

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL + REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING



Jan 17, 2025 10:00 AM Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83875423992?pwd=5fA2PllavugLinF7Kkb8rAE2SUP7sJ.1>

📍 2222 Cuming Street Boardroom, Main Level ▾

Minutes

In attendance:

TTAC Voting Members

- **Pat Dowse** (City of La Vista)
- **Bryan Guy** (City of Omaha)
- **Maurice Hinchey** (NDOT)
- **Mike Kleffner** (City of Papillion)
- **Sherri Levers** (Metro Transit)
- **Derek Miller** (City of Omaha)
- **Dan Owens** (Omaha Airport Authority)
- **Todd Pfitzer** (Douglas County)
- **Austin Rowser** (City of Omaha)
- **Jarrold Walker** (NDOT)
- **Eric Williams** (PMRNRD)
- **Dennis Wilson** (Sarpy County)

TTAC Non-Voting Members. Virtual

Attendees. & Guests

- **Tim Adams** (WSP)
- **Matt Cox** (City of Council Bluffs)*
- **Jason Carbee** (HDR)
- **Dan Carpenter** (Benesch)*
- **Yousef Dana** (High Street)*
- **Adam Denney** (FHU)
- **Sam Huppert** (Greater Omaha Chamber)*
- **Joan Green** (E&A)*
- **John Krager** (City of Bellevue)*
- **Mark McLaughlin** (City of Omaha)
- **Lee Myers** (AARP)
- **Jennifer Pangborn** (WSP)
- **Bart Pugh** (Schemmer)
- **Jeff Riesselman** (City of Omaha)
- **Jeff Sobczyk** (City of Omaha)*
- **Scott Suhr** (Iowa DOT)*
- **Chris** (Olsson)*
- **1 (402) 253-1117***

MAPA Staff

- **Court Barber**
- **Jim Boerner***
- **Lindsey Button**
- **Elise Emanuel**
- **Rachel Goettsch**
- **Mike Helgerson**
- **Carlos Morales**
- **Owen Stuckey**

*Attended Virtually

Meeting called to order by Todd Pfitzer at 10:05am. Quorum requirements were met.

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. Approval of the Minutes from the [December 6, 2024 Meeting](#)

Mike Kleffner motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Austin Rowser. Motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

B. [Final MAPA Civil Rights Plan](#)

Lindsey Button presented the final plan, including a review of the Civil Rights Policy as well as changes made since the last plan update. Updates made since the last presented draft include committee demographic survey results (26% response rate) and the acknowledgement of no public comments received on the draft plan.

Todd Pfitzer motioned to:

- Recommend the MAPA Board of Directors adopt the final MAPA Civil Rights Plan.

Motion was seconded by Pat Dowse. Motion passed unanimously.

C. MAPA and State DOT Performance Targets

Jim Boerner presented proposed 2025 regional Safety Performance Targets and mid-performance period updates to the Truck and Travel Time Reliability Targets. Also presented were mid-period updates to the Iowa and Nebraska DOT Pavement and Bridge Conditions Targets, which MAPA will continue to support.

MAPA PM1: Safety Measures

Overall trends were that of increases in fatalities and serious injuries across the region. Set targets were met for the last year at better than baseline levels, and next year's targets were proposed.

Nebraska & Iowa PM2: Pavement and Bridge Condition

Set targets were met, but the majority were not better than baseline. Part of this was due to changes in the way the National Highway System (NHS) grades the built system.

Dennis Wilson motioned to:

- Recommend the MAPA Board of Directors to adopt the final MAPA Civil Rights Plan.

Motion was seconded by Mike Kleffner. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

D. Safe Streets for All - Draft Plan Recommendations and Upcoming Public Meetings

Tim Adams presented on the SS4A CSAP draft plan recommendations and study findings to date. The team also presented details on upcoming public meetings.

Benesch asked whether or not the regional plan conflicts with Omaha's adopted plan. Tim responded that there may be some conflict since there is an extra two years of data in the regional plan. Helgerson noted that due to the regional focus, Omaha was required to be included in the broader plan.

Mike Kleffner made a comment about the variation in vehicle choice and interaction between the vehicle and inherent safety features, noting that golf carts and other small vehicles lack the safety equipment. Mike Helgerson responded, agreeing that many of the local communities have been using small vehicles at a higher rate, and noted that there is some legislation moving forward regarding requiring safety features.

Todd Pfitzer commented that he believes a large part of the issue with traffic safety is not design, but enforcement. Red light cameras, traffic camera footage made available to insurance companies, and more law enforcement were mentioned as potential solutions, with the caveat that "you can't design for stupid." Carlos Morales and Mike Helgerson mentioned the additional need to take into account vulnerable road users and reiterated that there are multiple legislation pieces in the works that have significant safety implications.

Eric Williams asked Kleffner whether golf carts were allowed on arterials. Kleffner responded that they are not, with exceptions (i.e. they can cross arterials), but he noted that the bigger problem is that they have very limited safety features including no seat belts.

E. [Call for Projects Deadline: January 17, 2025](#)

Todd Pfitzer noted that the call for the project deadline was day-of, with Court Barber confirming.

F. Public Comment

Members of the public were offered an opportunity to speak. Lee from AARP asked if there was more information available relating to Metro Transit's micro-transit initiative. Court Barber noted that he would send out details about Metro Transit's micro-transit meeting that is upcoming.

G. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

- **MAPA**
Carlos Morales announced that MAPA has received the PPPP and RCP discretionary grants that will support regional project prioritization through the TRIPS project and Reconnecting Communities
Owen Stuckey briefly presented regional Population Projects noting that population increases are likely to be more moderate than previous data suggested. County-level data is available upon request.
- **NDOT**
Jarrod Walker thanked MAPA for their support with the Nebraska Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) and Hub, noting that there are future opportunities for collaboration between TRIPS, RCP, and other initiatives.
- **Omaha**
Various construction updates including a closing of the Harney Bridge for the construction of the street car.
- **PMRNRD**
Eric Willams noted that the Leed Bridge is closed due to debris and conveyed the notice of other project bidding and kickoffs.
- **La Vista**
Pat Dowse noted that the city has adopted an Active Mobility Plan, thanking MAPA and other partners for their support.
- **Omaha Airport Authority**
Dan Owens stated that construction is in full swing with a large demolition to be completed in February. The airport also experienced a 5% increase in ridership in 2024.
- **Douglas County**
Todd Pfitzer noted various construction updates including collaboration with Valley and a difficulty to keep up with road maintenance and improvements. Douglas County is planning to put out an RFP for an on-call list of construction consultants. Pfitzer brought attention to the Old Lincoln Highway, noting that a constituent brought up the possibility of turning the highway into a bike trail instead of closing it during the winter for preservation efforts, and asked MAPA to consider partnering on this project. The point of contact for this effort is Dan Kutilek (Douglas County) who has a strong interest in local historical preservation. Helgerson noted a connection with an Iowa-based group that is working on trail history development efforts in the form of a podcast. Jarrod Walker suggested connecting with Stephanie Camerone at NDOT who submitted an application for federal trail grants with the potential to use some of this funding for this effort.
- **Papillion**
Mike Kleffner noted various construction updates, specifically that 84th Street is reaching the end of its useful life and will need to be resurfaced in the near future.
- **Metro Transit**
No updates.

H. Additional Business (time permitting)

Todd Pfitzer called for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion made by Mike Kleffner at 11:27am. Seconded by Pat Dowse.

Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: January 23, 2025**
- **RPAC: February 7, 2025**
- **TTAC: February 21, 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.