

**OMAHA–COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 27, 2025

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Board Chair Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisor
Roger Garcia	Douglas County Commissioner
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
David Grauman	Assistant City Attorney, City of Omaha Law <i>[non-voting]</i>
Douglas Kindig – Chair	NE Small Communities Representative - Mayor, City of La Vista
Don Rowe	Omaha City Council
Matt Walsh – Vice Chair	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Angie Winqvist	IA Small Communities Representative - Mayor, City of Glenwood

Members/Officers Absent

Patrick Bloomingdale	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County <i>[non-voting]</i>
David Klug	Sarpy County Commissioner
Jacquelyn Morrison (rep. Mayor Jean Stothert)	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha

MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson	Jim Boerner	Court Barber	Christina Brownell
Sue Cutsforth	Elise Emanuel	Matt Eash	Michael Helgerson
Laura Heilman	Amanda Morales	Carlos Morales	Latifa Moro
Elizabeth Zeller			

MAPA Guest

Darren Osten – Eide Bailly LLP

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the February 27, 2025 meeting agenda – (Action)

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Winqvist to approve the agenda of the February 27, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh, Winqvist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the January 23, 2025 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Rowe to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh, Winqvist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS – (Information)

1. AGENCY REPORTS

a. Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Michael Helgerson

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on agency projects, activities and events including: Upcoming training: Elected & Appointed Officials Training for Iowa and Nebraska; and Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) public meeting schedule.

b. FY 2025 Annual Member Survey – Mr. Michael Helgerson

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board the results of MAPA's FY 2025 Annual Member Survey. MAPA conducted its annual member survey to collect feedback and identify priorities for the upcoming fiscal year 2026. The survey received 19 responses from member jurisdictions and agencies. Mr. Helgerson presented an analysis summarizing key findings and strategic recommendations that will inform MAPA's work plan for the coming year. Work plan recommendations for 2026 include: Transportation and Mobility Focus; Comprehensive Planning and Infrastructure Support; Training and Peer-Exchange Opportunities; and Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

The following items were approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Directors.

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a. February 3, 2025 meeting minutes
- b. February 19, 2025 meeting minutes

2. TRAVEL –

- a. 2025 AASHTO GIS for Transportation Symposium, 1 Staff – Portland, OR - April 6 -10, 2025 - \$2,934.30
- b. 2025 Nebraska Planning Conference (NPZA/APA), 2 Staff - Kearney, NE - March 4 - 7 2025 - \$2,140.74

3. CONTRACT PAYMENTS –

- a. HDR Engineering Inc. - WE-STEP - PMT #19 - \$4,239.36

4. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS –

- a. Benesch - La Vista Active Mobility Plan - PMT #13 - Not to exceed \$6,615.38
- b. HDR Engineering Inc. - Travel Demand Model Update - PMT #8 - \$13,834.47
- c. Iowa Bicycle Coalition - Economic Impact of Cycling & Trails Study - PMT #1 - \$5,000.00

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: DRAFT SS4A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (CSAP) –

The Board considered for approval the Draft Safe Street for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) to go to a 25 day public comment period, beginning February 27 and ending on March 24, 2025.

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Walsh to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

1. RESOLUTION 2025 – 12: FY 2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #4 – (ACTION)

Mr. Barber presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025 – 12: TIP Amendment #4, which included changes to projects sponsored by NDOT and the City of Omaha.

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Belt to Resolution 2025 – 12: Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Amendment #4.

AYES : Belt, Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. RESOLUTION 2025 – 13: REGIONAL TRUCK AND TRAVEL TIME PERFORMANCE MEASURES – (ACTION)

Mr. Jim Boerner presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025 – 13: Regional Truck and Travel Time Performance Measures. Performance measures are for a four year performance period: 2022 – 2025 and includes two and four year targets set for each measure. Measures include: Interstate Travel Time Reliability (all vehicles), Non-Interstate NHS Travel Time Reliability (all vehicles) and Truck Travel Time Reliability (Interstate only).

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Walsh to Resolution 2025 – 13: Regional Truck and Travel Time Performance Measures.
AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. PURCHASE – (ACTION)

The Board considered for approval the purchase listed below.

- a. Koley Jessen P.C., LLO – Employment Based Immigration Legal Services – \$6,095.00

MOTION by Walsh SECOND by Hike to approve the purchase for Legal Services from Koley Jessen P.C., LLO for Employment Based Immigration.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (ACTION)

Mr. Darren Osten, Partner - Eide Bailly, LLP presented to the Board for approval the FY 2024 Audited Financial Statements and Final Audit Report. Audit report highlights include the independent auditor's report stating MAPA's financial statements were presented fairly (unmodified). The report found no reportable matters in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards; and no reportable matters in accordance with Uniform Guidance (federal awards). Prior year significant deficiency in internal control over compliance was resolved.

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Hike to approve the FY 2024 Audited Financial Statements.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. NEW CONTRACTS / GRANTS / TASK ORDERS – (ACTION)

- a. StreetLight Data Inc. – 12 mo. contract for subscription to access/use data products – \$137,741.04
Mr. Morales presented to the Board for approval a 12-month contract with StreetLight Data, Inc. to access and use aggregated data products to assist with travel demand modeling.
- b. Resolution 2025 – 14: Rural Business Development Grant - U.S. Department of Agriculture – \$50,000.00
Mr. Anderson presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025 – 14: authorizing MAPA to apply for a Rural Business Development Grant from USDA for \$50,000.

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Walsh to approve the 12-mo contract with StreetLight Data Inc. for \$137,741.04; and Resolution 2025–14: Rural Business Development Grant with USDA for \$50,000.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. RESOLUTION 2025 – 15: USDOT DRAFT NATIONAL MULTIMODAL FREIGHT NETWORK – (ACTION)

Mr. Boerner presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025 – 14: USDOT Draft National Multimodal Freight Network (NMFN). MAPA in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Iowa Department of Transportation have reviewed the proposed draft of the NMFN and support the proposed changes.

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Rowe to approve Resolution 2025 –15: USDOT Draft National Multimodal Freight Network.

AYES: Belt, Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- I. DISCUSSION – None.
- J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.
- K. ADJOURNMENT – Board Chair Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.