member must be from Metro Transit
 - One (1) member must be from a jurisdiction or organization in Iowa
 - One (1) member must be from the City of Omaha
 - Two (2) members must be from jurisdictions or organizations not listed above

- Five (5) members shall be appointed by the RPAC
 - RPAC members who are also TTAC members cannot be nominated
- Three (3) members shall be appointed by the CTC
- Two (2) members from the public at large shall be appointed by MAPA staff

B. Terms of Appointment: Members shall be appointed by the members of the Parent Committees according to Article II, Section 1-A of these bylaws. Appointment shall be for two years commencing on the date of the first meeting after the Parent Committees select their representatives. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for reappointment.

The Parent Committees will appoint new members to the Committee as vacancies occur.

- C. Responsibilities: The Committee shall be responsible for:
1. Reviewing project applications and making funding recommendations for programs managed by MAPA, or programs where MAPA provides input;
 2. Determining methodology for the evaluation of project applications;
 3. Assisting with the development, maintenance, and updating of MAPA studies as they relate to making funding decisions in the region;
 4. Assisting in the preparation of the MAPA Transportation Improvement Program;
 5. Assisting in the preparation of the MAPA Long Range Transportation Plan;
 6. Ensuring that the social, economic, and environmental impacts of projects are considered during the MPO planning process; and
 7. Carrying out duties as directed by the Parent Committees.

Section 2: Officers

A. Appointment/Election of Officers:

1. Committee Chairperson

The Committee Chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Committee. Should a vacancy occur, members of the Committee shall elect a new Chairperson as soon as possible to serve out the term. The Vice Chairperson shall take over duties of the Chairperson until the vacancy is filled.

2. Committee Vice Chairperson

The Committee Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Committee. Should a vacancy occur, members of the Committee shall elect a new Vice Chairperson as soon as possible to serve out the term. In the event that the Committee Chairperson cannot attend the meeting, the Vice Chairperson will assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson.

3. Temporary Chairperson

In the event that both the Chair and Vice Chair cannot attend a meeting, MAPA Staff will assume responsibility for conducting a meeting.

B. Terms of Office: The committee officers shall serve two-year terms concurrent with the appointment of the committee. These offices are eligible for re-election and are not subject to term limits.

C. Duties of Officers:

The Chairperson shall call and preside at all meetings of the Committee. The Chairperson shall review agendas, provide communication between the committee and the MAPA Board of Directors, and represent the Committee in the other usual duties of the office.

The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in their absence and shall perform other duties as the Chairperson may assign.

Section 3: MAPA Staff Liaison

The Executive Director of MAPA, or designee, shall assign staff to assist and advise the Committee in carrying out the purposes set forth in these bylaws.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1: Date and Time of Meetings

The Committee shall have regular meetings occurring at least twice annually, typically once in the spring and once in the fall. The regular meeting dates and times shall be established by the Committee at its initial meeting, subject to change at a later date if necessary. The Chairperson shall call special meetings as needed.

Section 2: Notice of Meetings

The notice of meetings shall be emailed to committee members at least seven days in advance of the meeting date whenever possible. The agenda, minutes, and other materials shall be emailed with the meeting notice whenever practical.

Section 3: Quorum and Voting

The presence of nine voting members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a simple majority of members present shall decide questions brought before the Committee. Each member will be entitled to one vote for each item in question with the exception of the TTAC representatives from the City of Omaha and Metro Transit. In the interest of providing more proportional representation, the TTAC representatives from the City of Omaha and Metro Transit will each have the voting power of two members rather than one. The Chairperson will be considered as part of the quorum and shall vote.

If voting members are unable to attend the Committee meeting in person, they must make arrangements with the MAPA Staff Liaison to participate via conference call or they may

designate an alternate representative who shall possess their voting privileges for the designated meeting. See Section 5 of Article III for more information on alternates.

Section 4: Operating Rules

Meetings of the Regional Funding Committee shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5: Absences

Voting members who are not able to attend a meeting can send an alternate in their stead, but must notify MAPA staff and the committee chairperson a minimum of one week in advance in order to prepare the alternate for the topics that will be discussed. Absences not filled by an alternate will be considered unexcused. Two unexcused absences shall be cause for consideration of removal from the Committee.

Section 6: Meeting Participation

The Chairperson shall have authority to limit discussion by non-members in order to transact the business before the committee.

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1: Procedures for Amending Bylaws

Amendments to these Bylaws can be initiated by the Committee, the Parent Committees, MAPA Staff, or the MAPA Board of Directors. In all cases, MAPA Staff shall develop a presentation of the changes and draft the amended bylaws. The draft bylaws shall be reviewed by the Committee and the Parent Committees. A recommendation of whether to adopt the amended bylaws shall be provided by the Committee, forwarded to the Parent Committees, and the Parent Committees shall provide a recommendation of whether to adopt the amended bylaws to MAPA's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review the amended bylaws and the recommendations and decide by resolution whether to formally adopt the amended bylaws.

Adopted this 23rd day of February, 2023

Doug Kindig, Chairperson
MAPA Board of Directors