

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

May 22, 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**

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
David Klug	Sarpy County Commissioner
Jacquelyn Morrison (rep. Mayor Jean Stothert)	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha - arrived @ 1:37 p.m.
Don Rowe	Omaha City Council
Matt Walsh – Vice Chair	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

**Members/Officers Absent**

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisor
Patrick Bloomingdale	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County <i>[non-voting]</i>
Angie Winquist	IA Small Communities Representative - Mayor, City of Glenwood

**MAPA Staff**

Grant Anderson	Court Barber	Christina Brownell	James Boerner
Elise Emanuel	Matt Eash	Michael Helgersen	Laura Heilman
Carlos Morales	Elizabeth Zeller		

**Guest**

Megan Ware – National Insurance Services

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the May 22, 2025 meeting agenda – (Action)**

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Klug to approve the agenda of the May 22, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Klug, Rowe, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the April 24, 2025 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Klug to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Garcia, Hike, Klug, Kindig, Rowe, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED.

**D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS – (Information)**

**1. AGENCY REPORTS**

**a. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Michael Helgersen**

Mr. Helgersen provided an update to the Board on agency projects, activities and events including: MAPA's upcoming June Council of Officials Meeting; Community Assistance Report; Safe Streets for All (SS4A) project update: MAPA is Hiring: Transportation Planner and a Communication & Outreach Intern.

**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 of the May 14, 2025 meeting
2. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS PENDING STAFF REVIEW – (ACTION)
  - a. Douglas County GIS - FY2025 - PMT #3 – \$11,500.00
  - b. New Cassel – 5310 – PMT #4 – \$3,968.73
  - c. Pottawattamie County GIS – PMT #3 – \$18,712.28
  - d. Sarpy County – Planning & GIS – PMT #3 – \$8,751.34
3. TRAVEL –
  - a. Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation (IBPI) Workshop: Comprehensive Bikeway Design - Up to 2 Staff - August 25 - 29, 2025 – \$7,317.58
4. RESOLUTION 2025-19: NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) FUNDING SWAP –  
The Board considered for approval of the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funding Swap with NDOT.

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Klug to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rowe, Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Garcia.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

H. NEW BUSINESS –

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – (ACTION)

As specified by interlocal Agreement, the FY 2025 Chair & Vice Chair of the MAPA Board of Directors will be elected.

Newly elected officers will serve July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

MOTION by Morrison, SECOND by Klug to approve Election of Officers.

AYES : Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rowe, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. BENEFIT RENEWALS – (ACTION)

The board will consider for approval the renewals of MAPA's Life / AD&D, Long Term Disability and Dental Plan. Policy effective dates are July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

- a. Group Health Insurance –
  - i. NACO Group - Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska - PPO \$1,100 – 5.4% premium increase, no plan design changes
  - ii. NEW Medical Plan Offering: NACO Group - Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska - QHDHP \$3,500 + Employer Sponsored HSA
- b. Dental Insurance - NACO/BCBSNE - Signature Blue, Premier Option 3 – No premium increase, no plan design changes
- c. Vision Insurance – NACO VSP Vision Care
- d. Life / AD&D - National Insurance Services (NIS)/Madison National Life Insurance Company – Estimated Annual Cost \$1,462
- e. Long Term Disability - National Insurance Services (NIS)/Madison National Life Insurance Company – Estimated Annual Cost \$4,338

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Hike to approve FY 2026 Benefit Plan Renewals for Health, Dental, Vision, Life/AD&D and Long-Term Disability.

AYES : Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rowe, Walsh

NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

3. PURCHASES & NEW CONTRACTS – (ACTION)

- a. Social Pinpoint - RPA 18/13 Safe Streets and For All (SS4A) – \$5,400.00
- b. FY 2025 Audit Engagement Letter - Eide Bailly LLP – \$43,975.00

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Rowe to approve the purchase for Social Pinpoint RPA 18/13 SS4A and the FY 2025 Audit Engagement Letter for Eide Bailly, LLP.

AYES : Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rowe, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. RESOLUTION 2025–20: CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDOR DESIGNATION– (ACTION)

The Board considered for approval the proposed Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) within Iowa and in support of the updates to the Iowa State Freight Plan.

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Walsh to approve Resolution 2025–20: Critical Urban Freight Corridor Designation.

AYES : Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rowe, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. DRAFT FY 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)– (ACTION)

- a. Resolution 2025 – 21: FY 2025 Program Awards
- b. Draft FY 2026 – 2031 Transportation Alternatives Program Committee (TAP-C), and the Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Committee.

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Walsh to approve Draft FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program and Resolution 2025–21: FY 2025 Program Awards and the Draft FY 2026 – 2031 TAP-C and Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant Committee.

AYES : Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rowe, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. MAPA WORK PROGRAM & BUDGET – (ACTION)

- a. FY 2025 Budget Amendment
  - i. Resolution 2025 – 22: FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget Amendment 2.
- b. FY 2026 Budget
  - a. Cash Reserves / Investment Plan
  - b. Resolution 2025 – 23: Final FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget
  - c. FY 2026 Community Development Work Program
  - d. FY 2025 – 2026 Operating Budget

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Walsh to approve FY 2025 Budget Amendment and FY 2026 MAPA Work Program and Operating Budget.

AYES : Garcia, Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rowe, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION –

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Board Chair Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.