

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Oct 18, 2024 10:00 AM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88432263994?pwd=I76dT57zWv9rhe4LUwFvFAL42aShSJ.1>

📍 400 Willow Ave Library Meeting Room B ▾

Minutes

In attendance:

<u>TTAC Voting Members</u>	<u>TTAC Non-Voting Members, Virtual Attendees, & Guests</u>	<u>MAPA Staff</u>
Eric Williams (PMRNRD)	Krista Wassenaar (City of Omaha)	Rachel Goettsch
Damion Stern (NDOT)	Bart Pugh (Schemmer)	Court Barber
Maurice Hinchey (NDOT)	Scott Suhr (Iowa DOT)*	Carlos Morales
Mike Kleffner (City of Papillion)	Jeff Sockel (Benesch)*	
Sherri Levers (Metro Transit)	Chris Rolling (Olsson)*	
Matt Cox (City of Council Bluffs)	Tony Egelhoff (Olsson)	
Pat Dowse (City of La Vista)	Matt Knight (City of Bellevue)*	
Dave Vermillion (City of Council Bluffs)	Jeff Sobczyk (City of Omaha)*	
Dan Kutilek (Douglas County)	Greg Youell (FHU)*	
Bryan Guy (City of Omaha)	Dakin Schultz (FHWA Iowa)*	
Derek Miller (City of Omaha)	Joan Green (E&A)*	
Mark McLaughlin (City of Omaha)	Dave Goedeken (City of Bellevue)*	
	John Krager (City of Bellevue)*	

*Attended Virtually

Called to order by Mike Kleffner at 10:05am

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. Approval of the Minutes from the [September 20, 2024 Meeting](#)

Kutilek motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

B. Approval of the [Nebraska Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Charter](#)

Jarrod Walker with NDOT presented the proposed charter. The planned notice is only 30 days long. The goal of the charter is to . Phase 1 is to focus on the urban areas of NE, specifically the Nebraska side of MAPA's region. They've taken a look at various regional projects including MTIS and illustrative beltway projects. There are a variety of potential funding sources, will have to get creative. NDOT may incorporate a Gretna airport facility in the Phase 1 list of projects. If they get the designation...

The charter is not a commitment but simply a statement of partnership between those that sign it and NDOT to get the process started. There are 28 RIA designations in the US, with the closest being Chicago. NDOT reached out to Louisiana to get input on their process, with the goal to develop more urban projects. The RIA designation was developed under the FAST ACT. The accelerator would exist within NDOT's Innovative Finance Office, but the goal is to have it not be an exclusively insular initiative. All communities would need to sign the charter individually from MAPA's potential adoption. The opportunity of signing and adoption is a small month-long window. MAPA has been asked to be a signatory to the charter, and therefore it is being presented to TTAC to gain a recommendation to MAPA's Board of Directors.

Miller motioned to:

- Recommend MAPA's Board of Directors approve the Nebraska Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Charter

Motion was seconded by Wassenaar. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of the [Project Selection Policy Guide](#) & Open a Call for Projects for TAP, CRP, and STBG

Court Barber will present changes to the policy guide and the proposed selection schedule. Details of these changes include . STBG will open on the Iowa side only, while TAP and CRP will open on the Nebraska side. The call for projects will likely open on October 31, with a deadline of January 17, with the intent to have notice of award letters sent out by July.

Rowser motioned to:

- Recommend approval of the Project Selection Policy Guide and open a call for projects for TAP, CRP, and STBG.

Motion was seconded by Dowse. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of the [4th Amendment to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan \(LRTP\)](#)

Court Barber presented the amendment. 19 LRTP projects were added, 14 projects updated for cost increases, and 3 project descriptions updated, In addition, the Omaha Creighton Bikeway project was added and the cost of the Omaha 24th Street Streetscape increased, requiring an amendment.

Wassenaar motioned to:

- Recommend approval of the 4th Amendment to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

Motion was seconded by Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of the [2nd Amendment to the FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)

Court Barber presented the amendment, which includes changes to projects sponsored by Metro Transit and the Cities of Omaha, Bellevue, and Papillion. Specifically, several project funding sources were changed. Bellevue and Omaha have also opted to take several of their projects through the AC Resurfacing Program, being removed from the TIP, and their funds reallocated. Three Omaha projects have been added to the TIP as well. No additional funds have been made available due to these changes, only made certain funds available for obligation earlier.

Wassenaar motioned to:

- Recommend approval of the 2nd Amendment to the FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program

Motion was seconded by Kutilek. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

F. Public Comment

The public was offered an opportunity to speak.

a. Paratransit Availability

Melanie Davis, co-chair of the CTC, thanked MAPA and Court for making efforts to enable her to attend the meeting via paratransit services, noting that location and frequency of paratransit in the region limits her and others ability to attend public meetings and give comments. She asked the membership to take these limitations into consideration as they organize meetings and to continue working to make paratransit more available.

G. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

- a. Dowse (La Vista) - Update on Active Mobility Plan and pavement rehab work.
- b. Rowser (Omaha) - Construction update.
- c. Walker (NDOT) - Planning update.
- d. Stern (NDOT) - Just completed TSM semi quarterly updates. Will be kicking off the first MTIS projects.
- e. Hinchey (NDOT) - A variety of engineering projects are ongoing and in progress.
- f. Kutilek (Douglas) - Construction update.
- g. Miller (Omaha) - Asked for comments on Omaha's New Comprehensive. Plan "We Make Omaha" open through the end of 2026
 - i. Taking over Kevin Carder's position.
- h. Wassenaar (Omaha) Has submitted her resignation and will be here through February wrapping work up.
- i. Kleffner (Papillion) - Construction update.
- j. Morales (MAPA) - COO and Mike's awards. Asked for the membership's projects for the next 20 years to inform our Travel Demand Model. MAPA calendars are available for disbursement at the conclusion of the October and December meetings.

H. Additional Business (time permitting)

- a. None

Adjourned by Wassenaar at 10:58am. And seconded by Rowser.

Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: October 24, 2024**
- **RPAC: December 06, 2024**
- **TTAC: December 06, 2024**

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