## TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Friday, July 21, 2023 | **09:00a - 11:30a**Boardroom - Main Level of the Metro Transit Building

#### **AGENDA**

#### **Action Items**

For TTAC Approval

#### A. Approval of the Minutes from the May 19 and June 16, 2023 meetings

#### B. TAP-C Bylaws Update

Court Barber will present changes to the bylaws focused on incorporating selection of Carbon Reduction Program projects.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

#### C. Amendment 3 to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Court Barber will present the amendment, which includes the addition of projects sponsored by NDOT, the PMRNRD, the City of Bellevue, and the City of Omaha.

#### D. Coordinated Transit Plan - Limited English Proficiency

Travis Halm will present an addition to the Coordinated Transit Plan on Limited English Proficiency demographics and resources available to persons in the region.

#### E. Amendment 10 to the FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Court Barber will present the amendment, which includes changes to two projects sponsored by the City of Council Bluffs and one project sponsored by the City of Carter Lake.

#### **Discussion Items**

#### F. Urbanized Area Boundary Update

Josh Corrigan will present changes included in the update.

#### G. MAPA Public Participation Plan

Laura Heilman will present the plan, which includes methods and procedures for involving the public in planning and decision making at MAPA.



#### **Project Selection Workshop**

- H. Review of Previous Selection Criteria & Process
- I. Future Project Selection

#### **Future Meetings & Events**

- MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, July 27, 2023
- TTAC Meeting: Friday, August 18, 2023
- Heartland 2050 Summit: TBD August 2023
- Council of Officials/MAPA Annual Dinner: Wednesday, October 04, 2023

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



## Agenda Item A

**Meeting Minutes** 

## TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Friday, May 19, 2023 | 10:00a Boardroom - Main Level of the Metro Transit Building

#### **Attendance**

#### **MINUTES**

In attendance:

TTAC Voting Members

David Goedeken - City of Bellevue

Kristine Stokes - City of Gretna

Austin Rowser - City of Omaha

Jeff Riesselman - City of Omaha

Mike Kleffner - City of Papillion

Dan Kutielek - Douglas County

Lauren Cencic - Metro

Craig Wacker - NDOT

Tim Weander - NDOT

Eric Williams - PMRNRD

#### TTAC Non Voting Members & Guests

Krista Wassenaar - City of Omaha (alternate)

\*Brian Guy (alternate)

Sherri Levers - Metro (alternate)

Maurice Hinchey - NDOT (alternate)

Damion Stern - NDOT (alternate)

\*Kaine McClelland - NDOT

Jessica Smith - Benesch

Mark Tuch - Burns & McDonnell

Lee Myers - AARP

\*Bart Pugh - Schemmer

\*Kara Kosiski - Olsson

\*Jeremy Williams - HDR

\*Chris Rolling - Olsson

\*Ngani Ndimbie - High Street

#### **MAPA Staff**

Carlos Morales Michael Blank

Travis Halm

**Lindsey Button** 

\*Jim Boerner

\*Attended virtually. Voting members are not eligible to vote while attending virtually and do not count for quorum. Neither the Chairperson nor Vice Chairperson were in attendance.

Morales called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

#### **Action Items**

For TTAC Approval

#### A. Approval of the Minutes from the April 21, 2023 meeting

Kleffner motioned to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Wassenaar. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. TTAC Chairperson Nominations & Election**

Current nominees are Todd Pfitzer and Dennis Wilson



Krista nominated Mike Kleffner. Kleffner accepted the nomination.

No additional information was provided from either Todd Pfitzer or Dennis Wilson on their willingness to participate, however, both have been long term members of TTAC in good standing, and have served in the role of Vice Chair and Chairperson respectively.

Rowser motioned to elect Todd Pfitzer as the new chairperson of TTAC. Seconded by Kutilek. Motion passed with 9 votes in favor.

#### C. TTAC Vice-Chairperson Nominations & Election

Vice Chair nominations include Eric Williams, Dennis Wilson, and Austin Rowser. Morales opened the floor for additional nominations. Weander nominated Mike Kleffner. Kleffner accepted the nomination.

No additional discussion.

Cencic motioned to elect Eric Williams as vice-chairperson of TTAC. Seconded by Wacker. Motion failed with 5 in favor.

Rowser motioned to elect Mike Kleffner as vice-chairperson of TTAC. Seconded by Stokes. Motion passed with 6 in favor.

#### D. Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC) Membership Recommendation

Halm presented on the CTC membership. The CTC is a subcommittee of TTAC whose membership is adjusted and approved by the CTC on an annual basis. Per committee bylaws the TTAC chairperson must sign off on the CTC membership list. Voting membership and non-voting membership lists were presented. Halm asked for a recommendation that the Chair sign off on the membership list.

Kleffner made a motion to approve the CTC membership list. Seconded by Rowser. Motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

#### E. FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Amendment

Carlos Morales presented a budget amendment to the FY 2023 UPWP. This amendment serves as an annual reconciliation of MAPA's work program with actual program costs, balancing staff work effort based on actual expenditures. It also adjusts work activities and effort anticipated through June 30. Several contracting opportunities are anticipated during FY2023, including the City of Omaha Active Mobility Study, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Little Steps and TDM programs, and 5310 Subrecipients.

Weander motioned to approve the budget amendment to the FY2023 UPWP as presented. Kleffner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### F. Final MAPA FY2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Carlos Morales presented the FY2024 UPWP. The draft UPWP was presented at the April meeting. Updates to the draft include incorporating comments from state and federal partners regarding complete streets, final planning subrecipients, updated contracting projections for Safe Streets for All (changes to project timeline), and updated to include a new contract for Missouri River Multimodal Bridge Study, which will be conducted with private funds. Total activities did not change. Subcontracts went down by approximately \$1 mill, which is reflected in the change in the overall budget.

Stokes motioned to approve the FY2024 UPWP as presented. Seconded by Cencic. Motion passed unanimously.



#### G. Draft FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Michael Blank presented the draft HY2024 TIP, including a demonstration of fiscal constraint and a request to open a public comment period. The Draft TIP includes no new regional projects. Tables show fiscal constraint through 2029.

Kleffner made a motion to recommend opening of the 30 day comment period for the FY 2024 Draft TIP to the MAPA board. Seconded by Kutilek. Motion passed unanimously.

Williams asked if there would be an additional action item at TTAC following the public comment period before TTAC is set to vote on final approval of the FY2024 TIP. Morales noted that the TIP will be presented to TTAC at the end of June for final approval. Call for projects for the next TIP will open this fall.

#### H. Amendment 8 to the FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Michael Blank presented Amendment 8 to the FY 2023 TIP. This amendment included the changes below;

- The FTA Section 5310 Program is updated with new vehicle cost estimates. A small transit bus awards slated for delivery between 2021 and 2026 are increased from ~\$70,000 to \$83,000 and all lowered floor minivan awards slated for delivery between 2021 and 2026 are increased from ~\$40,000 to \$75,000; the total program impact is an increase of project costs in the amount of \$648,740
- The City of Omaha's Levi Carter Park Trail is decreasing TAP funding from UTIL-CON-CE in FY2025 from \$1,587,000 to \$1,107,000; STBG funding in this category for FY2025 increased from \$0 to \$480,000. This change shifts STBG funding from the Applewood Creek Trail project in order to maintain fiscal constraint og TAP due to that project being fully funded with TAP funding.
- The City of Carter Lake's Walking and Bike Trail project location description is changed to: In the City of Carter Lake: trail connecting existing trail segments at N 5th St., Redick Blvd, Q Avenue, and Hessman Dr, N 17th St. and Corene Blvd, N13th St.

Kleffner made a motion to approve the amendment. Seconded by Rowser. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion Items**

#### I. Carbon Reduction Strategy Follow-Up Discussion

Craig Wacker of NDOT discussed the State's Carbon Reduction Program. This program brings in \$9 million to the State of Nebraska over 6 years. All eligibility guidance has been written very broadly so NDOT is still working through it. As a requirement of this program, NDOT is in development of their Carbon Reduction Strategy and just completed one on one consultations with the MPOs. NDOT is looking for ways to reduce the carbon footprint in the State of Nebraska and talked to MPOs about how they will be planning to spend their apportionment. MAPA's apportionment is around \$2 mill/yr.

The easiest eligibility is that anything eligible for TAP is eligible for CRP. Some CMAQ programs are also eligible for CRP, but not all. NDOT is looking pretty heavily at the use of sustainable pavements and recyclable materials, as this is listed as an eligible project if you can prove that you are going above and beyond your typical practices. Unfortunately, Nebraska is one of the leading states in the use of sustainable pavements, which means the typical practice is one of the best out there. NDOT is going to look for a way to not publish themselves for above standard practices and find a way to use funds for sustainable mixes. NDOT will be discussing with local communities to see what the local practices are in pavement. If it's not equivalent to NDOT, they will be trying to utilize this as an argument for a lowered typical practice. NDOT has bought out small community funds, so has a lot of funds that need to be spent. Lincoln and MAPA were the only funds not bought out.

MAPA and communities can utilize CRP for a broad range of activities including supplementing the TAP program, standard paving projects if sustainability of materials is increased, replacing incandescent lighting with LEDs, etc. NDOT challenged the MPOs to look through the TIP and find projects that are already in there that may be eligible. NDOT's priority is to ensure funds are let on time, and may not be able to spend funds on new projects until later.



years, so are looking for projects already in the federal aid pipeline. MAPA developed a list of TIP projects that could be eligible for CRP and provided this list to NDOT.

NDOT will be trying to make their case as best they can and any assistance the local members can make will be appreciated. NDOT will be reaching out to ask about current mixes used by the jurisdictions.

Kleffner asked if pavement sealers and things like that would be an option. Wacker is unsure. When NDOT started asking questions to FHWA they came back and said NDOT would have to send a specific project that proves the new project is more carbon emission reduction than what you would typically do. They won't give us a yes or no on a programmatic level, but will say yes on lighting and TAP projects. In later years they'll start putting together FAQs, and will start being able to weed out what kinds of projects are and are not eligible. It will get easier as the program goes on. Right now it's a case by case basis. NDOT is going to try to make the case for utilization of their current pavement mix under the argument that just because they are currently using best practice doesn't mean they should be penalized and not permitted to spend funds when the same mix could be used in lowa as an eligible project as they are not currently using as sustainable a pavement mix.

Williams asked for clarification on funding amounts; \$2mill to MAPA and \$6mill to the State. Wacker confirmed these funding amounts are provided on an annual basis. Button clarified that because MAPA did not do a call for projects this fiscal year, these funds will roll over into FY2024, and MAPA will have approximately \$4mill available when they open their call for projects in the Fall.

Williams asked for clarification on the timeline of when funds need to be spent given the desire for projects to move quickly. Wacker noted that recipients have 4 years from the start of the bill to obligate the first year of funds. First year of funds must be obligated by Sept 30 2025. Funds come from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Williams clarified that when MAPA opens their call for projects in the Fall, CRP funded projects must be let by September 2025.

Weander commented that this program would require a reduction in the carbon footprint while still utilizing materials that use carbon. Morales clarified that other projects are also eligible, including construction geared towards reducing single occupancy vehicle trips and adding trees to the right of way,

Williams asked for clarification that all TAP projects would be eligible for CRP as well as most CMAQ projects. Wacker and Button confirmed.

Morales clarified that sustainable pavement is the strategy from the State. MAPA will be developing their own priorities as a part of their project selection process with ProSeCom and TAP-C. MAPA has priorities looking at vulnerable road users, projects to come out of active transportation plans and vision zero plans, sidewalk enhancements, and transit. There will be further discussion in the coming months. State priorities do not necessarily reflect MAPA priorities.

Williams appreciated this clarification and emphasized the need to make sure we get projects identified as eligible and moved towards funding.

Morales noted that MAPA shares the States concerns regarding letting projects within the allocated time frame, and is aligned with the State in prioritizing the spending of these funds.

#### J. MAPA Federal Performance Measure Update - Truck & Travel Time Reliability PM3 Update

Michael Blank presented an update on progress towards the 2022-2025 Truck and Travel Time reliability performance measures. MAPA sets its own standards for PM1 and PM3. PM3 looks at travel time reliability for all vehicles across both interstate and non-interstate NHS, and truck travel time reliability on the interstate only.

This progress report is provided to DOT and FHWA division offices and is due June 15th of each year. There is currently only two months of new data available since target setting. Along with performance reporting, this report



also provides a list of future projects which should improve reliability. These projects were provided, along with other Carbon Reduction Program input, during NDOT Carbon Reduction Strategy development.

Blank presented figures of interstate travel time reliability, non-interstate travel time reliability, and truck travel time reliability (interstate only).

Tim noted that queuing of the Interstate on the Iowa side could skew the Nebraska data slightly. Morales clarified that this report includes locations calibrated in the national database. Reliability has been increasing since the pandemic due to more vehicles on the roadway with a dip in December, likely due to Holiday or storm events.

Kleffner asked who is compiling this data. Blank clarified that data is compiled by Jim Boerner, MAPA transportation planner.

Weander asked for clarification on the x axis in the figure presented on truck travel time reliability. Boerner clarified that measures presented are the 50th and 95th percentile of truck traffic. Perfect is 1.0. 1.5 or higher is unreliable, and something we want to stay away from. Of the three measures, the Truck Travel Time Reliability is the most limiting, and the easiest to see that there are needs for improvement.

Kleffner asked about the cause of the spike in Jan of 19 [reduction in truck travel time reliability]. Boerner noted that these spikes are typically weather related. Blizzards and the closure of i-80 would have had an impact here as well. Monthly data is provided to MAPA as a number on a chart that is pulled from the dataset. MAPA has requested additional information. Reliability is often due to construction. Truck reliability is often incident or weather related.

Weander posed a hypothetical question. If the numbers were at 1.5 and above CRP does not allow for the adding of lanes, even though this would reduce idling time and carbon emissions. Wacker clarified that you can't use CRP to add lanes, but that doesn't mean you can't add lanes. Weander asked if making travel time more efficient is part of the carbon reduction program. Wacker noted that a part of it is making travel time more efficient, but they're looking more at urban core/ signal timing etc. Boerner noted that a related strategy MAPA has proposed in discussion with NDOT and lowa DOT is how do we manage incidents and traffic diversions efficiently through the city networks to reduce idling time. Acknowledges our congestion generally is non recurring. Morales provided some contrast in that areas like Chicago and Los Angeles are up around 3 or 4 on the truck travel time reliability Index. Our issues are not consistent / persistent, and are rather non recurring.

#### K. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

Metro (Cencic): no updates

Douglas County (Kutelik): F St improvement hwy 31 is moving forward. Working into phases. Intersection will be phase 1. Second phase asking various participants to tell us when they will have SID funds to afford that project and haven't heard back. 2-3 projects working on with developers. West of 204th on Fort St will be open next week. Lots of development out there, with houses going up at 242nd. Douglas County is working to keep up with developers. Weander asked if the County is responsible for maintenance of the roadway every time SIDs go up, and how are you handling the additional miles? Kutelik noted we count on the city of Omaha annexing. The current mayor is very aggressive in this respect, which solves the problem somewhat. Weander asked if in the winter do you do all your own forces or contract out? Kutelik noted that we use all our own. Kleffner - go into the SIDs for snow removal.

Gretna (Stokes): Lots of development going on. Development is non stop.

Kleffner interrupted to ask another question of Douglas County. Does the County go into the SIDs for snow removal? Kutelik clarified not for maintenance, but yes for snow removal. Williams asked if Gretna could update. Stokes continued.

New stoplight going in around 188th for the new Hy Vee opens June 13th. Gretna Landing is also ongoing.



City of Omaha (Rowser): Starting to hit stride with transportation projects. 156th st project from Dodge and Pacific is paved out quite a ways and closed to traffic while under construction. 108th Blondo to dodge is also closed due to construction. Utility delays but starting to go well. Wassenar noted that the Baby Bob is going to be pushed back a bit due to material supply chain issues but will be starting in October. 42nd St bridges are also happening and should be done at the end of the year. Reissleman added information about the unplanned water main break on center 105th to 108th. Currently westbound is closed with one lane open eastbound. Next week hopefully it will switch to one lane in each direction. The latest update is 12 weeks until completion. They are putting in all new mains as they work through repairs.

NDOT (Weander): upcoming public meeting on 275 and 72nd intersection (Lst and 72nd) to replace the bridge and possibly interchange. NDOT will follow up with specifics for this public meeting. Plans to redo that intersection. Hinchey provided Next month Tim Weander is retiring, and Tom Goodbarn district 1 will be taking over sometime in June.

Papillon (Kleffner): multiple developments ongoing. No other updates.

NDOT (Wacker): NDOT will be putting out a general public survey and stakeholder survey regarding the carbon reduction strategy. You may be getting an email with a link to the stakeholder survey. Also doing a virtual public meeting in the next month or so but it is not yet scheduled. Starting a complete streets project now with the first meeting in July to look at what NDOT can do in terms of complete streets policy, what that looks like for a state agency and what we would like to put into it, what we are currently doing we can put into complete streets. Will do some stakeholder things, but not everything has been finalized as to how this will go. Kickoff in a few months.

PMRNRD (Williams): no updates

Bellevue (Goedeken): Doug Clark has left the city of Bellevue, Dave Goedeken is the new PWKs director. Fort crook road bridge is in the closing stages, with crews currently working on erosion control and sidewalks. Asphalt program approved. Concrete rehab underway. Downtown streetscaping project ongoing to keep up with development in the area.

NDOT (Hinchey): Provided updates on various construction projects throughout the region, including 10-12 bridges on highway 75 undergoing deck repairs and overlay, an overnight closure of 480 on May 31st for installation of a new sign structure, and numerous other bridge and highway improvement and repair projects throughout the region. Stern noted that NDOT will need to discuss project moves with the City of Omaha. NDOT is pushing 132nd st approach replacement 1 year, and other bridges to be pushed.

#### L. Additional Business (time permitting)

Morales provided a reminder that June 14th is the Council of Officials meeting in Fort Calhoun. MAPA will ensure it's on the website, and if not, will share the meeting information with TTAC

Weander noted that Martin Marietta is opening a new pit on the East side of Hwy75 with active work starting on Monday and for the next month they'll be blasting. Will have short term closures on hwy75 in that location with 5-15 minute delay for blasting. This will be ongoing for the next month or so.

Rowser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:14am. Seconded by Weander. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Future Meetings & Events**

- MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, May 25, 2023
- TTAC Meeting: Friday, June 16, 2023



## TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Friday, June 16, 2023 | 10:00a Boardroom - Main Level of the Metro Transit Building

#### **Attendance**

#### **MINUTES**

In attendance:

TTAC Voting Members

Eric Williams (PMRNRD)

Krista K. Wassenaar (Omaha PWks)

Todd Pfitzer (Douglas Co.)

\*Matt Cox (CB PWks)

\*Craig Wacker (NDOT)

Derek Miller (Omaha Plng)

Mike Kleffner (Papillion)

Tim Weander (NDOT D2)

Lauren Cencic (Metro Transit)

Austin Rowser (Omaha PWks)

TTAC Non Voting Members & Guests

Bryan Guy (Omaha PWks)

Maurice Hinchey (NDOT D2)

Sherri Levers (Metro Transit)

Kara Kosiski (Olsson)

Bart Pugh (Schemmer)

MAPA Staff

Carlos Morales

Jim Boerner

Court Barber

Michael Blank

Mike Helgerson

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The meeting did not reach quorum.

Pfitzer called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

#### **Action Items**

For TTAC Approval

#### A. Approval of the Minutes from the May 19, 2023 meeting

Pfitzer and Barber brought up the minutes, no problems were found.

#### B. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Committee

Barber presented MAPA's proposal for how to select projects under the Carbon Reduction Program. He brought up the history of CRP, the basics of its procedures, and the options for how to address it moving forward. The three main options are to either create a new CRP committee, place CRP funding under TAP-C, or place CRP funding under ProSeCom. CRP funding has roughly the same amount as TAP-C funding, its federal eligibility is similar to that of TAP-C, and its requirements are similar to TAP-C.



Kleffiner discussed with Barber about the requirements of CRP, and what projects are typically under the program. Barber brought up that MAPA is putting criteria together right now, and we will reach out to members of ProSeCom and TAP-C, likely through a survey, to gauge what the requirements should be.

Williams asked about the next steps to put CRP funding under TAP-C if we go that route, which was answered by Barber. Barber also brought up that we could just gauge general approval amongst TTAC members here today, and then put together a new draft TAP-C bylaws that includes CRP funding, and put that up for voting at the next TTAC meeting.

Weander asked about using CRP funding for traffic engineering to improve the flow of vehicles. Barber responded that it can, but if need be TAP-C could discuss and decide this, TAP-C does have a traffic engineer amongst its voting committee so it has the expertise to decide this amongst other CRP project options.

Wacker mentioned that CRP will not be running the same way as TAP-C on the state level in terms of how money is allocated, but rather like STBG in that there will not be a call for projects.

Pfitzer clarified that generally there is support amongst TTAC to place CRP under TAP-C.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

#### C. Amendment 3 to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Barber presented the amendment, which included the addition of projects sponsored by NDOT, the PMRNRD, the City of Bellevue, and the City of Omaha.

#### D. Final FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Barber presented the final program, which included a demonstration of fiscal constraint and a request for recommending approval of the document.

#### E. Amendment 9 to the FY2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Blank presented the amendment, which included changes to a project sponsored by NDOT and the addition of two projects sponsored by the City of Omaha.

Weander brought up the importance of the NDOT project, and that he hopes the Board approves the Amendment.

Rowser asked about what happens if the Board doesn't approve the Amendment when it comes to the streetscape project and the federal funding allocated toward it. Barber clarified how some of this works, but noted that ultimately it may come down to how FHWA decides this. Ultimately though, the project needs to be in the TIP, and if the Board doesn't approve it, then the federal funding would be put on pause.

Pfitzer asked about what types of projects need to be included in the TIP, which was clarified by Barber and Morales that since the Omaha project has federal funding it should be in the TIP. Transportation projects that have a major impact on the urban region should also be in the TIP to show coordination between MPOs and member jurisdictions.

Overall, TTAC found no issues with the Amendment.

#### Discussion Items

#### F. Safety Report

Boerner presented on the regional progress towards the current PM1 safety targets for MAPA.



Boerner and Helgerson clarified PM1s and its association with funding, and that at the moment MPOs do not run the risk of having limitations on funding allocations if they don't meet their PM1 targets like States, however it's possible this may change in the future.

Williams asked for clarification about the steps and requirements of a comprehensive safety action plan and SS4A, which was answered by Boerner and Helgerson.

#### G. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

Hinchey discussed the many projects NDOT is currently working on within the metro area, and some projects that are nearing completion.

Pfitzer noted a project over the Elkhorn for Douglas County, as well as ongoing NEPA work. 168th street work is one of Douglas County's first online bid processes.

Rowser noted ongoing bridge work, and the ongoing signal master plan for Omaha. Ongoing projects to upgrade substandard streets to city standards.

Williams discussed upcoming planning and trial work by PMRNRD, as well as safety improvements to some of the trails within the metro region.

Cencic mentioned that Metro has been rapidly increasing their staffing size, and that Metro has returned almost all their services to pre-COVID amounts. Currently Metro has been able to have a good amount of bus drivers, but still needs more mechanics.

Helgerson mentioned that Omaha is developing a climate action plan for the region, and that MAPA has been in discussion with Omaha about how to support them for this. The timeline for this is over the next 18 months to have some form of deliverable. Currently transportation and energy are the two biggest contributors to climate change in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.

#### H. Additional Business (time permitting)

Kleffiner and Barber discussed next steps for approval of committee membership.

Helgerson and Pfitzer brought up that this is the last meeting for Weander, and congratulated him on his efforts within the MAPA region.

Barber brought up and addressed the upcoming TTAC Meeting/Project Selection Criteria Workshop on July 21, 2023, and asked whether to have one meeting that is 2 hours during TTAC time, or two separate meetings. Kleffiner noted that if it is a 2 hour meeting that it's better to have that in the afternoon. Pfitzer brought up that maybe it's better to have TTAC start earlier at 9 and then have 2 hours to do with everyone in one room.

Pfitzer ended the meeting at 11:27 am.

#### **Future Meetings & Events**

- MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, July 27, 2023
- TTAC Meeting/Project Selection Criteria Workshop: Friday, July 21, 2023 (likely a 2 hour block)

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



# Agenda Item B TAP-C Bylaws Update



#### **Metropolitan Area Planning Agency**

## **Transportation Alternatives Program Committee Bylaws**

#### ARTICLE I – ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

#### **Section 1: Name**

The name of this committee shall be the Transportation Alternatives Program Committee of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency.

#### **Section 2: Origin**

This committee is a sub-committee of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency.

#### **Section 3: Purpose**

The purpose of the Transportation Alternatives Program Committee (TAP-C) is to advise TTAC, committee members, and associated stakeholders on transportation activities in the MAPA region, related plans, programs, policies, and procedures for non-single occupancy vehicle (SOV) modes. Specific programs for which the TAP-C may provide input include, but are not limited to, the Transportation Alternatives Program, the Carbon Reduction Program, and the Surface Transportation Program.

#### **ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION**

#### **Section 1: Membership**

#### A. Composition

Committee membership shall be recommended to the Chairperson of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee for appointment in accordance with the following:

- a. Status as a local governmental entity in the MAPA region,
- b. Jurisdiction with authority over maintenance and construction of alternative transportation infrastructure,
- c. Advocate for alternative transportation modes,
- d. Provider of non-motorized vehicle safety education,
- e. Representative of public health agencies or organizations,
- f. User of multimodal transportation network.

There shall be 18 voting members of the Transportation Alternatives Committee. Members shall be individuals representing jurisdictions or organizations that have a direct responsibility for construction or maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, recreational trails, public health activities, public transit activities, education initiatives, and/or advocacy for alternative transportation modes. Agencies and organizations will be limited to one voting member, except for the City of Omaha which may have up to three (3) voting members because of its size.

Voting members who are not able to attend meetings shall be allowed to send a proxy or attend the meeting via conference call and vote by that method.

#### **B.** Terms of Appointment

Appointment shall be for two years commencing July 1 to coincide with the MAPA fiscal year. Committee members shall be eligible for reappointment. Committee members shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee.

Appointments to fill vacancies on the Transportation Alternatives Program Committee will be made by the chairperson of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee as vacancies occur.

#### C. Responsibilities

The Transportation Alternatives Program Committee shall:

- 1. Review and make recommendations pertaining to alternative transportation planning and policy;
- 2. Determine methodology for the evaluation and selection of Transportation Alternatives Program and Carbon Reduction Program funding applications;
- 3. Assist with the development, maintenance, and update of MAPA studies related to alternative modes of transportation;
- 4. Carry out duties as directed by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee;
- 5. Assist in the preparation of the MAPA Transportation Improvement Program;
- 6. Assist in the preparation of the MAPA Long Range Transportation Plan;
- Ensure that the social, economic, and environmental impacts of transportation alternatives and carbon reduction projects are considered during the MPO planning process.

#### **Section 2: Officers**

#### A. Appointment/Election of Officers:

1. Transportation Alternatives Program Committee Chairperson

The Committee Chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Transportation Alternatives Program Committee. The elected Chairperson must be approved by the TTAC Chairperson at the beginning of each fiscal year. A vacancy in this office shall be filled by election after the vacancy occurs and must be approved by the TTAC Chairperson.

2. Transportation Alternatives Program Committee Vice Chairperson

The Committee Chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Transportation Alternatives Program Committee. The elected Vice Chairperson must be approved by the TTAC Chairperson at the beginning of each fiscal year. A vacancy in this office shall be filled by election after the vacancy occurs and must be approved by the TTAC Chairperson.

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 MAPA fiscal year. 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 Transportation Alternatives Program Committee. The Chairperson shall review agendas, provide communication between the committee and the MAPA Transportation Technical Advisory Committee 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 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 Transportation Alternatives Program Committee shall have regular meetings occurring at least twice annually quarterly. The regular meeting date and time 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 five voting members of the Transportation Alternatives Program Committee shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a simple majority of members present shall decide questions brought before the Committee. 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 a proxy representative who shall possess their voting privileges for the designated meeting.

#### **Section 4: Operating Rules**

Meetings of the Transportation Alternatives Program Committee shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

#### **Section 5: Absences**

Any Committee participant who will be absent from a meeting shall have the right to designate a representative to serve in their place. Three 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**

Committee.	ai Advisory
Adopted this day of, 2023	

Todd Pfitzer, Chairperson

MAPA Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

Agenda Item C
2050 Long Range
Transportation Plan
Amendment 3

#### 2050 LRTP Amendment 3

June 2023



#### **Summary of Changes**

Updated four projects to align with cost increases:

State	LRTP ID	Lead Agency	Project Name	Current Project Cost	Updated Project Cost
NE	928	Regional	Grouped Projects - Nebraska Planning	\$2,120,000	\$24,000,000
NE	600	Gretna	Gretna to Wehrspann Trail	\$666,000	\$1,000,000
NE	565	Bellevue	36th Street Phase II	\$11,913,000	\$20,000,000
NE	586	PMRNRD	US Highway 34 Bike and Walking Trail Phase 2	\$3,500,000	\$4,500,000

Added four projects identified through local planning efforts since the adoption of the LRTP:

State	Lead Agency	Project Name	Project Cost
NE	NDOT	HSIP-80-9(124)	\$6,500,000
NE	Omaha	24th Street Streetscape Improvements	\$5,600,000
NE	Omaha	Blackstone Streetscape Improvements	\$3,720,000
NE	Bellevue	Bellevue Streetscape Improvements	TBD

An updated list of all new projects is attached to this summary.

#### Tables Affected (see attached for a list of updated tables)

- P. 6-22 Summary of Regionally Significant Roadway and Bikeway Projects
- P. 6-24 Nebraska Short-Term Projects
- P. 6-36 Iowa Short-Term Projects
- P. 6-51 All Tables



#### Anticipated Federal Revenues

#### Nebraska

Figures in \$1,000s

Funding Category 1	Annual Average	Short-Term (2021-2030)	Mid-Term (2031-2040)	Long-Term (2041-2050)	Total
CMAQ (NE)	\$1,225.00	\$8,857.00	\$11,901.00	\$16,000.00	\$36,758.00
Earmark (NE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HSIP (NE)	\$2,258.00	\$17,871.00	\$21,782.00	\$28,079.00	\$67,732.00
NHPP (NE)	\$30,964.00	\$484,326.00	\$429,992.00	\$524,157.00	\$1,438,475.00
PL	\$7,417.00	\$15,343.00	\$17,166.00	\$20,925.00	\$53,434.00
STBG-HBP (NE)	\$1,633.00	\$26,809.00	\$15,870.00	\$21,325.00	\$64,004.00
STBG-MAPA (NE)	\$15,071.00	\$200,000.00	\$205,187.00	\$264,436.00	\$669,623.00
STBG-State (NE)	\$7,505.00	\$153,154.00	\$104,222.00	\$127,046.00	\$384,422.00
TAP-MAPA (NE)	\$2,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,870.00	\$21,325.00	\$57,195.00
Total	\$68,073.00	\$926,360.00	\$821,990.00	\$1,023,293.00	\$2,771,643.00

#### Iowa

Figures in \$1,000s

Funding Category 년	Annual Average	Short-Term (2021-2030)	Mid-Term (2031-2040)	Long-Term (2041-2050)	Total
CMAQ (IA)	\$151.00	\$1,691.00	\$2,061.00	\$2,513.00	\$6,265.00
Earmark (IA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HSIP (IA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NHPP (IA)	\$143.00	\$380,000.00	\$1,945.00	\$2,371.00	\$384,316.00
STBG-HBP (IA)	\$714.00	\$7,978.00	\$9,724.00	\$11,854.00	\$29,556.00
STBG-MAPA (IA)	\$3,531.00	\$25,528.00	\$34,308.00	\$46,107.00	\$105,943.00
STBG-State (IA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TAP-MAPA (IA)	\$245.00	\$1,771.00	\$2,380.00	\$3,199.00	\$7,350.00
Total	\$4,784.00	\$416,968.00	\$50,418.00	\$66,044.00	\$533,430.00

#### Summary of Regionally Significant Roadway & Trail Projects

Figures in \$1,000s

State	Short-Term (2021-2030)	Mid-Term (2031-2040)	Long-Term (2041-2050)	Total
Iowa	\$476,728.00	\$134,134	\$178,937.00	\$789,799.00
Nebraska	\$1,752,698.46	\$1,475,560	\$1,605,857.00	\$4,834,115.46
Total	\$2,229,426.46	\$1,609,694	\$1,784,794.00	\$5,623,914.46

#### MAPA Federal-Aid Fiscal Constraint Overview

#### Federal Revenue

Figures in \$1,000s

Revenue Type 년	Short-Term (2021-2030)	Mid-Term (2031-2040)	Long-Term (2041-2050)	Federal Total
lowa	\$416,968.00	\$50,418.00	\$66,044.00	\$533,430.00
Nebraska	\$926,360.00	\$821,990.00	\$1,023,293.00	\$2,771,643.00
Total	\$1,343,328.00	\$872,408.00	\$1,089,337.00	\$3,305,073.00

#### Federal Match

Figures in \$1,000s

State ↓≟	Short-Term (2021-2030)	Mid-Term (2031-2040)	Long-Term (2041-2050)	Total
Iowa	\$82,844.40	\$10,026.24	\$13,208.80	\$106,079.44
Nebraska	\$227,300.73	\$160,826.62	\$200,287.80	\$588,415.15
Total	\$310,145.13	\$170,852.86	\$213,496.60	\$694,494.59

#### **Federal Cost**

Figures in \$1,000s

Type ↓ <u></u>	Short-Term (2021-2030)	Mid-Term (2031-2040)	Long-Term (2041-2050)	Total
lowa	\$331,377.60	\$40,104.96	\$52,835.20	\$424,317.76
Nebraska	\$872,630.77	\$643,997.36	\$802,080.20	\$2,318,708.33

Type ↓ <u>±</u>	Short-Term (2021-2030)	Mid-Term (2031-2040)	Long-Term (2041-2050)	Total
Total	\$1,204,008.37	\$684,102.32	\$854,915.40	\$2,743,026.09

#### Balance

Figures in \$1,000s

Balance ↓≟	Short-Term (2021-2030)	Mid-Term (2031-2040)	Long-Term (2041-2050)	Total
lowa	\$2,746.00	\$286.80	\$0.00	\$3,033
Nebraska	\$16,783.50	\$151,687.02	\$184,906.00	\$353,377
Regional Balance	\$19,529.50	\$151,973.82	\$184,906.00	\$356,409

# Agenda Item D Coordinated Transit Plan Limited English Proficiency

#### APPENDIX I: LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

While most individuals in the United States read, write, speak and understand English, there are many individuals whose primary language is not English. Individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English are considered by federal law to be Limited English Proficient, or "LEP." This language barrier may prevent individuals from accessing services and benefits and may be entitled to language assistance with respect to a particular type or service, benefit, or encounter.

#### Percentage of Limited English Speaking Households in the TMA Washington Dodge Bennington Crescent McClelland Valley Pottawattamie Douglas Waterloo Boys Town Ralston Saunders Rapillion. Gretna Sarpy Springfield % Limited English Speaking Households < %5 5% - 10% Cass 10% - 15% > 15% Source US Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2016 - 2020

2016-20 US	Census Bureau	ACS Five-	Year Fetimates
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	Douglas	Sarpy	Pottawattamie	TOTAL
Speak Only English	443,062	155,668	73,630	672,360
Speak another language, but speak English "very well"	43,861	9,595	2,979	56,535
Speak another language, and speak English "well"	18,332	3,389	1,195	22,916
Speak another language, and speak English "not well"	13,730	1,699	519	15,948
Speak another language, and speak English "not at all"	4,580	256	367	5,203
Percentage that speak another language and speak English less than "very well"	7.00%	3.13%	2.64%	5.70%

Within the MAPA region, much of the LEP population is concentrated in low-income and high-minority areas of the region. The map above illustrates areas in which a disproportionately high number of LEP speakers are concentrated in a particular census tract. These population centers are concentrated largely in the core of the region, with areas in Douglas, Sarpy and urbanized area of Pottawattamie Counties.

#### **Resources for Persons with Limited English Proficiency**

Transit agencies and 5310 specialized service providers utilize resources including Google Translate on their websites, and also have applications and forms available in the Spanish language.

Refugee settlement programs provide resources for persons newly transitioning into life in the Omaha - Council Bluffs area, which includes employment resources and resources to aid in learning transit and other mobility options. Most services and resources available are in the Spanish language, however many refugee settlement and empowerment programs exist in numerous other languages.

- Refugee Empowerment Network: <a href="http://refugeeempowerment.org/">http://refugeeempowerment.org/</a>
- Lutheran Family Services: (part of the Immigration Action Network)
   <a href="https://www.onelfs.org/new-americans/refugee-reception-and-placement/">https://www.onelfs.org/new-americans/refugee-reception-and-placement/</a>
- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Refugee-Resettlement.aspx

#### **Title VI Compliance**

Municipalities which provide transportation services through the 5310 Program are required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. These plans provide information on the municipality's compliance policies and complaint procedures. These municipalities have a form available for the public to initiate the complaint process. Some municipalities within the region have Title VI Complaint Forms available in Spanish.

Agency	LEP Resource	Title VI	Title VI Resources
Metro	Website translated in multiple languages and information provided in Spanish	Available on Website	https://www.ometro.c om/title-vi/
SWITA	Select documents translated to Spanish, and google translate utilized on website	Available on website	https://www.swipco. org/publications/title- vi-compliance-policy- statement/
City of Bellevue	No Spanish speaking materials		
City of Council Bluffs	No Spanish speaking materials	Available on Website	https://www.councilb luffs-ia.gov/860/Title- VI
City of La Vista/Ralston	Signs on buses have some spanish language	Title VI notice is in English and Spanish	https://www.cityoflavi sta.org/DocumentCe nter/View/14123/AD A-Policies?bidId=
City of Papillion	No Spanish speaking materials	Title VI notice on website	https://www.papillion .org/DocumentCenter /View/11960

### Agenda Item E FY2023 TIP Amendment 10

#### FY2023 TIP Amendment 10

**Effective Date** 07/27/2023

Type of Approval Final

**Referring Committee(s)** TTAC, TAP-C

**Committee Recommendation** Pending

**Staff Recommendation** Approve

#### **Background**

The FY2023 TIP was approved by the Board of Directors in June of 2022 and became effective October 1, 2022. Since then several amendments have been needed to accommodate cost and scope changes for projects within.

#### **Revisions**

Lead Agency	<b>Project Name</b>	Description	Details
Funding Increa	ise		
Council Bluffs	City/County Connector Trail	TAP-MAPA funding for UTIL-CON-CE in FY2023 increased from \$490,000 to \$1,130,000.	view
Phase Adjustm	ent		
Carter Lake	Carter Lake Walking and Bike Trail	UTIL-CON-CE moved from FY2023 to FY2024.	view
Council Bluffs	South Expressway Trail, Phase I	PE-NEPA-FD phase moved from FY2023 to FY2026; UTIL-CON-CE phase moved from FY2025 to FY2027.	view

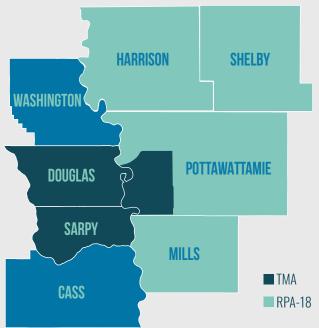
# Agenda Item G MAPA Public Participation Plan

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY MATRIX: MEETINGS**

COMMITTEES	MEETING TIMES	STANDARD ENGAGEMENT	GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES			
Council of Officials  MAPA's governing body, representing each of the governmental units in the MAPA six-county region. Approves the agency's long range plan and sets overall policy.	Four times a year (March, June, October, December) at various times and locations	Subject to open meeting act     Public notice published 4-20 days before     Meeting date published on MAPA webs	MAPA Service Area			
<b>Board of Directors</b> Comprised of elected officials. Meets monthly to carry out policies set by the Council of Officials and oversee agency activities.	The fourth Thursday of every month (except November) at 1:30 pm at MAPA	Agenda and materials sent to members website and at MAPA offices, Minutes p     Social media posts     Final Agenda posted at least 48 hours b				
Finance Committee A committee of the Board of Directors. Monitors the financial status and operation of the agency, including reviewing expenditures and recommending the annual budget.	The third Wednesday of every month (except November) at 8:30 am at MAPA	Emergency Agenda posted less than 48 hours prior to the start time of the meeting at the MAPA office and on the MAPA website; only items deemed as emergency by the MAPA Executive Director (or Committee Chairperson for TAP-C & ProSeCom)will be allowed    TAP-C & ProSeCom   Will be allowed   ProSeCom   P				
MAPA Foundation Board A 501(C)(3) corporation serving as the regional Non-Profit Development Organization (NDO) for Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties. The MAPA Board serves as the MAPA Foundation Board.	Meets as-needed prior to the monthly Board of Directors meetings.					Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Advises and provides technical guidance to the Board of Directors about transportation matters. Comprised of city and county engineers, planners, and public works representatives, as well as engineers from the State of Nebraska and the State of lowa.	Monthly (except November), on the Friday before each MAPA Board meeting at 10 am at MAPA					MAPA TMA
Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)  Advises and provides technical guidance to the Board of Directors about regional planning. Guides the work of the Heartland 2050 Implementation Committees. Includes city and county representatives, implementation committee chairs, representatives from public utilities and the Chamber of Commerce and at-large members.	The first Friday of every other month (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) at 10 am at MAPA					MAPA Service Area
Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC)  A sub-committee of TTAC. Provides oversight and guidance for the Coordinated Transit Plan and project selection for Section 5310 funding. Composed of various health and human service agencies, private and not-for-profit providers, city officials, Metro Transit, and concerned citizens.	Quarterly (Jan, April, July, October) on the third Wednes- day at 10:30 am with additional meetings as necessary					MAPA TMA
<b>Transportation Alternatives Program Committee (TAP-C)</b> A sub-committee of TTAC. Includes planners, engineers, advocates, and staff from local and state jurisdictions. Meets regularly to discuss the process for making awards and reviewing project applications.	Meetings called as needed (2-4 times/year)					
Project Selection Committee (ProSeCom) A sub-committee of TTAC. Meets periodically to develop project selection criteria and review project applications for regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding.						
Heartland Mini-Grant Selection Committees  Meets as needed to review and recomend project applications for the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant program. Includes members from TTAC and RPAC.		None			МАРА ТМА	
Heartland 2050 Implementation Committees Stakeholder committees working in four areas: Equity & Engagement, Housing & Development, Infrastructure and Natural Resources. Committees are open to the public and work to move the Heartland 2050 vision forward. Overseen by RPAC.	Each committee meets on its own schedule	Meeting dates published on Heartland 2050 website.	No public notice published	No agendas published	No agendas published	MAPA Service Area
Rural Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18) Policy Board Guides and sets policy of the RPA-18 local transportation planning affiliation on matters necessary to comply with state and federal legislation. Allocates federal funds to eligible projects within its service area.	Second Wednesday of every month at 11 am at MAPA (Policy Board and Technical Committee meetings are held concurrently)	Public notice     Meeting date published on MAPA website, MAPA calendars and MAPA Newsletter	Public notice published 4-20 days before meeting date	48 hours before start of meeting at MAPA offices	Posted less than 48 hours prior to the start time of the meeting (MAPA office and website);	RPA-18
Rural Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18) Technical Committee Responsible to the RPA-18 Policy Board for the initiation, review and recommendations of transportation related activities.	<ul> <li>Agenda and materia</li> <li>members 7 days be</li> <li>Agenda posted on an at MAPA office</li> <li>Minutes posted on</li> <li>Social media posts</li> </ul>		e meeting MAPA website		only items deemed as emergency by the MAPA Executive Director will be allowed	RPA-18
RPA-18 Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Members of the RPA who work to create the Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP).	Quarterly in Atlantic, Harlan or Shenandoah (or as needed)	Communicated to memebers as needed				RPA-18







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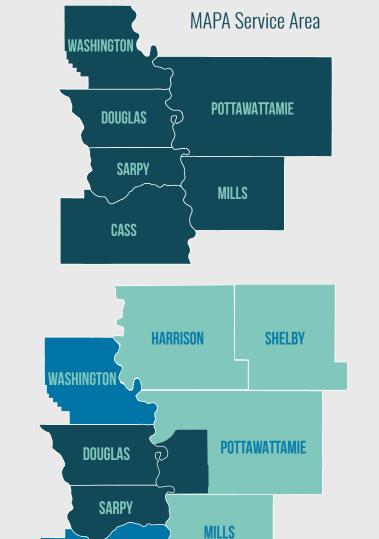
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY MATRIX:** WORK PRODUCTS

COMMITTEES	STANDARD ENGAGEMENT	FREQUENCY	PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES		NEXT COMPLETED
Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)  A 25-year plan which provides a list of transportation projects to meet the future transportation needs in the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro area. In order to be eligible for federal funding, projects must be listed in the LRTP.	Presented to MAPA Board, public comment period, Post- ed on MAPA website; Social media, MAPA Newsletter	5 years	Draft - 30 days, Major Amendment: 30 days, Minor Amendment: 7 days	МАРА ТМА	October 2020	FY 2026
Transportation Improvment Program (TIP) List of transportation projects that are planned to be constructed in the upcoming six years. Includes all types of transportation projects that are funded federally through the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). This document is updated annually.	MAPA Board, TTAC & RPAC Meetings can serve as the public meetings.	Annual	Project Selection: 30 days, Draft - 30 days, Amendment: 7 days, Emergency Amendment: 24 hours	МАРА ТМА	June 2022	June 2023
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Provides a strategic view and direction for MAPA's transportation planning activities. Documents MAPA's proposed transportation-related activities and projects for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).		Annual	Draft: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days	MAPA TMA	May 2023	May 2024
Community Development Work Program (CDWP)  Provides a strategic view and direction for MAPA's community and economic development activities. Documents MAPA's proposed community and economic development activities and projects for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).		Annual	Draft: 30 days	MAPA Service Area	May 2023	May 2024
Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP) Identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, provides strategies for meeting these needs, and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation. In order to be eligible for federal Enhanced Mobility for Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program funding, projects must be included in the CTP.		5 years	Draft: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days	МАРА ТМА	October 2022	FY 2028
Public Participation Plan (PPP) Outlines how MAPA will work to achieve public participation for regional planning and programming efforts.		5 years	Draft: 45 days, Amendment: 45 days	MAPA Service Area	June 2019	August 2023
Civil Rights Plan (Title VI) Outlines how laws and federal regulations, specifically those prohibiting discrimination, are implemented in MAPA's processes. Includes MAPA's Title VI Policy as well as the complaint process for both Title VI and ADA.		3 years	Draft: 30 days	MAPA Service Area	FY 2021	FY 2024
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)  An economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen the regional economy through the collaboration of public and private sectors. Includes local goals and strategies and identifies priority programs and projects for implementation.		5 years	Draft: 30 days	MAPA Service Area	FY 2020	FY 2025
Performance Management  Monitoring of local performance measures as specified in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to address challenges facing the transportation system. These challenges include improving safety, maintaining infrastructure condition, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency of the system and freight movement, protecting the environment, and reducing delays in project delivery.		Annual	Draft: 30 days	МАРА ТМА	FY 2023	FY 2024
Congestion Management Process		Annual	Draft: 30 days	MAPA TMA	TBD	TBD
Equity Assessment Annual assessment that scores MAPA's work in each of the eight areas included in MAPA's 2020 Equity Resolution.	Presented to MAPA Board, Posted on MAPA website; Social media, MAPA news- letter - no public comment period	Annual	None; presented to the MAPA Board at the end of each fiscal year	MAPA Service Area	July 2022	July 2023
RPA-18 Long Range Transportation Plan (RPA LRTP)  Outlines the existing status and future needs of the RPA-18 area's transportation system. Helps set the direction of planning efforts and programming investments and guide the priorities and projects that will be submitted for federal funding.	Presented to the RPA Technical and Planning Committees, public comment period, Posted on MAPA website; Social media, MAPA Newsletter	5 years	Draft - 30 days, Major Amendment: 30 days, Minor Amendment: 7 days	RPA-18	FY 2014	FY 2025
RPA-18 Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)  Describes improvements programmed for RPA-18 over the next four years as a result of the transportation planning process		Annual	Draft - 30 days, Project Selection: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days, Emergency Amendment: 24 hours	RPA-18	FY 2024	FY 2025
RPA-18 Passenger Transportation Plan (RPA PTP)  Five year planning document to coordinate health and human services, transportation, and public transit agencies to promote and further the development of the region's public transportation systems. The current version of this document covers both the RPA-18 and RPA-13 areas in Southwest Iowa.		5 years	Draft: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days	RPA-18	FY 2024	2027
<b>RPA-18 Transportation Planning Work Program (RPA TPWP)</b> Policy document guiding transportation investments for the region. Identifies transportation planning tasks and serves as the basis for funding for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).		Annual	Draft: 30 days, Amendment: 7 days	RPA-18	FY 2024	FY 2025





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#### 2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

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Dates of Approval

TTAC:

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RPA-18 Policy & Technical Committee:

For all MAPA and RPA-18 hosted meetings the following will apply:

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- Public facility Access

- Language, hearing and or sight accommodations (Spanish, American

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#### MAPA ROLFS & JURISDICTIONS

The Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) was created by local governments in 1967 to serve as the regional planning agency for the greater Omaha-Council Bluffs region. MAPA performs planning and development work, especially to address problems that are regional in scope and cross jurisdictional boundaries.

MAPA serves in a variety of roles throughout the region; Figure 1 illustrates the different geographies served by each role.

#### **Council of Governments**

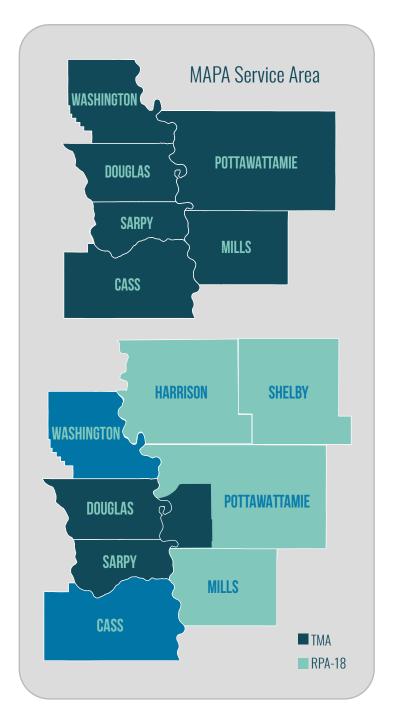
Determined by MAPA's Interlocal Agreement, the current Council of Governments service area includes Douglas, Sarpy, Cass and Washington Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie and Mills Counties in Iowa.

MAPA is governed by a Council of Officials (COO), made up of representatives from each of the governmental units (cities, counties, school districts, resource agencies, and other governmental bodies) within the six-county area. The Council's roles include approving the agency's long range plan and setting overall policy.

The MAPA Board of Directors (Board) serves as the Council of Officials' executive committee and is made up of elected officials representing specific jurisdictions of the Council of Officials. The Board carries out policies set by the Council of Officials and oversees agency activities.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) reviews and makes recommendations related to transportation to the MAPA Board.

The Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) advises and provides technical guidance to the MAPA Board about regional planning.



The relationship, responsibility, and composition of the Board of Directors, Council of Officials, TTAC and RPAC are described in the MAPA Interlocal Agreement and relevant Committee Bylaws.

# **Transportation Planning Affiliations**

In its role as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), MAPA is the pass-through agency for millions of dollars in federal transportation funding for the MAPA **Transportation Management Area** (**TMA**). The MAPA TMA consists of Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and urbanized portions of western Pottawattamie County in Iowa.

In addition, MAPA serves as the administrator for the **lowa Regional Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18)**, which includes the counties of Harrison, Mills and Shelby, and the non-urbanized portion of Pottawattamie County.

## **Economic Development District**

The six-county MAPA region is recognized by the U.S. Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District (EDD). As such, MAPA works to bring together partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors to implement plans and strategies that aim to diversify the regional economy and strengthen areas where disinvestment has occurred. One function of the MAPA EDD is to establish a regional resiliency blueprint known as a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

# **Public Participation Plan Overview**

Planning for a large and diverse region requires substantial input and public participation. The voices of the people who live, work and play here have varying, and sometimes conflicting, needs and priorities; however, their voices must be heard if we are to develop planning policies that truly meet the needs of the region. MAPA is committed to conducting robust public outreach and engagement and has outlined that commitment in this **Public Participation Plan (PPP).** 

The purpose of the Public Participation Plan is to

provide baseline policy and standards to guide outreach and engagement activities for MAPA and RPA-18 public committee meetings and projects to ensure that the general public, relevant stakeholders, and state and federal agencies are included in MAPA's planning activities.

The Public Participation Plan is updated every five years and must be approved by the MAPA Board at least one year prior to the development of a new Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

It is important that planning efforts are inclusive of all members of the community, especially those that are traditionally underserved by past and current transportation programs, facilities, or services. Public participation efforts may go above and beyond these baseline standards to meet unique project needs and to allow projects and programs to be flexible and adaptive, but must meet the minimum requirements found in the PPP.

# MAPA's Commitment to **Public Participation**

- Ensure early and continuous public notification about regional planning
- Provide meaningful information concerning regional planning
- Obtain participation and input to inform regional planning efforts
- Commit to listen to those affected and marginalized to learn how MAPA can help
- Include robust representation from communities of color

#### **Common Terms**

- **Member of the Public:** any person who lives, works or plays in the
- Stakeholder: Someone who can provide valuable input and feedback on MAPA's projects and programs. This can include representatives groups.
- **Public Meeting:** Most of MAPA's meetings are open to the public to attend. However, meetings of powers (COO, Board, TTAC, RPAC) are considered Public Meetings and must comply with the lowa and Nebraska Open Meetings Acts.

### 2024 Public Participation Plan Update

This update to the public participation plan includes a greater focus on creating a more equitable and just region and reflects lessons learned from the global COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Regional Equity Resolution**

In June 2020 the MAPA Board of Directors passed an Equity Resolution to reaffirm MAPA's commitment to a more equitable and just region and outlined eight action items to guide MAPA's work in this area. The PPP presents a valuable opportunity to advance principles of participation that are inclusive of affected and marginalized groups and that address the needs of African-American and other historically disadvantaged populations in MAPA's regional planning and funding decisions.

#### Virtual Public Involvement (VPI)

The global COVID-19 pandemic provided an opportunity to integrate new and more inclusive forms of public participation. The widespread adoption of virtual meeting options created an opportunity to engage a larger sector of the public with increased access to meetings, forums and virtual workshops being broadcast online. These engagement efforts reached a wider audience and provided the public an opportunity to engage outside of traditional set times and meeting locations. The integration of virtual engagement is something that will carry forward within MAPA's engagement strategies.

# Requirements for MAPA's **Public Participation Process**

MAPA's work is subject to Federal and State requirements and implements the three C's of transportation planning—Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive—meaning the public is involved in the planning process in an inclusive as possible manner and that MAPA emphasizes providing continuous and equitable opportunities for public involvement.

MAPA's many roles as COG, MPO, EDD, and RPA administrator result in the agency serving as a conduit for several sources of federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other state and federal agencies. Due to the nature of the federal funding that MAPA receives, many different laws and federal regulations apply to MAPA's activities; MAPA strictly adheres to all Federal and State requirements relevant to our activities.

#### Civil Rights and Title VI

MAPA assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability/handicap or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259), be excluded from participation in, be

denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

MAPA further assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. In the event that MAPA distributes Federal aid funds to another entity, MAPA will include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance. MAPA's Title VI Coordinator is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing reports and other responsibilities as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 200 and 49 Code of Federal Regulation 21.

MAPA has developed a combined Civil Rights and Title VI Plan to outline these policies; the plan is available online and included in Appendix A.

#### **Environmental Justice**

Executive Order (E.O.) 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, was issued in 1994. Its purpose is to focus federal attention on the environmental and human health effects of federal actions on minority and low-income populations with the goal of achieving environmental protection for all communities.

MAPA strives to ensure that environmental justice is a consideration in all engagement efforts. This means ensuring full and fair participation of minority and low-income populations, including special considerations that must be made to ensure adequate representation and outreach to accommodate sensitive and historically disadvantaged populations. Planning efforts will consider the populations that may be affected as well as the potential benefits and impacts of a plan or program.

#### **Selected Federal and State Requirements**

Below is a listing of some of the Federal and State

Requirements that MAPA adheres to. For more details see Appendix B.

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) of 2021 The current transportation authorizing legislation, which prioritizes early and continuous public engagement in the transportation planning process with a particular emphasis on outreach to underserved and underrepresented communities and digital equity.
- <u>Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI)</u>
   Ensures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or physical handicap, be excluded from participation in transportation programs.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
   (ADA) The disabled communities shall be involved in the development and improvement of transportation services. People with disabilities shall be able to access meeting sites and have access to the information.
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975 Prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal-aid funds.
- Clean Air Act of 1970 (CAA) The public are given the opportunity to participate in plans and activities, which impact their daily lives, including area quality issues.
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice (EJ) in Minority and Low-Income Populations Address the benefits and burdens of federally funded community investment of low income and minority populations.
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access
   to Services for Persons with Limited English
   Proficiency (LEP) Requires public agencies
   to ensure public materials are available

in the native language of areas with a disproportionately high concentration of limited English proficiency population.

- Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities **Through the Federal Government** Requires public agencies to perform equity assessments.
- Executive Order 14008, Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad created the government-wide Justice40 initiative, establishing the goal that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.

### **Development of the Public Participation Plan**

The 2024 Public Participation Plan (PPP) is an update to the 2019 Public Participation Plan. This Plan was developed through collaboration of MAPA transportation, communications and outreach, and community development staff. Figure 1.2 illustrates the overall process utilized to update this plan, leveraging input from the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC), the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC), the Equity and Engagement Committee (EEC) and the MAPA Board of Directors.

During the 45-day public comment period for this Draft, MAPA will also solicit and provide additional opportunities for public and stakeholder input through postings on social media, the MAPA website, the MAPA newsletter, and in local newspapers.

#### **Resource Agency Survey**

As a part of the plan development process, a survey was sent to the resource agencies and interested parties asking how they would like to be involved in the planning process. The survey asked respondents to select which types of outreach they felt were the most effective and what areas MAPA should improve on. [This effort is currently in progress; will insert survey results here for the final document] See the list of resource agencies in Appendix D.

Figure 1.2: Public Participation Plan Approach



# **Methods of Engagement**

MAPA is committed to providing equitable access to efficiently and effectively reach out and engage the public in MAPA's decision making process. Programs and plans that have public outreach components can use the methods in the public participation plan as a guide in developing project-specific outreach opportunities that can be further refined and tailored to align with the specific scope and audience of the project.

### **Meetings**

There are many factors to consider when scheduling meetings, open houses, public forums, or committee meetings. Most of MAPA's meetings are open to the public to attend. However, meetings of committees with decision-making powers (COO, Board, TTAC and RPAC) are considered Public Meetings and must meet the requirements found in the lowa and Nebraska Open Meetings Acts.

For the purposes of establishing a minimum criteria for hosting a meeting the following are the base principles that MAPA staff will strive to achieve:

#### **Site Selection**

The following outline requirements and best practices for the selection of a site for a MAPA event.

#### Site Selection Requirements

- All locations will comply with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. MAPA will use the ADA compliance checklist (Appendix XX) to evaluate potential meeting sites. If a member of the public wants to inquire about the accessibility of a public meeting, please call the MAPA front office at 402-444-6866.
- All locations will have proper emergency protocols. This includes clearly marked emergency exits, fire extinguishers, AED, and tornado shelters.

#### Site Selection Best Practices

- The meeting location allows the maximum number of the public to have an equal opportunity to attend
- The location is accessible by transit
- The location accommodates bicycle parking
- Prefer the use of public facilities such as community centers, city and county offices, libraries, and schools
- Meetings open to the public should be held within the communities that will be most affected by a given project, plan, or policy
- When projects span a wide area, multiple meetings should be held at varying locations
- Strive to co-locate with existing and or already scheduled meetings to provide the public the greatest opportunity to participate

#### Notification

Any meeting held by MAPA that is open to the public will strive to meet or adhere to these core principles:

- Events will be posted on the MAPA website at least one week prior to the event date.
  - The notices will include, date, time, location, and pertinent information about projects/programs/policies.
  - The notice will include the phone number and primary contact email. This contact information will also serve as the contact information for special accommodations for language and or special physical accommodations.
- Public notices may be published in local newspaper(s) between 4 and 20 days prior to the meeting, as determined is necessary for the meeting or project.

#### **Language Accommodations**

An assessment of the population primarily impacted by a given project or effort will be done to determine the proportion of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) residents within the project area(s). If over 5% of the population in the area primarily speaks a language other than English, text-based materials will be provided in that language, and efforts will be made to provide translation services at meetings.

### **Public Engagement Tools**

MAPA uses a variety of tools to engage the public. The following is a list of outreach tools that MAPA may put to use. This list is not exclusive, and engagement tools that are not currently included in this list may be explored to enhance public engagement efforts on any given project.

#### **Formats**



Text



Charts and graphs



**Images** 



Video

#### **Additional Accommodation Tools**

All meeting announcements include the policy statement in the sidebar, communicating that assistance can be provided to the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population, people with disabilities, and others who may need assistance. This statement will be made available in any additional languages as determined to be relevant by the Language Assessment.

The ADA Coordinator and the process for filing an ADA complaint is identified in the Title VI Plan.

#### **Audiences of varying**



Abilities



Races and ethnicities



Languages



Social and economic status

### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

"Meetings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency are conducted in compliance with the Nebraska and Iowa Statutes of the Open Meetings Act."

#### **Platforms**



Print



Online



Mobile friendly

#### **Channels**



Social media



Website



Email



Partner organizations



Paid advertising

#### Metho



Surveys



**Public** appearances



Experiential involvement



Mapping tools



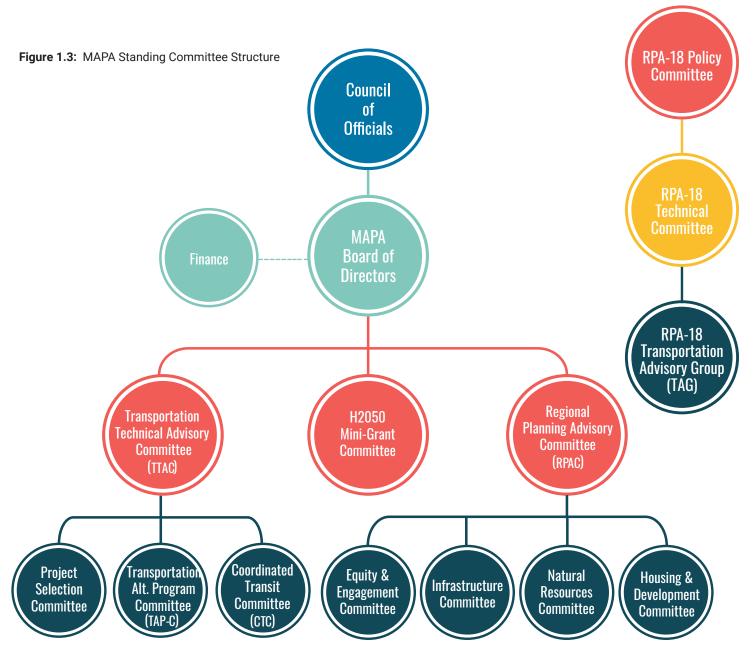
Scenario planning

# **Incorporating Public Comments** into MAPA Plans and Projects

Public input is a dynamic process that involves not only obtaining input, but ensuring its incorporation into the work product. All input will then be evaluated and analyzed for incorporation into the work product with any necessary or appropriate revisions to the product. This process will be continually evaluated and reviewed in-house as public participation is not static, and must always remain a top priority in the planning process.

# **Public Participation** for MAPA Committees

MAPA's established committee and subcommittee structure provides a regular venue where the public can provide input to the agency's activities. MAPA's policy boards and standing committees are always open to the public; public notices are posted in advance in the MAPA lobby display case and on the MAPA website. Figure 1.3 is a diagram of MAPA's committee structure.



#### **MAPA Committees**

MAPA hosts recurring meetings to conduct, coordinate, and develop policies for MAPA. In general, all meetings organized by MAPA, this includes all Board and Council of Officials, committees and subcommittees, are all free and open to the public to attend. Meetings of committees with decisionmaking power (COO, Board, TTAC and RPAC), are held in compliance with the Open Meetings Acts of lowa and Nebraska which requires that the general public have the opportunity to be notified and attend the meetings to provide input on matters under consideration by the committees.

Attendees at MAPA meetings may speak during public comment periods on subjects under discussion or otherwise relevant to the activities of MAPA. The Board and Council may request the name and address of the speaker as a condition of being allowed to speak. Only one speaker at a time will be allowed to address the Council or Board. Members of the public will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner so that a fair exchange of ideas between them and the Board and/or Council may take place. All members of the public can comment on all documents. This will continue to be stated specifically to encourage public participation. All plans are available for public review at the MAPA offices and website. Committee meetings will serve to satisfy formal comment periods and will be used, with the minimum timeframe noted in Figure 3.6, before studies reach conclusion.

MAPA takes meeting minutes which include the members present and absent, all actions taken, and a summary of all matters occurring during the meetings. The minutes are available on the MAPA website or at the MAPA office and are posted online after formal approval.

MAPA posts meeting information including agendas at a minimum of four days prior to the meeting on the MAPA website, and posts physical information and agendas at the MAPA lobby available for public review during normal business hours. See the PPP Executive Summary graphic for specific notification and other details regarding these meetings.

### MAPA Sub-Committees & Working Groups

TTAC sub-committees such as the Project Selection Committee (composed of TTAC members), the Coordinated Transit Committee (includes human service and paratransit agencies), and the Transportation Alternatives Program Committee (involves engineers, bike/pedestrian advocates, and planners) make recommendations to TTAC. Anyone is welcome to join and participate in these conversations but MAPA does not make public notices or post agendas publicly for these meetings.

Implementation of the Heartland 2050 Regional Vision has created several committees and working groups that bring various stakeholders from the public, non-profit and private sectors together as well. These committees include efforts to address issues related to Equity & Engagement, Housing Development, Infrastructure, and Natural **Resources.** Several working groups related to these committees focus on more specific areas of interest such as Local Food Systems and Community Forest Plan. Anyone is welcome to join and participate in these conversations which are reported ultimately to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC), however, does not make public notices or post agendas publicly for these more informal conversations.

# Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) 18

The Iowa Department of Transportation has designated 18 Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs) that provide for regional transportation planning outside of urbanized areas. RPA-18 functions adjacent to the MAPA Board of Directors and committee structure. RPA-18 provides policy, program, professional and planning services for communities within the region.

RPA-18 is governed by the RPA-18 Policy Committee, composed of elected or appointed city, county and transit officials. Membership includes a county supervisor from Harrison, Mills, Pottawattamie and Shelby Counties, a mayor or city manager from Glenwood and Harlan, and the director of Southwest Iowa Transit Agency.

The RPA-18 Technical Committee provides technical support and analysis for the RPA-18 Policy Committee. This committee is composed of city public works, county engineering departments, county conservation representatives, and non-profit entities providing services within the region.

# **Public Involvement in Major Planning Activities**

MAPA utilizes the public involvement strategies discussed earlier in the plan to encourage public involvement in all of its processes, plans, and projects. This section of the PPP provides a summary of the public participation guidelines for the most common MAPA transportation planning products for the MPO and RPA

# Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Description:	The MPO Long Range Transportation Plan develops a long-term fiscally constrained vision for transportation improvements based upon a minimum 20 year planning horizon. The RPA Long Range Transportation Plan looks at the transportation projects for the RPA area over a 20 year period, it is not fiscally constrained unlike the MPO LRTP.		
Amended:	As needed		
Public Comment Period:	Amended LRTP = 7 days before TTAC/RPA and MAPA Board meetings (Minor) 30 days before TTAC/RPA and MAPA Board meetings (Major) Draft LRTP = 30 days between draft and final adoption		
Public Meeting:	A series of at least three public meetings (open houses, public hearing, etc) held during the 30-day public comment period.  Additional public meetings shall have a public comment period of two weeks prior and two weeks following the meeting.  The TTAC and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. Public comments is observed at the Board of Directors meeting.		
Public Involvement Strategies:	Inform the public and solicit public comments through the MAPA website, newsletter and social media platforms.  Create opportunities to comment at regularly scheduled MAPA Board, TTAC and RPAC meetings.		
	Post an electronic version of the Draft LRTP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review.		
Public Participation Opportunities:	Comment on the draft and final planning documents via email, mail, and comment cards. Participate in public meetings.		
LRTP Amendment Process:	Discuss the amendment with appropriate subcommittees, before TTAC/RPA makes a recommendation to the Board to release the LRTP amendment for public review and comment.		
	Advertise the amendment in a local paper through a paid public notice, send a press release to area newspapers, television and radio stations, and post the information on the MAPA website.  Hold at least one public meeting for the amendment.  Email notification of the public comment period to identified outreach contacts including federal and state partners.		
	Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved LRTP.		
Thresholds:	<ul> <li>Minor LRTP Amendment</li> <li>Changes to anticipated funding or project categories</li> <li>Changes to project route or termini that are greater than ¼ of a mile</li> <li>Amendments to reflect changes to federal policy</li> <li>Amendments to reflect changes to state policy</li> <li>Major LRTP Amendment</li> <li>Changes to specific project funding levels that significantly impact fiscal constraint</li> <li>Changes to project route or termini that are greater than ¼ of a mile</li> <li>Adding a regionally significant project to the LRTP</li> <li>Adding or changing a federal funding source</li> </ul>		

# **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Description:	The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a short term, four (4) year implementation plan for programming Federal-aid transportation projects. Separate TIP documents are created for the MAPA region and the RPA region. This document lists all federally funded or regionally significant transportation projects by year, phase of work, and funding source.				
Amended:	Monthly as needed				
Public Comment Period:	Prioritized project list = 30 days  Draft TIP = 30 days (best practice for RPA)  TIP Amendment = 7 days prior to TTAC or RPA Policy Committee meeting  Emergency TIP Amendment = 24 hours of advance notice of emergency meeting  *Only used for truly extraordinary circumstances  Administrative Modifications = None				
Public Meeting:	The TTAC and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. A public comment period is observed at the Board of Directors meeting.  The RPA Policy and Technical Committee acts as the public meeting for the RPA-18 TIP approval process.				
Public Involvement	Publish a notice in local newspapers of the availability for public review and comment.				
Strategies:	Discuss the document and its availability for review and comment in the MAPA newsletter.				
	Send a flyer to the local governments stating the availability for public comment.				
	Post an electronic version of the Draft TIP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review.				
Public Participation	Comment on prioritized project list and the draft TIP via email, mail, and comment cards.				
Opportunities:	Comment on TIP amendments via email and mail.				
	Participate in public meetings.				
TIP Amendment Process:	Include the amendment with meeting materials emailed to TTAC and RPA Board members, posted on the MAPA website, and located in the MAPA lobby at least 7 days prior to the meeting.  Discuss amendment with MAPA Board of Directors, RPA Policy and Technical Committee and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC).				
	Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved TIP.				
Emergency Amendment:	Occasionally, situations may arise when an emergency amendment to the TIP is necessary. An emergency amendment is an amendment that is processed on an expedited basis due to circumstances which cannot wait for the next TTAC, RPA, or MAPA Board of Directors meeting. Such amendments are only allowed by MAPA in cooperation with the States of Nebraska and Iowa, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA), and the local jurisdictions involved with the project(s).				
	Emergency amendments are not used as a means of circumventing review by TTAC, RPA, or the public, but are only utilized in response to truly extraordinary circumstances in which expedited processing of an amendment of a non-controversial matter is necessary. If all parties involved with a project agree that an emergency amendment is necessary, then the amendment and documentation will be prepared by MAPA staff.				

# **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Description:	The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) governs the annual expenditures and services as the guiding document for an MPO's annual activities. This document tells the public what the MPO plans to do in the next fiscal year. It contains general information about agency strategies and projects that utilize Federal planning dollars.	
Amended:	As needed	
Public Comment Period:	Oraft UPWP = 30 days Amendment = 7 days Administrative Modifications = None	
Public Meeting:	The TTAC and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. A public comment period is observed at the Board of Directors meeting.	
Public Involvement Strategies:	Post announcements at the MAPA Offices.  Discuss the Draft UPWP at MAPA TTAC and Board of Directors meetings both of which are open to the public.  Post an electronic version of the Draft UPWP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review.	
Public Participation Opportunities:	Comment on the draft UPWP via email, mail, and comment cards.  Comment on UPWP amendments via email, mail, and comment cards.  Participate in public meetings.	
UPWP Amendment Process:	Include the amendment with meeting materials emailed to TTAC and Board members, posted on the MAPA website, and located in the MAPA lobby 7 days prior to the meeting.  Discuss amendment with MAPA Board of Directors and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC).  Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved UPWP.	

# **Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP)**

Description:	The Coordinated Transit Plan sets the goals and activities of the Coordinated Transit Committee and lays out the funding priorities for the region regarding the 5310 Program.
Amended:	As needed
Public Comment Period:	Draft CTP = 30 days Amendment = 7 days Administrative Modifications = None
Public Meeting:	The CTC, TTAC, and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. A public comment period is observed at the Board of Directors meeting.
Public Involvement Strategies:	Post announcements at the MAPA Offices.  Discuss the Draft CTP at MAPA CTC, TTAC, and Board of Directors meetings all of which are open to the public.  Post an electronic version of the Draft CTP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review.
Public Participation Opportunities:	Comment on the draft CTP via email, mail, and comment cards.  Comment on CTP amendments via email, mail, and comment cards.  Participate in public meetings.
CTP Amendment Process:	Include the amendment with meeting materials emailed to TTAC and Board members, posted on the MAPA website, and located in the MAPA lobby 7 days prior to the meeting. Discuss amendment with MAPA Board of Directors and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC).  Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved CTP.

# **Public Participation Plan (PPP)**

Description:	The Public Participation Plan (PPP) outlines how MAPA will work to achieve essential public participation in all planning activities. It helps ensure consideration of the public's needs and preferences are incorporated into decisions.			
Amended:	As needed			
Public Comment Period:	Draft CTP = 30 days Amendment = 7 days Administrative Modifications = None			
Public Meeting:	The TTAC, RPA, and Board of Directors meetings serve as the public meetings. A public comment period is observed at the Board of Directors meeting.			
Public Involvement Strategies:	Post announcements at the MAPA Offices.			
Strategies.	Post an electronic version of the Draft PPP online and have a hard copy at the MAPA Office for public review.			
	Discuss the Draft PPP at MAPA TTAC, RPA, and Board of Directors meetings both of which are open to the public.			
	Email the Title VI and Public Participation email lists about the opportunity to comment on the draft PPP.			
	Mail a flyer detailing the opportunity to comment on the draft PPP to local governments and libraries.			
Public Participation	Comment on draft PPP via email, mail, and comment cards.			
Opportunities:	Comment on PPP amendments via email, mail, and comment cards.			
	Participate in public meetings.			
CTP Amendment Process:	TTAC or RPA recommendation and Board approval to release the draft amended PPP for public review and comment. Post the draft on the MAPA website.  Advertise the amendment in a local paper through a paid public notice, send a press release to area newspapers, television and radio stations, and post the information on the MAPA website.			
	Email notification of the public comment period to identified outreach contacts.  Address public comments to the maximum extent reasonable and include an appendix of public comments in the final approved PPP.			
Note:	*Annual status report of public participation efforts utilized to amend, update or overhaul the PPP as needed.			

### **Evaluation**

MAPA strives to evaluate the effectiveness of the Public Participation Plan through various means. One way this will be accomplished is through an annual survey to members and the community to gauge the most effective tools and ways that the public accesses information. The overall Public Participation Plan will be evaluated for effectiveness and will incorporate new technology, best practices, and results of the annual status report every three years.

Furthermore, evaluation of overall knowledge regarding participation opportunities is important. For example, there are members of various existing MAPA committees who do not realize they can participate more fully in the process. Therefore, if MAPA can educate people about opportunities to participate and they do, the public participation process will be a success.

#### **MAPA** measures:

- Total number of public events (virtual and in-person)
- Total number of attendance
- Total newsletter views (open, bounce and click rates)
- interactions
- Total number of comments received for a project
- Total number of public notices
- Total media mentions, newstories
- Web traffic for MAPA and Heartland 2050 websites
- Geographic diversity of events

Evaluation Methods and Performance Goals Table 6.2 Evaluation Methods of the Public Participation Plan

Public Participation Tool	Evaluation Criteria	Performance Goal(s)	Methods to Meet Goal(s)
Public Participation Plan	Updated as required by law.	Update at least every 5 years	Update and incorporate improve- ment strategies from public partic- ipation evaluations/status repor
Newspaper Advertisements	Required by law. No measure	Increase number of participants/respondents indicating they saw the advertisement	Publish as required, place in prominent location if possible
Website	Number of website hits	Increase number of web hits over the course of each year	Include website address on all organizational products. Link to partner organizations
Newsletter	Feedback from public; number of returns	Maximum of 2% return rate per mailing	Update database with correct addresses
Public Forums/ Open House/ Public	Public Atten- dance*[Transit Access (10 pts) + ADA Accessibility (10 pts)] = N	Goal of 1,000 annual points for public forums/ open house/ public information meeting/ public hearing	Schedule at convenient times and locations. Use other public participation tools to increase awareness of meetings. Convene multiple meetings when possible.
Planning Document Distribution	Number of distribu- tion sites	100% distribution of vital documents to necessary parties	Distribution list to include county/ city government buildings, librar- ies, and online venue.

MAPA will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the public participation tools outlined in this document. This will be accomplished by evaluating the methods compared to established performance goals on an annual basis. The results of the evaluation method will be incorporated in the subsequent Public Involvement Plan updates and will be included in the annual status report. If a major change is needed

in the public participation process, steps will be taken to amend, update, or overhaul the Public Participation Plan before the three-year timeframe is completed. Table 6.2 lists the evaluation methods which will be utilized in an annual status report created in cooperation between the Transportation Liaison and Communication Liaison.

# **Appendix A: Public Meeting Checklist**

\*\*All public meetings must ensure the public reasonable access to all local meetings, project records and information relating to the proposed and actual use of federal funds. All public meetings will be conducted in facilities that are accessible to person with disabilities. Attach documentation for each item.

\*\*Items on this checklist will be completed as deemed appropriate, as every activity listed below may not be suitable for every public meeting.

1.	Schedule meeting (Date completed:). Meeting date:
	Meeting location:
2.	
1.	Is the meeting ADA accessible?
2.	Does it have transit access/located on a transit route?
3.	Create meeting deadline matrix (template attached)
4.	Meeting notices
1.	Newspaper of general circulation (Date completed:).
1.	Paper(s) used:
2.	Note where comments can be sent if unable to attend meeting
2.	Post on MAPA website (Date completed:)
3.	Mail/Email (attach recipient list) (Date completed:)
4.	Post on social media. (Date completed:).
1.	Site(s) used:
5.	Article in What's Happening. Edition:
6.	Include availability of language assistance. Assistance needed:
7.	Make draft document available to public in conjunction with comment period and public notice
1.	MAPA and/or office (Date completed:)
2.	MAPA website(Date completed:)
1.	Collect and review public input.
1.	
2.	Where comments received?Response(s) sent. (Date completed:)
3.	Next Steps:
	Other considerations:
1.	Have areas that are traditionally underserved and low-income and minority populations been reached
	Who was contacted?
1.	How were they contacted?
2.	(Date completed:)
2.	Create brochure/flier (Date completed:)
3.	Second Public Meeting – Status of Funded Activities (Date completed:)

### **Appendix B: Glossary**

**Environmental Justice** - refers to the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

**FHWA -** Federal Highway Administration. An agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation responsible for funding highways and trails .

**FTA** - Federal Transit Administration. An agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation responsible for funding providing technical assistance to public transit systems.

Iowa DOT - Iowa Department of Transportation.

**ITS** - Intelligent Transportation Systems use computer, electronics, and communications technologies and management strategies – in an integrated manner – to provide traveler information that increases the safety and efficiency of the surface transportation system. ITS also provides useful, real-time information to system operators.

**LRTP** - Long Range Transportation Plan — a long range plan that identifies area transportation needs in light of projected growth patterns and broadly charts major capital investments for transportation system development to meet these projected needs.

**MPO** - Metropolitan Planning Organization – a planning body required by the federal government which is responsible for the transportation planning and project selection in its region. It provides a forum for cooperative decision making for the metropolitan planning area. The governor designates an MPO in every urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000. MAPA has been designated this area's MPO by the governors of both Nebraska and Iowa.

MSA – Metropolitan Statistical Area is an area defined by the Office of Management and Budget as a federal statistical standard. An area qualifies as an MSA in one of two ways: if there is a city of at least 50,000 population, or an urbanized area of at least 50,000 population and a metropolitan population of at least 100,000. An MSA must contain a county with the main city and may include additional counties that meet specific criteria concerning economic and social ties to the central city. The MSA in this region consists of Douglas, Cass, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills, and Pottawattamie counties in Iowa.

**NDOT** – Nebraska Department of Transportation.

**NEPA** -The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 is the basic national charter for protection of the environment. It established procedures that all federal agencies are required to implement to make environmental consideration a part of an agency's decision-making process. NEPA requires all federal agencies to take into account environmental consequences when making decisions that could be

considered "major federal actions." Federal agencies must assess the environmental consequences of proposed actions and consider that information when making decisions.

**Public Participation Plan (PPP)** - A Public Participation Plan outlines how an organization will work to achieve public participation in all planning activities. Public participation is an integral part of the planning process. It helps ensure consideration of the public's needs and preferences are incorporated into decisions. According to the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, "Successful public participation is a continuous process, consisting of a series of activities and actions to both inform the public and stakeholders and to obtain input from them which influence decisions that affect their lives... Public participation activities provide more value when they are open, relevant, timely, and appropriate for the intended goal of the public involvement process. Providing a balanced approach with representation of all stakeholders and including measures to seek out and consider the needs of all stakeholders, especially those that are traditionally underserved by past and current transportation programs, facilities, or services."

**RTIP** - Rural Transportation Improvement Program is the spending plan for funding expected over the next six years from all sources for transportation projects of all types in the Regional Planning Affiliation-18 (RPA-18).

**STBG** - Surface Transportation Block Grants – a federal funding program for roads that may be spent by states and localities for any roads that are not functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors. Funds may be used for a wide variety of purposes, but at least ten percent must be spent on enhancement projects.

**TIP** - Transportation Improvement Program is the spending plan for funding expected from all sources for transportation projects of all types in the MAPA Transportation Study Area over the next six years. MAPA prepares the TIP annually based on information submitted by local and state governments.

**Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** - "No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance"

**TMA** – Transportation Management Area – MPOs with a population more than 200,000, like the MAPA region, are deemed Transportation Management Areas (TMA) in federal law.

**TTAC** - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee is a MAPA committee, comprised of a broad representation of MAPA member jurisdictions. The TTAC reviews the LRTP and projects submitted for funding through the TIP and makes recommendations to the MAPA Board of Directors.

**U.S. DOT** - United States Department of Transportation is the federal cabinet-level agency with responsibility for highways, mass transit, aviation, and ports. It is headed by the Secretary of Transportation. The DOT includes the FHWA and FTA among others.

# Appendix C: Environmental Justice (EJ) & Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Outreach Organizations

Organization		Organization	
Name:	100 Black Men-Omaha Inc	Name:	Lakeview Bible Church
Contact Name:	Rick Bell	Contact Name:	David Holton
Street Address:	2221 N 24th St	Street Address:	1651 Avenue Q
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE NE 68110	City, State ZIP:	Carter Lake, IA 51510
Phone:	402-934-7065	Phone:	712-347-6440
Website:	100blackmenomaha.org	Website:	NA
Organization	-	Organization	Midlands Bible Baptist
Name:	American Legion	Name:	Church
Contact Name:	Jim Zach	Contact Name:	David Lydick
Street Address:	4830 S 21st St	Street Address:	2407 Chandler Rd E
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68107	City, State ZIP:	Bellevue, NE 68005
Phone:	402-731-5185	Phone:	402-731-5932
Website:	NA	Website:	midlandsbbc.org
Organization		Organization	Midland's Latino Comm
Name:	Assembly of God South Side	Name:	Devmnt
Contact Name:	Charles Davis	Contact Name:	Marta Londono
Street Address:	4815 Harrison St	Street Address:	4923 S 24th St
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68157	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68107
Phone:	402-733-6583	Phone:	402-933-4466
Website:	NA	Website:	NA
Organization		Organization	Miracle Hills Community
Name:	Associated Builders	Name:	Bapt
Contact Name:	Dick Johnson	Contact Name:	Kevin Walden
Street Address:	2602 Harney St	Street Address:	11244 Blondo St
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68131	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68164
Phone:	402-344-4258	Phone:	402-492-8374
Website:	NA	Website:	mhchurch.org
Organization	Bellevue Chamber of	Organization	
Name:	Commerce	Name:	Mt View Boys & Girls Club
Contact Name:	Jim Ristow	Contact Name:	Thomas Linnell
Street Address:	1102 Galvin Rd S	Street Address:	5322 N 52nd St
City, State ZIP:	Bellevue, NE 68005	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68104
Phone:	402-291-5216	Phone:	402-208-3833
Website:	bellevuenebraska.com	Website:	www.bgcomaha.org

Organization		Organization	
Name:	Bellevue Community Church	Name:	Native Omahans Club Inc
Contact Name:	Rick Jashinske	Contact Name:	NA
Street Address:	8601 S 36th St	Street Address:	3819 1/2 N 24th St
City, State ZIP:	Bellevue, NE 68147	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68110
Phone:	402-733-0136	Phone:	402-457-5974
Website:	NA	Website:	NA
Organization		Organization	Omaha Community
Name:	Building Bright Futures	Name:	Foundation
Contact Name:		Contact Name:	Mike Leighton
Street Address:	1004 Farnam St # 102	Street Address:	302 S 36th St # 100
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68102	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68131
Phone:	402-715-4145	Phone:	402-342-3458
Website:	buildingbrightfutures.net	Website:	omahafoundation.org
Organization		Organization	
Name:	Calvary Christian Church	Name:	Omaha Gospel Hall Church
Contact Name:	Scott Beckenhauer	Contact Name:	Mark Fitch
Street Address:	10100 Cedar Island Rd	Street Address:	5622 N 69th St
City, State ZIP:	Bellevue, NE 68123	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68104
Phone:	402-293-1700	Phone:	402-571-5983
Website:	calvarychristianchurch.org	Website:	NA
Organization	Camara De Comercio Y	Organization	Omaha Together One
Name:	Hispana	Name:	Community
Contact Name:	NA	Contact Name:	Paul Turner
Street Address:	4018 L St	Street Address:	3647 Lafayette Ave
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68107	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68131
Phone:	402-933-0384	Phone:	402-344-4401
Website:	NA	Website:	otoc.org
Organization		Organization	
Name:	Chamber of Commerce	Name:	
Contact Name:	Bob Mundt	Contact Name:	Lizabet Arellano
Street Address:	7 N 6th St	Street Address:	5017 Leavenworth St., Suite 101
City, State ZIP:	Council Bluffs, IA 51503	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68106
Phone:	712-325-1000	Phone:	402-502-1207
Website:	councilbluffsiowa.com	Website:	ahecomaha.org
Organization		Organization	
Name:	Church of Christ	Name:	Open Door Mission
Contact Name:	Adam Dollen	Contact Name:	Candace Gregory
Street Address:	2800 Twin City Dr # 3-6r	Street Address:	2828 N 23rd St E
City, State ZIP:	Council Bluffs, IA 51501	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68110
Phone:	712-256-6496	Phone:	402-422-1111
Website:	NA	Website:	opendoormission.org

Organization		Organization	
Name:	Church of the Nazarene	Name:	Pilgrim Christian Church
Contact Name:	Dan Cole	Contact Name:	NA
Street Address:	8206 Blondo St	Street Address:	2818 N 70th St
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68134	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68104
Phone:	402-393-8040	Phone:	402-556-2325
Website:	omahacentral.org	Website:	NA NA
Organization		Organization	Presbyterian Church of
Name:	Community Baptist Church	Name:	Master
Contact Name:	NA	Contact Name:	John D Hansen
Street Address:	8019 N 31st St	Street Address:	10710 Corby Cir
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68112	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68164
Phone:	402-457-4400	Phone:	402-498-0871
Website:	NA	Website:	pcmwindow.org
Organization	Developmental Services of	Organization	
Name:	Iowa	Name:	Prince of Peace Church
Contact Name:	Tonya Fustos	Contact Name:	Smart Smartt
Street Address:	535 W Broadway # 202	Street Address:	7818 Raven Oaks Dr
City, State ZIP:	Council Bluffs, IA 51503	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68152
Phone:	712-242-0533	Phone:	402-572-1028
Website:	dsiowa.com	Website:	NA
Organization	Downtown Improvement Dist	Organization	
Name:	Assn	Name:	South Omaha Business Assn
Contact Name:	Shelley Kiel	Contact Name:	Jean Mill
Street Address:	1620 Dodge St # 140	Street Address:	4827 S 24th St
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68102	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68107
Phone:	402-916-1796	Phone:	402-731-8828
Website:	NA	Website:	NA
Organization		Organization	
Name:	Dundee Presbyterian Church	Name:	Spiritual Science Church
Contact Name:	Robert Jordan	Contact Name:	NA
Street Address:	5312 Underwood Ave	Street Address:	321 Hascall St
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68132	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68108
Phone:	402-558-2330	Phone:	402-345-0101
Website:	dpcomaha.org	Website:	NA
Organization	Economic Development	Organization	St Andrews Episcopal
Name:	Council	Name:	Church
Contact Name:	Rod Moseman	Contact Name:	John Schaefer
Street Address:	1301 Harney St	Street Address:	925 S 84th St
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68102	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68114
Phone:	402-346-5905	Phone:	402-391-1950
		Website:	standrewsomaha.org

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Organization Name:	Empowerment Network	Organization Name:	St Bernard Church
Contact Name:	Vicki Quaites-Ferris	Contact Name:	G Melchior
Street Address:	105 N. 31 <sup>st</sup> Ave. Ste. 101	Street Address:	3601 N 65th St
	Omaha, NE 68131		Omaha, NE 68104
City, State ZIP: Phone:	402-502-5153	City, State ZIP: Phone:	402-551-0269
Website:		Website:	NA
Organization	Empoweromaha.com	Organization	INA
Name:	Family Housing Authority	Name:	St Joan of Arc Church
Contact Name:	Teresa Hunter	Contact Name:	Daniel Soltys
Street Address:	2401 Lake St # 201	Street Address:	3122 S 74th St
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68111	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68124
Phone:	402-934-6603	Phone:	402-393-2005
Website:	fhasinc.org	Website:	NA
Organization	masinc.org	Organization	St Matthew Lutheran
Name:	First Assembly of God	Name:	Church
Contact Name:	Shawn Oberg	Contact Name:	Glen Thomas
Street Address:	3320 Harry Langdon Blvd	Street Address:	1725 S 60th St
City, State ZIP:	Council Bluffs, IA 51503	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68106
Phone:	712-323-7721	Phone:	402-556-7030
Website:	cbfirstassembly.org	Website:	smlutheran.com
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Organization		Organization	
Name:	Justice for Our Neighbors	Name:	YMCA
Contact Name:	Emiliano Lerda	Contact Name:	Staci Gowan
Street Address:	2418 E St	Street Address:	1111 Fort St
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68107	City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68110
Phone:	402-898-1349	Phone:	402-339-9861
Website:	jfon-ne.org	Website:	metroymca.org
Organization			
Name:	Keep Omaha Beautiful Inc		
Contact Name:	Cindy Smilley		
Street Address:	1819 Farnam St # 306		
City, State ZIP:	Omaha, NE 68102		
Phone:	402-444-7774		
Website:	knb.org		

# **Appendix D: Resource Agencies and Interested Parties**

The table below displays the various resource agencies and interested parties which were contacted for the development of this plan and will be contacted for future plan developments. This list will evolve continually as more organizations are identified.

Resource Ag	Resource Agencies							
Agency Type	Organization	Full Name	Title	Email	Street Address	City, State ZIP	Phone	
					901 Locust Street	Kansas City, MO		
Federal	FTA Region VII	Daniel Nguyen	Community Planner	Daniel.Nguyen@dot.gov	Suite 404	64106	(816) 329-3920	
Federal	FHWA- Iowa	Darla Hugaboom	Transportation Planner	darla.hugaboom@dot.gov	105 6th Street	Ames, IA 50010	(515) 233-7305	
					100 Centennial Mall North,	Lincoln, NE		
Federal	FHWA- Nebraska	Justin Luther	Transportation Planner	Justin.Luther@dot.gov	Room 220	68508-3803	(402) 742-8464	
Federal	US Army Corps of Engineers			dll-cenwo-pao@usace.army.mil	1616 Capitol Ave., Ste. 9000	Omaha, NE 68102	(402) 995-2417	
	US Environmental							
	Protection Agency-							
Federal	Nebraska	Sara Morgan	Health Program Manager	sara.morgan@nebraska.gov	100 Centennial Mall N	Lincoln, NE 68508	(402) 471-3121	
	US Environmental Protection Agency-							
Federal	Regional	Bob Dye		dye.robert@epa.gov	301 Centennial Mall S	Lincoln, NE 68508	(913) 551-7605	
reactar	US Fish and Wildlife	Вов Бус		dyc.robert@cpa.gov	301 Centennar Wali 3	Ellicolli, IVE 00300	(313) 331 7003	
Federal	Service- Iowa Office			RockIsland@fws.gov	1511 47th Avenue	Moline, IL 61265	(515) 928-2523	
	US Fish and Wildlife					Grand Island, NE	(308) 382-6468	
Federal	Service- Nebraska Office	Michael D. George	Field Supervisor	mike_george@fws.gov	203 W 2nd St	68801	ext: 12	
			Statewide Planning					
			Coordinator				(=.=\ === .=.	
State	IDOT	Andrea White	Planning Team	andrea.white@iowadot.us	800 Lincoln Way	Ames, IA 50010	(515) 239-1210	
State	IDOT	Scott Suhr	District Transportation Planner	scott.suhr@ iowadot.us	2210 E. 7th St.	Atlantic, IA 50022	(712) 243-7627	
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State	IDOT	Scott Schram	District Engineer	scott.schram @ iowadot.us			712-243-3355	
Ctoto	lowa Department of Environmental Quality	Kevin Baskins	General Press/Media	Kevin.Baskins@dnr.iowa.gov	502 E. 9th Street	Des Moines, IA 50319-0034	(515) 281-8395	
State	Iowa Department of	Kevin Baskins	Contact	Kevin.Baskins@dnr.lowa.gov	502 E. 9th Street	Johnston, IA	(515) 281-8395	
State	Veterans' Affairs	Robert King	Executive Director	Robert.king@iowa.gov	7105 NW 70th Ave.	50131-1824	(515) 252-4698	
	Iowa Economic			The second secon		Des Moines, Iowa	(010) 101	
State	Development Authority	Tina Hoffman	Communications Director	communications@iowa.gov	200 East Grand Avenue	50309	(515) 725-3150	
	Iowa State Historical		Director, Iowa Department			Des Moines,		
State	Society	Mary Cownie	of Cultural Affairs	Mary.Cownie@iowa.gov	600 East Locust	Iowa, 50319	(515) 281-7471	
	Iowa Transportation							
State	Commission	Kathy Fehrman	Commissioner	Kathy.Fehrman@dot.iowa.gov		0 11.51.55	(308) 530-5331	
State	lowa Workforce			Pagion 13 Wah@iwd jawa zaw	200 W. Broadway Suits 12	Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503	(712) 242 2100	
State	Development, Region 13		Highway Planning	Region13.Web@iwd.iowa.gov	300 W. Broadway, Suite 13	10Mg 21202	(712) 242-2100	
State	NDOR	Craig Wackner	Manaager	craig.wacker@nebraska.gov	1400 NE Hwy 2	Lincoln, NE 68509	(402) 479-4623	
	NDOR	Kaine McClelland	GIS		·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(132) 113 1323	
State	INDOK	Kaine McClelland	CIS CID	kaine.mcclelland@nebraska.gov	1400 NE Hwy 2	Lincoln, NE 68509	<u> </u>	

State	NDOR	Mike Owen	Division Engineer	mike.owen@nebraska.gov	1500 NE Hwy 2	Lincoln, NE 68509	(402) 479-4795
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# **Appendix E: ADA Compliance Facility Checklist**

1	Event:			_	
Location/Add	dress:			_	
Date and	Time:		odation Area  Yes No N/A  Ion, are wheelchair accessible vehicles to the public?  Ito accessible public transportation?  In ansportation, does public transportation to accessible the public transportation to accessible the public transportation to the interpretation to the interpretati		
Person Comp	_			_	
	Date:			_	
Element		Accommodation Area	Yes	No	N/A
Transportation		event itself includes transportation, are wheelchair accessible vehicles ble and advertised as available to the public?			
	Is the	meeting or event located close to accessible public transportation?			
	transp	ated close to accessible public transportation, does public portation operate before and after meeting times? Ensure portation is available until at least 8 pm.			
		re an accessible route provided from the public transportation stop to the ng or facility entrance?			
	Acces	ssible parking is available (review # of car and van accessible spaces)?			
	An ac	cessible route with signage is provided from the parking lot to the facility?			
Evacuation	Do yo locati	u know the emergency evacuation plans for the meeting/training on?			
Parking	Does	the building have accessible (handicap) parking spaces?			
	If yes,	are they at least 8' wide and have 5' aisles next to them?			
Sidewalk	Are th	ere unobstructed curb ramps leading to the sidewalk (walkway)?			
Walkway	Is the	re a walkway from the parking lot to the building, at least 36" wide?			
	Does	the walkway have a stable and firm surface?			
		accessible route is different from the primary route to and through the ng, can you post signs with the wheelchair symbol that slow the route?			
	Is the	walkway level and free of steps?			
	If no, i	is there a ramp at least 36" wide?			
	If ther	re is a ramp, does it have a gentle slope (1" rise to 12" length)?			

Element	Accommodation Area	Yes	No	N/A
Fire Alarms	Are there flash fire alarm signals in the building, in the meeting/training room?			
Signage	Is there Braille text in the signage at the facility?			
Entrance/Doors	Is the door at least 36" wide (wide enough for a wheelchair)?			
	Can the hardware be operated with one hand level, push plate, etc.) with minimum of twisting or grasping?			
	Are the handles low enough to reach (maximum 48" high)? Can the door be pushed open easily?			
	Is the threshold no more than ½" high and beveled?	Ш	Ш	Ш
	When a vestibule, is there a minimum of 48" between the sets of doors?			
Floors	Are the floors hard and not slippery?			
	Is there a floor mat to dry feet and crutch tips to prevent slipping?			
Corridors	Is there a 36" corridor, from the entrance to where the meeting/training is held?			
	Is the path free of objects projecting 4" maximum into the corridor?			
Elevators	Is there an elevator in the facility where the meeting/training is located?	П		$\Box$
	If yes, is it a working one that is large enough for a wheelchair?	$\overline{\Box}$	$\overline{\Box}$	$\overline{\Box}$
	Are the controls within reach (maximum 48")?	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\overline{\Box}$
	Do the controls have Braille?			
	Is there an audible signal ringing at each floor?			
	Is there an audible two-way emergency communication system in the elevator?			
Meeting Room	Is there enough clearance around the table for a wheelchair to move?			
	Can the wheelchair pull under the edge of the table to sit close?			
Restrooms	Is there a wide, accessible path to the restroom?	П	П	П
	Is there a toilet stall wide enough that a wheelchair can enter and close the door behind? Interior space to turn around?			
	Is the water closet (toilet) 17-19 inches high to the rim?			
	Can the wheelchair roll under the sink (29" to the bottom)?			
	Can the faucets be reached and turned on easily?			
	Are the dispensers (soap, towel, etc.) reachable (maximum 48" high)?			
	Is there a mirror at an accessible height (bottom of the mirror 44"above the floor)?			

# APPENDIX F

# Legal Public Participation Requirements

#### FEDERAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization designated for the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)<sup>1</sup>, MAPA is responsible under federal transportation planning law, to develop a metropolitan transportation plan (MTP)<sup>2</sup>, a transportation improvement program (TIP), and a Public Participation Plan (PPP).

The federal requirement for MPOs to develop a Public Participation Plan (PPP) was first outlined in the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" (SAFETEA-LU). Specifically, SAFETEA-LU required that the PPP be developed in collaboration with interested parties, and provide reasonable opportunities for all parties to participate and comment on regional transportation plans. The 2012 transportation reauthorization bill "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21) continued to emphasize providing early and continuous opportunities for public involvement, and in 2021, the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" (IIJA) expanded upon the importance of public involvement by providing the first provisions promoting digital equity, with numerous new discretionary grant programs requiring public involvement efforts with particular attention to environmental justice considerations.

In carrying out its planning work, MAPA must comply with;

- Federal metropolitan planning law and regulations (<u>23 U.S.C. § 134</u> et seq. and <u>23 CFR Part 450</u> et seq.),
- The <u>State of Nebraska Open Meetings Act</u>,
- Iowa State law regarding Official Meetings Open to Public (Open Meetings) (<u>Iowa Code Chapter 21</u>), and
- Iowa Examination of Public Records (Open Records) (<u>Iowa Code Chapter 22</u>).

MAPA is further committed to developing and updating its regional transportation plans in accordance with the following requirements, including but not limited to:

- American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA);
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975:
- Clean Air Act of 1970 (CAA);
- <u>Executive Order 12898</u> Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice (EJ) in Minority and Low-Income Populations;
- <u>Executive Order 13166</u> Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency;
- Executive Order 13985 Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Referred to as the Transportation Management Area (TMA)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Referred to as the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- Executive order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

MAPA's Public Participation Plan procedures will follow and must comply with the following federal planning regulations set forth under 23 C.F.R. § 450.316 (a), outlined below:

- a) The MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing individuals, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, public ports, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation (including intercity bus operators, employer-based commuting programs, such as carpool program, vanpool program, transit benefit program, parking cash-out program, shuttle program, or telework program), representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The participation plan shall be developed by the MPO in consultation with all interested parties and shall, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for:
  - The MPO shall develop the participation plan in consultation with all interested parties and shall, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for:
    - Providing adequate public notice of public participation activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP;
    - ii) Providing timely notice and reasonable access to information about transportation issues and processes;
    - iii) Employing visualization techniques to describe metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs;
    - Making public information (technical information and meeting notices) available in electronically accessible formats and means, such as the World Wide Web;
    - v) Holding any public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times;
    - vi) Demonstrating explicit consideration and response to public input received during the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP;
    - vii) Seeking out and considering the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low-income and minority households, who may face challenges accessing employment and other services;
    - viii) Providing an additional opportunity for public comment, if the final metropolitan transportation plan or TIP differs significantly from the version that was made available for public comment by the MPO and raises new material issues that interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts;
      - ix) Coordinating with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation processes under subpart B of this part; and
      - x) Periodically reviewing the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan to ensure a full and open participation

process.

- 2) When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft metropolitan transportation plan and TIP (including the financial plans) as a result of the participation process in this section or the interagency consultation process required under the EPA transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR part 93, subpart A), a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made as part of the final metropolitan transportation plan and TIP.
- 3) A minimum public comment period of 45 calendar days shall be provided before the initial or revised participation plan is adopted by the MPO. Copies of the approved participation plan shall be provided to the FHWA and the FTA for informational purposes and shall be posted on the World Wide Web, to the maximum extent practicable.

#### **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS & ACTIVITIES**

MAPA must consult, as appropriate, with State and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation concerning the development of the LRTP. There are no federally recognized Indian Tribal lands within the MAPA region. MAPA's consultation requirements under federal planning regulations are set forth under 23 C.F.R. § 450.316(b)-(e) as follows:

- b) In developing metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs, the MPO should consult with agencies and officials responsible for other planning activities within the MPA that are affected by transportation (including State and local planned growth, economic development, tourism, natural disaster risk reduction, environmental protection, airport operations, or freight movements) or coordinate its planning process (to the maximum extent practicable) with such planning activities. In addition, the MPO shall develop the metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs with due consideration of other related planning activities within the metropolitan area, and the process shall provide for the design and delivery of transportation services within the area that are provided by:
  - 1) Recipients of assistance under title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53;
  - Governmental agencies and non-profit organizations (including representatives
    of the agencies and organizations) that receive Federal assistance from a source
    other than the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide non-emergency
    transportation services; and
  - 3) Recipients of assistance under 23 U.S.C. 201-204.
- c) When the MPA includes Indian Tribal lands, the MPO shall appropriately involve the Indian Tribal government(s) in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP.
- d) When the MPA includes Federal public lands, the MPO shall appropriately involve the Federal land management agencies in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP.
- e) MPOs shall, to the extent practicable, develop a documented process(es) that outlines roles, responsibilities, and key decision points for consulting with other governments and agencies, as defined in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section, which may be included in the agreement(s) developed under § 450.314.

#### TITLE VI, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Consideration of Environmental Justice (EJ) in the transportation planning process stems from Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI). Title VI establishes the need for transportation agencies to disclose to the public the benefits and burdens of proposed projects on minority populations. Title VI states that;

"No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Title VI not only bars intentional discrimination, but also unjustified disparate impact discrimination, or, discrimination resulting from policies and practices that are neutral on their face (i.e., there is no evidence of intentional discrimination), but have the effect of discrimination on protected groups. Considerations were expanded to include age with the "Age Discrimination Act of 1975", which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal-aid funds, and low income populations with Executive Order 12898 "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations" (1994).

EO 12898 expanded upon Title VI, requiring each covered federal agency to "make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations", and establishing an Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice to assist agencies in its implementation. In 2011, seventeen federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) signed the "Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Justice and Executive Order 12898" (EJ MOU), which advanced agency responsibilities and reporting requirements and reaffirming that agencies ensure meaningful opportunities exist for the public to submit comments and recommendations relating to the agency's planning efforts, programs, policies, and activities. EO 12989 and the 2011 EJ MOU reinforce and expand upon Title VI, ensuring that every federally funded project nationwide considers the human environment when undertaking the planning and decision-making process.

In 2012, in accordance with the EJ MOU, the Department of Transportation (DOT) revised their EJ Strategy (originally drafted in 1995). The updated strategy requires the goals of EJ be adhered to throughout all agency activities, including transportation planning and project development, and to promote those goals through public outreach efforts conducted by the Department and its funding recipients. The DOT's guiding EJ principles are briefly summarized as follows, and must be adhered to by all federally funded agencies including MPOs;

- 1. To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process,
- 2. To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations, and
- 3. To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low income populations.

The Federal Transit Authority (FTA) also issued guidance in response to the EJ MOU in the form of two circulars; FTA Circular 4702.1B, Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients, and FTA Circular 4703.1, Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients. The first of which specified new reporting requirements and added a requirement for mapping and charts to analyze the impacts of the distribution of State and Federal public transportation funds. The second provides recommendations to MPOs on how to engage EJ populations in the transportation decision making process, how to determine if EJ populations would be disproportionately negatively impacted by a plan, project, or activity, and how to mitigate those impacts.

Executive Order 13985 (2021), "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government" requires identification of methods to assess equity, and an equity assessment in all federal agencies, developed in consultation with members of communities that have been historically underrepresented in the Federal Government and underserved by, or subject to discrimination in, Federal policies and programs. It also established an equitable data working group to disaggregate federal datasets by key demographic variables to enhance efforts to measure and advance equity.

MAPA is committed to a more equitable and just region, and in June of 2020, the Board of Directors signed the <u>MAPA Equity Resolution</u>, with commitments to:

- 1. Ensure that equity is a regional goal and that progress toward this goal is measured in MAPA's planning work
- 2. Commit to listen to those affected and marginalized to learn how MAPA can help
- 3. Include robust representation from communities of color in MAPA boards, committees and stakeholder groups
- 4. Improve the employment, training, advancement, support and success of people of color by recruiting a diverse staff that reflects the region we serve
- 5. Review policies and programs to ensure equitable funding toward disinvested communities that will close disparities in our region and put all residents on a path toward reaching their full potential
- 6. Address the needs of African-American and other historically disadvantaged populations in the transportation planning and project selection process through Environmental Justice analysis, public engagement, and other activities
- 7. Target priority community development and economic development investments in Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAP/ECAP), and
- 8. Review MAPA's work and progress in addressing these issues through a conducting an organizational equity assessment to be conducted annually at the end of each fiscal year.

MAPA's Equity Resolution is well aligned with Executive Order 14008: Tackling Climate Change at Home and Abroad, which was signed by President Biden in January of 2021, and created the government-wide Justice40 Initiative, establishing the goal that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities. The 2021 MAPA Equity Assessment can be found on the MAPA website, and in an effort to continue efforts towards an equitable region, MAPA released it's the Regional Equity Toolbox in 2023, which serves as a collection of equity resources and a scoring matrix for the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area that identifies populations that could be disproportionately impacted by gaps in transportation.

MAPA's Title VI Plan was updated in January of 2021. It includes a Demographic Profile for the region, as well as the environmental justice analysis and ADA self assessment. MAPA's Title VI Plan outlines MAPA's responsibilities in Program Administration, Complaints, Data Collection, Environmental Review Requirements, Training Programs, Title VI Plan Updates, Annual Accomplishment Reports, Public Dissemination, Elimination of Discrimination, Maintaining Legislative and Procedural Information, and information on how MAPA is implementing, initiating, and monitoring the agency's Title VI program and Title VI and ADA activities. MAPA's Title VI Plan also contains information on Limited English Proficiency (LEP) households in the region, and a four factor analysis, conducted in accordance with EO 13166, to determine the level and extent of language assistance measures. MAPA's Title VI Plan also contains provisions for providing appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in MAPA's programs, services, and activities, in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990.