

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

September 26, 2024

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Board Chair Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Patrick Bloomingdale	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
Roger Garcia	Douglas County Commissioner
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
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
Carol Vinton – Vice Chair (arrived @1:37p)	IA Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

**Members/Officers Absent**

Angi Burmeister	Sarpy County Commissioner
Don Rowe	Omaha City Council

**MAPA Staff**

Grant Anderson	Michael Blank	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Matt Eash
Laura Heilman	Carlos Morales	Michael Helgerson	Jodi Woolery	Elizabeth Zeller

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the September 26, 2024 meeting agenda – (Action)**

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Belt to approve the agenda of the September 26, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Morrison, Walsh, Kindig

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the August 22, 2024 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Hike to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Morrison, Walsh, Kindig

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: 6 Regions, One Nebraska meetings to be held in the MAPA region in October; NDED Housing Listening Sessions; Council Bluffs 5-2-1-0 Walk Audit; Sarpy County Economic Outlook 2024 held on September 19, MAPA Director presented on The Western Sarpy County Transportation Enhancement Plan (WE-STEP); Missouri River Multimodal Bridge Planning & Environmental Linkages Public Workshop on October 2nd, MAPA in the News: Steve & Carol Vinton Inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame and MAPA Director, Mike Helgerson, was selected to receive the ISU College of Design Achievement Award; reminder of MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting on October 9th at Holiday Inn & Suites 1-29 in Council Bluffs.

- b. Staff Recognition: Jodi Woolery, Art Director – 5 Years  
Mrs. Woolery was recognized by the Board for 5 years of service to MAPA.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the September 18, 2024 meeting.
2. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS –  
The Board considered for approval the final contract payments listed below.
  - a. City of Papillion - 5310 – \$18,336.00
  - b. Landis Evans - Omaha Bike/Ped Plan - PMT #27 & 28 - \$7,269.57
  - c. Rails to Trails Conservancy - \$874.11
  - d. ROAM (Heartland Bank Share) - PMT #1 - \$51,000.00
3. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT #4 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –  
The Board considered for approval a 25 day public comment period for Amendment #4 to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

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

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Morrison, Vinton, Walsh, Kindig

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

1. RESOLUTION 2025–03: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #1 – (ACTION)  
The Board considered for approval of Resolution 2025–03: TIP Amendment #1, which includes changes to projects sponsored by the City of Omaha and City of Bellevue.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Hike to approve Resolution 2025–03: TIP Amendment #1.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Morrison, Vinton, Walsh, Kindig

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Contracts / Agreements – (ACTION)
  - a. OneOmaha Safe Streets for All (SS4A) - Community Based Organization (CBO) Agreement – \$14,945.00.  
The Board considered for approval the OneOmaha Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Agreement.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Hike to approve the OneOmaha SS4A - CBO agreement.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Morrison, Vinton, Walsh, Kindig

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Resolution 2025–04: Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Application –  
The Board considered for approval Resolution 2025–04: Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Application. Mr. Helgerson presented an overview of the discretionary grant that MAPA intends to apply for to fund planning work related to the North Freeway.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Hike to approve Resolution 2025–04: Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program Grant Application.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Morrison, Vinton, Walsh, Kindig

NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION –

1. Pacific Junction Update – (Information)

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on the status of outstanding invoice payments due to MAPA from the City of Pacific Junction for flood recovery work.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Board Chair Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.