

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Mar 22, 2024 10:00 AM

Boardroom - Main Level of the Metro Transit Building

MINUTES

Attendance

In attendance:

TTAC Voting Members

Joe Soucie - City of La Vista
John Krager - City of Bellevue
Eric Williams - NRD
Craig Wacker - NDOT
Matt Cox - City of Council Bluffs
Travis Halm - Iowa DOT
Todd Pfitzer - Douglas County
Maruice Hinchey - NDOT
Bryan Guy - City of Omaha
Austin Rowser - City of Omaha
Sherri Levers - Metro Transit
Scott Suhr - Iowa DOT*

TTAC Non-Voting Members, Virtual Attendees, & Guests

Alex Sick - HDR
Kaine McClelland - NDOT*
Shanee Adekunle - City of Bellevue
Greg Youell - FHU*
Joan Green - E&A*
Jeff Sobczyk - City of Omaha*
Andy Wicks - City of Council Bluffs*
Bart Pugh - Schemmer*

MAPA Staff

Court Barber
Jim Boerner
Michael Blank
Carlos Morales
Laura Heilman

**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 10:01 a.m.

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. Approval of the Minutes from the February 16, 2024 Meeting

Soucie moved to approve, Pfitzer seconded. Motion carried.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

B. Amendment 4 to the FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Michael Blank presented the amendment, which includes changes to projects sponsored by the City of Omaha, City of Papillion, City of Bellevue, NDOT, and Douglas County.

Pfitzer moved to approve with an adjustment to the Elkhorn River Trail Bridge project by changing the sponsor to PMRNRD, Hinchey seconded. Motion carried.

C. DRAFT MAPA FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - Open Public Comment Period

Carlos Morales presented the FY2025 UPWP budget table.

Soucie asked for clarification on who Black Hills Works is. Barber clarified that they work with persons with disabilities in work placement programs.

Rowser moved to approve, Soucie seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

D. Passenger Rail Updates

Michael Blank presented information and updates on the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC), the Federal Railroad Administration's AMTRAK [Long-Distance Service Study](#), and the status of the Iowa DOT State Rail Plan update.

E. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Court Barber presented MAPA's plans for updating the LRTP, including a project list update schedule.

F. MAPA Travel Demand Model Updates

Jim Boerner presented on the planned updates to the MAPA Travel Demand Model and upcoming survey for member jurisdiction inputs.

G. [Iowa DOT Gov Safety Grant](#)

Jim Boerner provided an update on a safety grant opportunity provided by the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau.

H. Call for Projects & 2025 TIP Next Steps

Court Barber provided an update on the status of project selection.

Pfitzer stated that he liked the work done by MAPA to help project selection go very smoothly and the process went well.

I. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

The following members provided updates on transportation-related issues:

Levers - Metro construction project updates & transit service updates.

Pfitzer - Douglas County construction project updates.

Soucie - La Vista construction project updates.

Krager - Bellevue construction project updates.

Williams - PMRNRD construction project updates.

Cox - Council Bluffs project funding updates.

Hinchey - NDOT construction project updates.

Rowser - Omaha construction project updates.

Morales - MAPA planning updates.

Heilman - MAPA planning summit updates.

Halm - Iowa DOT and Iowa FHWA updates.

Suhr - Iowa DOT construction updates.

J. Additional Business (time permitting)

Pfitzer noted the good work MAPA has done with the public comment and process for project selection.

Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, March 28, 2024**
- **RPAC: Friday, April 5, 2024**
- **TTAC: Friday, April 19, 2024**

Soucie moved to adjourn, Rowser seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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