

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

February 22, 2024

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Vice Chair Vinton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

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| Scott Belt                | Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors  |
| Patrick Bloomingdale      | Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County                                     |
| Angi Burmeister           | Sarpy County Commissioner  |
| Roger Garcia              | Douglas County Commissioner  |
| Rusty Hike                | Mayor, City of Bellevue  |
| Don Rowe                  | Omaha City Council   |
| Carol Vinton – Vice Chair | IA Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors) |
| Matt Walsh                | Mayor, City of Council Bluffs  |

**Members/Officers Absent**

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| Douglas Kindig – Chair                        | NE Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista) |
| Jacquelyn Morrison (rep. Mayor Jean Stothert) | Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha                                   |

**MAPA Staff**

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Grant Anderson | Jim Boerner       | Christina Brownell | Sue Cutsforth  |
| Matt Eash      | Michael Helgerson | Laura Heilman      | Carlos Morales |
| Owen Stuckey   | Elizabeth Zeller  |                    |                |

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the February 22, 2024 meeting agenda – (Action)**

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Walsh to approve the agenda of the February 22, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Burmeister, Garcia, Hike, Rowe, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the January 25, 2024 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Burmeister to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Burmeister, Garcia, Hike, Rowe, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS – (Information)**

**1. AGENCY REPORTS**

**a. Executive Director’s Report - Mr. Michael Helgerson**

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on agency projects, activities and events including: recap of staff & board member trip to Washington, D.C. for the NARC National Conference of Regions; MAPA in the News: I-80 / I-680 interchange article; progress update on the US 34/75 Platte River Bridge Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail, Missouri River Ice Jam Committee update, Economy Recovery Corps (ERC project update); NDED Program Updates (Development Initiatives & Housing Resiliency Study); Upcoming event March Council of Officials meeting.

**b. FY 2024 Annual Member Survey**

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board the results of the FY 2024 Annual Member Survey. MAPA received a total of 32 survey responses. Top 5 Community Assistance Requests were: Funding for Local Project(s) -

24; Parks or Trails - 22; Comp Plans/Zoning Updates - 15; Place Making - 15; and Public Engagement - 14. Local priorities for the upcoming year focused on Housing & Development (top priorities were Housing Choices, and Housing Affordability), and Transportation (top priorities were Trails for Walking and Biking, and Sidewalk Connectivity).

c. 2022 Traffic Report – Owen Stuckey, GIS Coordinator

Mr. Stuckey provided the Board with the results of the 2022 Traffic Reports. Nebraska data is collected every two years so this report shows volume changes since the COVID-19 pandemic for the state of Nebraska. Iowa data is collected every four years, IowaDOT did not publish data in 2020 due to the pandemic. The report also included top interchanges in Nebraska as well as changes to the regional traffic patterns in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).

2. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. Jim Boerner– 5 Years of Service to MAPA

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the February 14, 2024 meeting.
2. TRAVEL – APA National Planning Conference – Michael Blank – Minneapolis, MN – April 13-16, 2024 – \$2,243.79.
3. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS
  - a. Nebraska Enterprise Fund (NEF) Admin – PMT #7 – \$1,886.95
  - b. Nebraska Enterprise Fund (NEF) Loan – Wheelhouse Omaha– PMT #1 – \$63,288.54

MOTION by Burmeister, SECOND by Walsh to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Belt, Burmeister, Garcia, Hike, Rowe, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

1. RESOLUTION 2024 – 12: STATEWIDE URBAN DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS (SUDAS) BOARD APPOINTMENT – (ACTION)

The Board considered for approval the appointment of Matt Cox from the City of Council Bluffs to Iowa’s SUDAS Board.

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Rowe to approve Resolution 2024–12: Appointment of Matt Cox from the City of Council Bluffs to the SUDAS Board.

AYES: Belt, Burmeister, Garcia, Hike, Rowe, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. RESOLUTION 2024 – 13: IOWA CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDOR NOMINATION – (ACTION)

The Board considered for approval recommendations for roadways in Council Bluffs and Carter Lake to be added to the National Highway Freight Network as a Critical Urban Freight Corridor.

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Hike to approve Resolution 2024–13: Iowa Critical Urban Freight Corridor Nomination.

AYES: Belt, Burmeister, Garcia, Hike, Rowe, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. PURCHASE – (ACTION)

- a. Heartland 2050 Learning Site Visit (LSV) – Charlotte, NC – April / May – \$39,060.03 purchase to include airfare, lodging meeting spaces, 3 teams meals, transit fare, and shuttle service for up to 22 travelers.

MOTION by Rowe, SECOND by Hike to approve the purchase of the Heartland 2050 Learning Site Visit to Charlotte, NC.

AYES: Belt, Burmeister, Garcia, Hike, Rowe, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. NEW CONTRACTS– (ACTION)

The Board will consider for approval the new contracts listed below.

- a. Oracle America, Inc. - NetSuite for Government –  
i. Implementation – \$245,646.00  
ii. 60-month Subscription – \$50,749.20/year

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Burmeister to approve the agreements with Oracle America, Inc - Net Suite for Government for Implementation Cost and 60-month Subscription fees.

AYES: Belt, Burmeister, Garcia, Hike, Rowe, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Professional Service Agreements –  
i. Resolution 2024 – 14: Public Outreach and Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) – WSP USA Inc. – \$547,268.37  
ii. Resolution 2024 – 15: Data Support Plan – High Street Consulting Group LLC – \$233,558.33

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Rowe to approve Resolutions 2024-14 and 2024-15: Professional Service Agreements with WSP USA Inc, and High Street Consulting Group LLC for the Safe Streets and Roads for All project.

AYES: Belt, Burmeister, Garcia, Hike, Rowe, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION – None

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Board Vice Chair Vinton adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.