

# 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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## AGENDA

### Action Items

For TTAC Approval

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

For RPAC Approval

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

TTAC Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

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

Court Barber will present the amendment, which includes changes to projects sponsored by the City of Council Bluffs, the City of Omaha, and NDOT.

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

Carlos Morales will present the amendment.

- E. **Open a Public Comment Period for the [Civil Rights Plan](#)**

Lindsey Button will present the updated plan.

### Discussion Items

- F. **[Safe Streets for All - Priorities and Project Selection Criteria](#)**

WSP will provide an overview of the criteria utilized in selecting projects for the draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

- G. **[Nebraska Infrastructure Hub](#)**

Jenna Habegger with NDOT will present the hub.

- H. **Equitable Growth Profile Introduction**

MAPA staff will introduce the

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

Court Barber will provide an update on the status of these projects.

**J. Public Comment**

Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to speak.

**K. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)**

**L. Additional Business (time permitting)**

## 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.*



## HEARTLAND 2050 REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (H2050 RPAC)

Heartland 2050 is a community driven initiative pulling in stakeholders from across the region to think big and work towards a common vision for our six county region anchored by the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro area.

### MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 4, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting held at La Vista City Hall Annex Building, 8116 Park View Boulevard, La Vista

#### MEMBERS:

**In-Person:** Keith Station, Chris Gibbons, Ashley Rae Turner, Brian Lodes, Bruce Fountain, Chris Shewchuk, Dr. Terry Haack, Kelly Jeck, Jody Holston, Kent Holm, Kristine Stokes, Laura Dietrich, Mark Norman, Meghan Engberg, Mike McIntosh, Travis Gibbons, Vicki Quaites-Ferris

**Virtual:** Jeff Spiehs, Stephanie Mueller

**GUESTS:** Cole Broderson (City of La Vista), Marcus Chaffee (Omaha Documenters), Tammi Palm (City of Bellevue)

**MAPA STAFF:** Mike Helgerson, Laura Heilman, Sue Cutsforth, Saul Lopez, Carlos Morales, Lindsey Button, Grant Anderson

**A. Welcome and Introductions** – Keith Station, Committee Chair

**B. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes** - Keith Station, Committee Chair - **ACTION**

- a. Members voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes for the April 5 2024, June 7 2024, and August 2 2024 committee meetings.

**C. La Vista City Centre District:** Bruce Fountain, City of La Vista

- a. Bruce Fountain shared the development of the La Vista City Centre development from the original Vision 84 Plan from 2010 to current development as well as future plans.
  - i. Vision 84 Plan: <https://cityoflavista.org/704/Vision-84>
  - ii. La Vista City Centre: <https://lavistacitycentre.com/>

**D. La Vista Active Mobility Plan:** Bruce Fountain, City of La Vista

- a. Bruce Fountain and Cale Broderson shared information about the La Vista Active Mobility Plan currently in development
  - i. Plan is intended to strengthen active mobility options in the City, including walking and biking opportunities
  - ii. Final plan is expected to be adopted in January 2025
  - iii. <https://www.cityoflavista.org/2311/Active-Mobility-Plan>

**E. Additional Business**

**1. Heartland 2050 Committee Updates**

- a. **Equity & Engagement and Housing & Development:** Ashley Rae Turner, Omaha Municipal Land Bank and Jeff Spiehs, Lamp Rynearson
  - i. The Equity & Engagement and the Housing & Development Committees have been holding joint meetings to coordinate their work

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- ii. There is a Heartland 2050 Committee December Social event being planned for Tuesday, December 10th from 3-4:30 pm
  - 1. All Heartland 2050 committee members and the public are invited to this fun event to celebrate the work of the committees during the past year - more information coming soon!
- iii. At the last meeting, the group heard from Restoring Dignity about their work to support Omaha's refugee communities
  - 1. <https://rdomaha.org/>
- iv. At the upcoming meeting, the group will hear from:
  - 1. Clarice Dombek with the National Redress Movement
    - a. The Redress Movement is a newly formed nonprofit organization that empowers communities across the U.S. to take direct action to redress racial segregation.
    - b. <https://redressmovement.org/omaha/>
  - 2. Marcus Chaffee, about his work on the Omaha LGBTQIA+ History Mapping Project
    - a. This project will result in a publicly available digital map highlighting significant places for Omaha's LGBTQIA2S+ history
    - b. <https://www.preserveomaha.org/ourmap>
- b. **Infrastructure:** Mike McIntosh, Lamp Rynearson
  - i. At their last meetings, the group has heard from:
    - 1. Steven Jensen about the Omaha Streetcar Project
    - 2. Nancy Pridal with Lamp Rynearson about the bond issues on the ballot for the City of Omaha in the upcoming election
    - 3. Robert Larocco about the City of Omaha's Climate Action and Resilience Plan
  - ii. Working groups continue to work on their topics of interest
- c. **Natural Resources:** Kent Holm, Douglas County
  - i. The committee is reviewing their working groups in order to support implementation of the City of Omaha's Climate Action and Resilience Plan
  - ii. Solid Waste working group continues to work on issues around lithium battery disposal and potential Nebraska legislation about extended producer responsibility for the lifecycles of their products and packaging, as well as solutions for organic waste

## 2. MAPA Updates

- a. Register now for MAPA's Annual Meeting
  - i. [tinyurl.com/COOAnnualMtg24](http://tinyurl.com/COOAnnualMtg24)
  - ii. Wednesday, October 9th
  - iii. Featuring keynote presentation by Kevin Belle, Project Manager for the Great American Rail-Trail project
    - 1. <https://www.railstotrails.org/site/greatamericanrailtrail/>
  - iv. MAPA is also hosting a Trails Workshop with Kevin Belle to discuss trail connections around the Great American Rail-Trail through Iowa
    - 1. Will be held in Neola, Iowa on October 9th
- b. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is hosting Housing Listening Sessions to capture feedback about the agency's housing programs

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- i. Meeting in Omaha is on 10/23 at 1:30 pm at the Benson Branch Library
  - ii. Registration is required
- c. MAPA is hosting a free training from FHWA on updates to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; space is limited - contact MAPA transportation staff if you'd like to attend.
- d. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Survey Open Now
  - i. [www.mapacog.org/projects/ss4a](http://www.mapacog.org/projects/ss4a)
  - ii. MAPA is leading the development of a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; visit the link about to share your safety concerns with our team
- e. Two Long Range Transportation Surveys are also open now
  - i. The Transportation Management Area (TMA) covers Douglas, Sarpy and the urbanized portion of Pottawattamie County
    - 1. <https://lrtp-2050-update.mapacog.org/>
  - ii. Regional Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18) covers Harrison, Shelby, Mills and the non-urban portion of Pottawattamie County
    - 1. [www.mapacog.org/projects/rpa18-lrtp/](http://www.mapacog.org/projects/rpa18-lrtp/)
- f. Regional Brownfields Coalition Grant
  - i. EPA is opening a grant for Brownfield Revolving Load Fund
    - 1. Applications due by November 14
    - 2. MAPA is working with partners to discuss potential applications; contact us if you'd like to be included
- g. Civil Rights Policy Update
  - i. Outlines how laws and federal regulations, specifically those prohibiting discrimination, are implemented in MAPA's processes
    - 1. Includes MAPA's Title VI Policy as well as the complaint process for both Title VI and ADA
  - ii. Updated every three years
  - iii. Planning to open a comment period on the draft updated policy in November 2024 with the plan approved in January 2025
    - 1. [www.mapacog.org/about/what-is-mapa/civil-rights/](http://www.mapacog.org/about/what-is-mapa/civil-rights/)
- h. Upcoming Call for Projects
  - i. Two calls for projects will open in October
  - ii. Local units of government including cities, counties and public transit agencies can apply for federal transportation funding
  - iii. The Transportation Management Area (TMA) covers Douglas, Sarpy and the urbanized portion of Pottawattamie County
    - 1. [www.mapacog.org/projects/tip/](http://www.mapacog.org/projects/tip/)
  - iv. Regional Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18) covers Harrison, Shelby, Mills and the non-urban portion of Pottawattamie County
    - 1. [www.mapacog.org/projects/rpa-18/](http://www.mapacog.org/projects/rpa-18/)
- i. Open RFP's/RFQs
  - i. Housing Market Value Analysis RFP
    - 1. Analysis will help establish a baseline of market conditions, benchmark progress and serve as a policy framework
    - 2. Funded through a grant from the Development and Preservation Fund of Front Porch Investments

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- ii. On-Call Travel Demand Model RFQ
  - 1. To assist with MAPA's traffic modeling and traffic forecasting activities
- iii. City of Minden, Iowa Housing Developer RFP
  - 1. To submit an application for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery – Housing (CDBG-DR) program through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA)
- iv. View open RFPs/RFQs or join the mailing list at [www.mapacog.org/about/rfp-rfq/](http://www.mapacog.org/about/rfp-rfq/)

### 3. Community Updates

- a. Council Bluffs
  - i. Council Bluffs and Mills County have finalized an agreement to annex property for a large new subdivision
  - ii. Iowa Economic Development Authority has named Council Bluffs a Thriving Community for its commitment to creating affordable housing opportunities for residents at all income levels
    - 1. <https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=430>
  - iii. Another large subdivision with approximately 1000 units on 94 acres is being planned
  - iv. The Council Bluffs Planning and Environmental Linkages study is looking at options for multimodal transportation along the West Broadway / First Avenue corridor
    - 1. <https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/2571/Linkages-Study>
- b. Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association (NPZA) is hosting an online workshop next Friday
- c. La Vista will be hosting a Nebraska Economic Development Association event with Grow Sarpy on May 28-30 2025
- d. The International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) is planning a Midwest Conference in April 2025 and will be looking for presenters

**G. Public Comment** - There was no request for public comment

**H. Adjourn**

#### Future Meetings & Events:

MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting - October 9, 2024  
H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee – December 6, 2024