

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Sep 20, 2024 10:00 AM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82111390019?pwd=gKlJcMmkyKnsIhpyHAHbrFIVWkYJqD.1>

📍 8116 Park View Boulevard Annex ▾ [See event page for more information.](#)

Minutes

Called to order: 10:04a

Adjourned: motion by Kleffner 11:41a

In attendance:

<u>TTAC Voting Members</u>	<u>TTAC Non-Voting Members, Virtual Attendees, & Guests</u>	<u>MAPA Staff</u>
Eric Williams (PMRNRD)	Kelechi Chibuikem (Metro)	Mike Helgerson
Damion Stern (NDOT)	John Markt (HDR)	Court Barber
Maurice Hinchey (NDOT)	Travis Halm (Iowa DOT)*	Michael Blank
Mike Kleffner (City of Papillion)	Dan Carpenter (Benesch)*	Jim Boerner
Dennis Wilson (Sarpy County)	Rich McFall (Nebraska VR)*	Mia Haschenburger*
Matt Cox (City of Council Bluffs)	Sherri Levers (Metro)*	
Evan Schweitz (Metro)	Eric Miller (FHU)*	
John Krager (City of Bellevue)	Jeff Sobczyk (City of Omaha)*	
Todd Pfitzer (Douglas County)	Mark Tuch (Burns & McDonnell)*	
Bryan Guy (City of Omaha)	Dakin Schultz (FHWA Iowa)*	
Derek Miller (City of Omaha)	Joan Green (E&A)*	
	Sam Huppert (Omaha Chamber)*	

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. [Approval of the Minutes from the August 16, 2024 Meeting](#)

Wilson moved to approve, Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

B. [Open a Public Comment Period for the 4th Amendment to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan](#)

Court Barber presented the amendment and asked the committee to recommend opening a 25 day comment period.

Kleffner moved to approve, Hinchey seconded. Motion carried.

C. [Amendment 1 to the FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)

Court Barber presented the amendment, which included changes to projects sponsored by the Cities of Omaha and Bellevue.

Cox motioned to approve, Miller seconded. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Intent to Apply for a Grant Under the [Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program](#)

Mike Helgerson presented an overview of the discretionary grant MAPA intends to apply for to fund planning work related to the North Freeway.

Kleffner was concerned regarding the inclusion of conceptual and preliminary engineering and design without doing and finishing a planning study to understand where and what is feasible before going into engineering. Helgerson noted that this is a good comment to keep in mind.

Pfizer asked if this is related to truck and freight planning in North Omaha. Helgerson noted that this is completely separate.

Kleffner motioned to approve as a planning study only, Pfizer seconded. Motion carried. Barber clarified that getting an engineering conceptual design will need to be included, but that is as far as needed.

Discussion Items

E. Public Comment

The public was offered an opportunity to speak. No public comment was made.

F. TAP Committee Carbon Reduction Program Discussion

Court Barber and Eric Williams lead a discussion about a proposed swap of regional CRP funds for NDOT's CMAQ funds in order to use the CRP funds in a timely manner.

Guy brought up the option of including both funds into Omaha traffic signal timing studies and work, as they are eligible for both.

Williams asked if we have received any Iowa side CRP project funding requests. Barber clarified that MAPA has not. Helgerson noted that during the next call for projects Iowa DOT has expressed that multiple balances on the Iowa side are running too high.

G. Safe Streets for All - Existing Process Review

John Markt provided an update on planning to date, including: 1) Community Engagement Update, 2) Additional Data Analysis, and, 3) Policy and Process Review and recommended changes.

Kleffner asked how data driven the selection process will be. Boerner responded that we will come to TTAC around December with data and options for the selection process, and that it will be data driven including data from fatal and serious injury locations, roadway characteristics, community feedback, and so on.

H. Metro Transit Delay Analysis

Kelechi Chibuikem with Metro presented the results of the analysis of the timing of buses on 24th Street.

Wilson noted that he liked the potential positive impacts of better bicycle infrastructure and connections with transit.

Schweitz further explained that this study and its results will be used to help inform potential implementation of an ORBT-like service on 24th Street.

Kleffner asked what the ridership difference was on the Dodge Street corridor before and after ORBT service. Schweitz responded that one example is on route 2 it went from 8000 weekly riders pre-ORBT to 12000 weekly riders post-ORBT. Overall the Dodge Street corridor ORBT service has seen and created an increase of ridership.

Miller asked what the status of the 24th Street ORBT service project is. Schweitz responded that Metro is in the early stages of planning.

Guy asked if Metro has done a study on what would happen in terms of ridership if they increased frequency on some of their routes that are every 30 minutes or every hour to every 15 minutes. Schweitz responded that Metro has yet to do such a study, but if they increased frequency that would likely increase ridership.

I. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

NDOT D2 - Hinchey provided construction updates.

Douglas County - Pfitzer provided construction updates.

Papillion - Kleffner provided construction updates.

PMRNRD - Williams provided operational and construction updates.

Council Bluffs - Cox provided construction updates.

Omaha - Guy provided traffic signal work updates.

MAPA - Barber provided information on the Council of Officials, Boerner provided Travel Demand Model updates.

J. Additional Business (time permitting)

Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: September 26, 2024**
- **RPAC: October 04, 2024**
- **TTAC: October 18, 2024**

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