

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL + REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING



Dec 6, 2024 10:00 AM Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86817487960?pwd=5dHxkYzhSh7eFRV9Kjehh3oXxY3S1N.1>

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Refreshments were provided across the hall from the auditorium in Room 202.

Minutes

In attendance:

TTAC Voting Members'

- **Bryan Guy** (City of Omaha)
- **Maurice Hinchey** (NDOT)
- **John Krager** (City of Bellevue)
- **Sherri Levers** (Metro Transit)
- **Mark McLaughlin** (City of Omaha)
- **Tammi Palm** (City of Bellevue)
- **Austin Rowser** (City of Omaha)
- **Jarrold Walker** (NDOT)
- **Andy Wicks** (City of Council Bluffs)*
- **Eric Williams** (PMRNRD)

TTAC Non-Voting Members,

Virtual Attendees, & Guests

- **Tim Adams** (WSP)
- **Matt Cox** (City of Council Bluffs)*
- **Tony Egelhoff** (Olsson)*
- **Travis Gibbons** (City of Papillion)
- **Travis Halm** (Iowa DOT)*
- **Jenna Habegger** (NDOT)
- **Dina Harris** (NDOT)
- **Brian Lodes** (City of Omaha)*
- **Elle Love** (Nebraska Journalism Trust)*
- **Craig Mielke** (Benesch)*
- **Stephanie Mueller** (MUD)
- **Lindsay Neemann** (UNMC)
- **Dakin Schultz** (FHWA Iowa)*
- **Alex Sich** (HDR)
- **Brody Workman** (City of Gretna)
- **Joe (Ay)** (Unknown)*
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RPAC Voting Members

- **Jeff Beiermann** (City of Blair)
- **Fred Conley** (PMRNRD)
- **Laura Dietrich** (Douglas County)
- **Meridith Dillon** (Blair Freeman)
- **Bruce Fountain** (City of La Vista)*
- **Chris Gibbons** (City of Council Bluffs)
- **Chad Kruse** (UNMC)*
- **Dustin Marvel** (OPPD)*
- **Mike McIntosh** (Lamp Rynearson)*
- **Chris Shewchuk** (Washington County)
- **Jeff Spiehs** (Lamp Rynearson)*
- **Keith Station, Chair** (City of Omaha)
- **Kristine Stokes** (City of Gretna)
- **Carol Vinton** (Mills County)
- **Krista Wassenaar** (City of Omaha)*

RPAC Non-Voting Members, Virtual Attendees, & Guests

- **Zack Fergus** (Lamp Rynearson)
- **Rob Laroco** (City of Omaha)
- **Eva Roberts** (Front Porch Investments)
- **Lisa Smith** (City of Omaha)
- **Scott Tomsu** (Nebraska Methodist Health System)
- **Reggie Wortman** (City of Gretna)
- **Meghan Engberg** (City of Ralston)*
- **Jeff Byervin** (City of Blair)
- **Dan Carpenter** (UNL)*

MAPA Staff

- **Court Barber**
- **Jim Boerner**
- **Lindsey Button**
- **Helen Corrigan**
- **Sue Cutsforth**
- **Rachel Goettsch**
- **Mia Haschenburger***
- **Mike Helgerson***
- **Laura Heilman**
- **Saul Lopez**
- **Carlos Morales**
- **Owen Stuckey***

*Attended Virtually

Meeting called to order by Court Barber at 10:12am. TTAC met quorum requirements; RPAC did not.

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. Approval of the Minutes from the [October 18, 2024 Meeting](#)

Austin Rowser motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Maurice Hinchey. Motion passed unanimously.

For RPAC Approval

B. Approval of the Minutes from the [October 4, 2024 Meeting](#)

Did not meet quorum – will approve at the next meeting.

TTAC Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

C. [FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Amendment 3](#)

Court Barber presented the amendment, which included changes to projects sponsored by the City of Council Bluffs, the City of Omaha, and NDOT.

Austin Rowser motioned to:

- Recommend MAPA's Board of Directors approve the FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 3. Motion was seconded by Bryan Guy. Motion passed unanimously.

D. FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 1

Carlos Morales presented the updated plan. On August 13, 2024 FHWA issued a clarified waiver of the Non-Federal Match for State Planning and Research and Metropolitan Planning Funds in Support of Complete Streets Planning Activities, including a consolidation of codes from 12 to 4, original guidance of 2%, and an updated FTA number.

Eric Williams motioned to:

- Recommend MAPA's Board of Directors approve the FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 1. Motion was seconded by Maurice Hinchey. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Open a Public Comment Period for the [Civil Rights Plan](#) — Mixed TTAC/RPAC approval

Lindsey Button presented the updated plan, including a review of the Civil Rights Plan requirement as it applies to MAPA. Updates are federally required every three years and include specific accommodation policies for Title VI, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Updates consisted of updated demographic snapshots, alignment with updated guidance from NDOT and Iowa DOT, an updated complaint form, an exploration of translations options for the MAPA website (currently available only in English), and the development of a more formalized staff training program.

To inform the policy updates, MAPA has published the Committee Demographic Survey which will fulfill the committee diversity reporting requirement for MAPA's Civil Right Policy, and inform MAPA's work to support Civil Rights.

The update has been reviewed by the RPA-18 committee and will be reviewed by the MAPA Board, H2050 EEC, and CTC over the next two weeks.

Keith Station requested that the Plan be sent out to RPAC membership. Lindsey Button confirmed this would come in a followup email of the

Austin Rowser motioned to:

- Recommend opening a Public Comment Period for the Civil Rights Plan to the MAPA Board of Directors.

Motion was seconded by Chris Gibbons. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

F. Safe Streets for All - Priorities and Project Selection Criteria

Tim Adam with WSP provided an overview of the criteria utilized in selecting projects for the draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) with a breakdown of methodology, the Countermeasure Toolbox, and priority projects.

Methodology:

- Projects are based on High Priority Network (HPN) Tool
 - The HPN is made up of a retrospective High Injury Network (HIN), a predictive High Risk Network (HRN), and a responsive Community Survey Network
- Interventions and Crash Reduction Factors identified from a Proven Countermeasure List
- Crashes assigned to projects, with a benefit-cost ratio calculated

Countermeasure Toolbox specific to the following case types:

- Segment
- Intersection
- Pedestrians & Bicycles
- Rural/Highway
- Behavioral

Priority Projects:

- Criteria
 - Projects must be included in the HPN, with minor exceptions
 - Some HPN intersections and segments were excluded under specific limiting circumstances
- Results
 - 752 intersections (2.7% of network)
 - 552 miles of road (7.8% of network)
 - 1705 KSIs accounted for
 - 2205 KSIs Total (77.3%)
 - Representative ratio of between 10:1 and 28:1
 - Potential reduction of at least 63 KSIs per year
- Benefit-Cost Analysis (NDOT, Iowa DOT, and USDOT)
- Next Steps
 - Draft Prioritized Implementation Plan (early Dec 2024)
 - Draft Recommendation (late Dec 2024)
 - First Draft of Safety Action Plan (mid-Jan 2025)
 - MOUs for Review (Feb 2025)
 - Final Safety Action Plan (March 2025)

Keith Station asked what can be done to help drive activity for the engagement efforts.

G. Nebraska Infrastructure Hub

Jenna Habegger with NDOT presented the Hub and an overview of the Hub's website. Key components include the Grant Pairing Portal designed by NDOT and its consultants (HDR and High Street) who are also available to support

grant development and data support, in addition to \$2 million available to help write grants which are 100% state funded, with no local match required.

Two fulltime employees are dedicated to supporting the Hub. The state was divided by NACO districts between Jenna Habegger and Dina Harris, with Jenna being the designated representative for the MAPA region.

H. Equitable Growth Profile Introduction

Owen Stuckey presented the Equitable Growth Profile. The First version of the profile was developed in 2014, with a following version being published in 2018. The current version is set to be released in 2025, with the profile (narrative, chart, summary, StoryMap resource), data (sources from publicly available sources). The profile covers demographics, economic vitality, readiness, connected, economic benefits of equity. Overall trends include an increase in the percentage of people of color of the entire population in the region. Recommendations include increasing connections to good jobs, raising the floor for low wage work, increasing diversity in leadership, improving job training. This profile tool can be used to assess the current commitment to equity in order to support a more equitable future

Keith Station asked for more context regarding the racial equity income gap. Owen clarified that this was sourced from the census, noting that although POC tend to own more businesses they net less than their white counterpart. Keith followed up with a question about what factors into the racial/ethnic composition. Owen stated that it can be somewhat attributed to the decline of birth rates in certain racial segments of the population, but is otherwise difficult to pinpoint.

Someone asked if the racial income gap was specific to our region or nationwide, and how those two compared.

Owen stated that the MAPA region is not unique and that although this fluctuates across geographies, it is a common trend nationwide.

I. Long Range Transportation Plan & Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update

Court Barber provided an update on the status of these projects and the timeline for completion.

RPA-18 is also following a similar update timeline. The public survey is currently open.

J. Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was provided, but none were received.

K. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

Laura Heilman provided MAPA updates:

- Membership is invited to the following events:
 - H2050 December Social (details)
 - Council of Officials: December 11
- TRIPS Grant Award
 - \$2 million dollars, 100% federal, was awarded to MAPA to implement a prioritization process project which will be incorporated into the 2030 LRTP update.
- Applications are open for federal transportation funding for RPA-18
- Annual Member Survey published as of December 4
- 2024 Annual Report now available
- Calendars available for disbursement
- MAPA Newsletter sign-up open

Other Agencies

- City of Omaha - Baby Bob to open by the end of December
- Maurice Hinchey – Numerous projects are nearing completion
- City of Omaha – 3k participated in the engagement plan survey for the comprehensive plan update
- Ashleigh Ray Turner – Shoutout to Jeff Spiehs for his work on RPAC

- Keith Station – Thanked the university for hosting the joint TTAC/RPAC meeting. Carlos and Keith will be attending the Thriving Communities meeting next week of different agencies across the nation and will be happy to share what they learn once they get back.
- Travis Halm – Kudos to MAPA for their PPP, as it is now the standard statewide in Iowa.

L. Additional Business (time permitting)

None

Meeting was adjourned by Austin Rowser at 11:42am. Seconded by Maurice Hinchey.

Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: December 12, 2024**
- **RPAC: February 7, 2025**
- **TTAC: January 17, 2025**

Meeting Quorum: The presence of ten (10) members of TTAC at an officially called meeting shall constitute a quorum. The presence of 15 members of RPAC at an officially called meeting shall constitute a quorum.