

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Friday, October 20, 2023 | 10:00a - 11:30a
Boardroom - Main Level of the Metro Transit Building

MINUTES

Attendance

In attendance:

TTAC Voting Members

Austin Rowser (City of Omaha)
Todd Pfitzer (Douglas County)
Bryan Guy (City of Omaha)
Matt Cox (City of Council Bluffs)
Pat Dowse (City of La Vista)
Eric Williams (PMRNRD)
Mike Kleffner (City of Papillion)
Tom Goodbarn (NDOT)
Derek Miller (City of Omaha)
Sherri Levers (Metro Transit)

TTAC Non Voting Members & Guests

Lee Myers (AARP)
Krista Wassenaar (City of Omaha)
Damion Stern (NDOT)
Maurice Hinchey (NDOT)
Joan Green (E&A Consulting)
Ivan Maldonado (Metro Transit)
Gregory Perry (EEG)*
Daniel Nguyen (FTA)*
Jeff Sobczyk (City of Omaha)*
Kristin Broyhill (Omaha Chamber)*
Bart Pugh (Schemmer)*
Chris Rolling (Olsson)*

MAPA Staff

Carlos Morales
Laura Heilman
Michael Blank
Mike Helgerson*

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

Pfitzer called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. Approval of the Minutes from the September 22, 2023 meeting

Goodbarn motioned to approve the September 22nd meeting minutes, Bryan Guy seconded, motion carried.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

B. Amendment 2 to the FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Michael Blank presented the amendment, which includes changes to projects sponsored by NDOT, the City of Omaha, the City of Gretna, and the City of Bellevue. Barber clarified that many of the NDOT projects in this Amendment are due to NDOT cleaning up their projects list at the end of the federal fiscal year and the start of the next fiscal year. Person (NDOT) clarified that the City of Omaha is conducting some help on the US-6 Harrison St. - Dodge St project.

Kleffner motioned to approve, Dowse seconded, motion carried.

C. Approval of the FY2025 TIP Project Selection Policy Guide

Court Barber presented the proposed guide and application to be used in the call for projects. There will be one policy guide for the four programs of STBG, TAP, CRP, and the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grants. For planning projects since they typically don't score well since the scoring criteria is focused on construction, when people apply for planning projects they will be scored amongst each other, and not against construction projects. Barber then went into further detail on the history of this process to get to this point when it comes to the six priority areas, the weighting of the priority areas, and the criteria. Barber noted that for the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant committee that TTAC will need to vote on two people from TTAC to send to the selection committee.

Williams and Barber clarified interest from the TAP-C committee to give more options to control funding adjustments by projects previously approved, a process still ongoing. Williams asked whether TAP-C just needs to give final feedback to MAPA on this, which Barber clarified that is mostly the case. Williams stated that therefore TAP-C needs to give Barber this clarification.

Kleffner motioned to approve, Rowser second, motion carried.

D. Approval & Opening of the FY2025 Call for Projects

Court Barber presented the proposed schedule for the call for projects.

Kleffner motioned to approve, Pfitzer second, motion carried.

Discussion Items

A. Quarterly Federal Funding Update

Carlos Morales and Court Barber presented the final FFY2023 balances of federal funding for all regional apportionment programs and an outlay of funding and projects for FY2024.

Cox clarified that the South Expressway Reconstruction - Phase 2 project will likely slide UTIL-CON-CE from FY2024 to FY2025.

Barber asked about the status of Omaha's Roundabout Program, Rowser and Guy explained the state of the project.

Perry clarified that construction on the Gretna to Wehrspann Trail may not occur in FY2024.

B. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

Rowser noted the AC Resurfacing package for Omaha is still on schedule. The 108th St project had a utility delay. The Baby Bob should be kicking off next week.

Hinchey presented on several different NDOT projects occurring throughout the metro area at various stages of completion.

Kleffner noted several Papillion projects ongoing, such as on 90th and 72nd st.

Pfitzer spoke about several utility delays, notably fiber companies.

Rowser noted about a new consultant soliciting for signal timing projects.

Krager stated the Fort Crook bridge project is going ahead.

Dowse noted the Apple Wood Creek Trail received a funding award with the help of MAPA and NDOT. Sewer work is 60% done. 84th St development has gone well so far.

Williams stated that the Platte River Trail is still going ahead with a completion date in late 2024.

Wassenaar noted that the 48th St project is starting next year, and an RFP for the Midtown Medical Bikeway should be coming out later this year.

Maldonado noted that Metro is looking to procure 26 buses, but it will take a few years to have them built.

Cox noted that South Expressway Phase 1 is nearing completion.

C. Additional Business (time permitting)

Morales noted that FHWA has an APA Pedestrian Facilities training opportunity in November.

Pfizer adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.

Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, October 26, 2023**
- **TTAC: Friday, December 8, 2023 (no meeting in November, have a happy Thanksgiving!)**

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