

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Jun 21, 2024 10:00 AM

📍 2222 Cuming Street Boardroom, Main Level ▾

SPECIAL NOTE: Metro Transit has limited access to their parking lots due to the proximity of the College World Series. Please access the west lot from Nicholas Street; [see here for more information](#).

Minutes

Attendance

In attendance:

TTAC Voting Members

Eric Williams (PMRNRD)
Derek Miller (City of Omaha)
Pat Dowse (City of La Vista)
Mike Kleffner (City of Papillion)
Maurice Hinchey (NDOT)
John Krager (City of Bellevue)
Sherri Levers (Metro)
Todd Pfitzer (Douglas County)
Austin Rowser (City of Omaha)
Bryan Guy (City of Omaha)
Krista Wassenaar (City of Omaha)
Scott Suhr (Iowa DOT)*
Craig Walker (FHWA Nebraska)*

TTAC Non-Voting Members, Virtual Attendees, & Guests

Shanee Adekunle (City of Bellevue)
Greg Youell (FHU)
Jay Garrison (City of Omaha)
Dakin Schultz (FHWA Iowa)
Joan Green (E&A)
Bart Pugh (Schemmer)
Lee Myers (AARP)*
Dan Sitorius (JEO)*
David Goedeken (City of Bellevue)*
Vicki Quaites-Ferris (Empowerment Network)*

MAPA Staff

Carlos Morales
Jim Boerner
Court Barber
Michael Blank
Mia Haschenburger*
Rachel Goettsch*
Ayodele Fadoju*

**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 a.m.

Quorum was met.

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. Approval of the Minutes from the [May 17, 2024 Meeting](#)

Kleffner moved to approve, Dowse seconded, motion carried.

B. Election of Officers for MAPA's Fiscal Year 2025 (July - June)

TTAC made nominations for, and voted to approve, officers for the new fiscal year.

Austin Rowser nominated Todd Pfitzer for chair, Todd Pfitzer accepted. Unanimous approval of Todd Pfitzer for Chair of TTAC for the next fiscal year.

Todd Pfitzer nominated Mike Kleffner for vice chair, Mike Kleffner accepted. Unanimous approval of Mike Kleffner of TTAC for the next fiscal year.

C. [Update to the Bylaws of the Coordinated Transit Committee](#)

Court Barber presented the updated bylaws and requested approval of the amended document.

Morales provided background information into what the CTC is, and why we are asking to change the bylaws.

Kleffner motioned to approve the amended changes, Miller seconded, motion carried.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

D. [Approval of an Amendment to the Section 5310 Program Management Plan \(PMP\)](#)

Court Barber presented an update to the PMP, that allows certain participants who meet the ADA compliance requirements for providing paratransit for fixed route service to have 85% federal participation.

Wassenaar motioned to approve, Pfitzer seconded, motion carried

E. [Approval of Amendment 6 to the FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)

Michael Blank presented the amendment, which included an update to the Council Bluffs Multimodal PEL.

Kleffner motioned to approve, Wassenaar seconded, motion carried.

F. [Approval of the FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)

Court Barber presented the final program for FY2025.

Williams motioned to approve, Hinchey seconded, motion carried.

Discussion Items

G. [Prioritization Process Pilot Program](#)

Court Barber presented on the framework MAPA established in the application and MAPA's goals and objectives for the project.

A poll was used to receive feedback from TTAC voting members on setting priorities. It was determined that while MAPA is overall sufficient for setting priorities in our region for project selection and infrastructure investment, it would improve most from better data utilization.

Next, a poll was used to find what discussion topics (Safe System, Transportation Equity, Transportation Resiliency, Travel Reliability, System State of Good Repair, Economic Conditions & Workforce Development, Complete Streets Elements) TTAC would like more discussion on. The findings indicated that TTAC was overall middle of the road when it came to whether there should be discussion on the various discussion items in the future. Quaites-Ferris noted that while equity did not score highly, it should be an element as we develop the data and scoring criteria.

A similar poll to the previous one was used to find what discussion topics (Project Cost Assessment, Constructability Assessment, Milestones Achieved/Status, Benefit-Cost Ratio Screening, Technical Capacity of Sponsor, Local Match Capacity) TTAC would like more discussion on. The findings indicated that TTAC was primarily interested in discussing more in future meetings on Benefit-Cost Ratio Screening.

Another poll was used to find what aspects of project prioritization should MAPA focus on with TTAC over the next few months. TTAC was primarily interested in discussing Data & Scoring Criteria, and Committee Structure, for project prioritization.

TTAC additionally noted that they would like food at meetings if possible.

Williams asked if there is any way to initiate more project applications for funding balances that are high, such as for Iowa STBG, as well as Iowa and Nebraska TAP, to bring down the balances. Barber noted that what we hope to do with project selection in the future is try to do a better job of capturing what will happen in the next 10 years so we are set up to make it easier for jurisdictions to submit applications. We want to be able to be aware of what projects jurisdictions are looking to undertake and when, along with knowing if they align with any Federal discretionary grants.

Williams noted some of the large balances on the Iowa side. Barber stated that there is, and that MAPA is in active discussion with our partners on the Iowa side to spend down the balances.

H. MAPA Annual Safety Performance

Jim Boerner reported on the progress towards PM1 Safety Performance targets.

I. Public Comment

Members of the public were offered an opportunity to speak. No comments were received.

J. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

The following members provided updates on transportation-related issues:

Wassenaar - Omaha project software update and construction updates.

Hinchey - NDOT District 2 construction project updates.

Rowser - Omaha construction project and Streetcar updates.

Kleffner - Papillion construction updates.

Krager - Bellevue construction updates.

Williams - PMRNRD sonar boat drone usage and construction updates.

Pfizer - Douglas County construction updates.

Levers - Metro bus maintenance and construction updates.

Suhr - Iowa DOT ribbon cutting for the Council Bluffs Interstate System update.

K. Additional Business (time permitting)

Morales presented the idea of swapping the first year of MAPA Nebraska CRP funds with NDOT CMAQ funds as those CRP funds will lapse in FFY 2025. MAPA is currently working with NDOT to do this.

Morales presented the ongoing annual redistribution process with NDOT.

Pfizer discussed the tornado clean up efforts in western Douglas County.

Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: June 27, 2024**
- **TTAC: July 19, 2024**
- **RPAC: August 2, 2024**

Kleffner moved to adjourn, Wassenaar seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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