

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Jun 20, 2025 10:00 AM Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83794470199?pwd=1QLZ6zuaLT9qH6TBHz96CWBZsJlxlQ.1>

📍 2222 Cuming Street Boardroom, Main Level ▾

MINUTES

Attendance

In attendance:

TTAC Voting Members

- Todd Pfitzer (Douglas County)
- Eric Williams (Papio NRD)
- Kristi Evans (City of Omaha)
- Maurice Hinchey (NDOT)
- Bryan Guy (City of Omaha)
- Ed Brooks (Metro Transit)
- Jarrod Walker (NDOT)
- Matt Cox - (Council Bluffs)
- Alex Evans (Papillion)

TTAC Non-Voting Members, Virtual Attendees, & Guests

- Lee Myers (AARP Nebraska)*
- Damion Stern (NDOT)
- Travis Halm (Iowa DOT)*
- Dan Carpenter - Benesch
- Alex Sick - HDR
- Taylor Sterba - Bike Walk Nebraska
- Matt Knight - City of Bellevue*
- Billy Clingman (Metro Transit)
- Evan Schweitz (Metro Transit)*
- Matt Selinger - JEO
- Joan Gray - E&A Consulting
- Scott Suhr (Iowa DOT)*

MAPA Staff

- Court Barber
- Jim Boerner
- Lindsey Button
- Carlos Morales
- Elise Emanuel

**Attended virtually. Voting members are not eligible to vote while attending virtually and do not count for quorum.*

Todd Pfitzer called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
Quorum was not met.

Action Items

For TTAC Approval

A. Approval of the Minutes from the [May 16, 2025 Meeting](#)

Tabled as quorum was not met

B. Election of Officers for MAPA Fiscal Year 2026

- 1. Election of Chairperson**
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairperson**

Tabled as quorum was not met.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

C. Amendment 7 to the FY2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Court Barber presented the amendment, which includes changes to planning projects led by MAPA. This amendment takes H2050 studies and rolls them into a single regional planning item to simplify the process. Projects will still be listed individually in the project list, but this will allow for a single item for NDOT to process

Sarpy County received a spending award for Platteview Road and 132nd street - this project is being added to the TIP - 1.4M in FY26 for utilities and construction / construction engineering. It is uncertain if this project will occur in FY26, and it may roll over into FY27.

No formal recommendation was solicited as quorum was not met. Barber requested a jurisdiction by jurisdiction

Evans asked for clarification on the funding source. Barber clarified that these changes do not impact fiscal constraint at either the regional or state level as this is additional funding coming into the region. Evans asked if there were any changes to requirements given they are already getting TIP funding for this project. Barber clarified that ANY federally funded project must be shown in the TIP.

D. Final FY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Court Barber presented the final TIP. The draft was presented at the previous TTAC meeting. Changes implemented since the draft included corrected project entry errors preventing records from showing up in the list, updated Iowa O&M numbers, Updated state DOT project lists, added socioeconomic analysis, added a new project map and web map, added pavement data collection project for Iowa (\$50,000 fully matched by Iowa DOT), and updated starting balances for regional programs.

Instead of including environmental justice analysis as required in previous TIP, MAPA is now conducting an analysis on areas of persistent poverty. Barber presented the new web map which shows both TIP and MTP projects. Project details are still in process.

Barber presented the updated fiscal constraint tables for both Nebraska and Iowa. IJJA will end FY2026, and Iowa DOT suggests we keep spending authority values flat for years outside of the transportation bill. This does not impact fiscal constraint in Iowa. There are some funds remaining in illustrative years, and as such Barber stated that there may be a call for projects this fall, but this still remains to be seen.

No vote was taken as quorum was not met.

Discussion Items

E. Public Comment

Members of the public were offered an opportunity to speak. No comments were made.

F. MAPA Progress towards PM1 Safety Performance Measures

Jim Boerner provided an update on MAPA's progress towards the regional traffic safety performance measures and information about updates to the NDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program. MAPA is committed to a regional goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2040. In 2024, the region experienced a record number of traffic fatalities since the start of tracking in 2026. Boerner emphasized the importance of the regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and implementation of projects identified therein to reduce these numbers. Serious injuries have been declining and appear to be on track towards the 2040 goal. There is no easy way to record non motorists, and as such, fatal and serious injuries are grouped. There was a significant spike in fatalities and serious injuries for non motorists in 2024. Boerner presented the 2025 PM1 targets for the region. MAPA is not penalized for not meeting

PM1 targets. The presented figures will be packaged into a report that will be submitted to the State DOTs and FHWA division offices.

MAPA is currently working with the City of Omaha on a SS4A implementation grant, and with Council Bluffs on a TSIP application. Additional applications are planned for Nebraska HSIP.

G. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

- Maurice Hinchey (**NDOT District 2**) - Construction updates.
- Damion Stern (**NDOT**) - No updates
- Jarrod Walker (**NDOT**) - State freight plan update is about to start. Will take between 18-24 months. NDOT expects interaction between the consultant, MAPA, and some local jurisdictions. The “Sidewalks and Crosswalks” policy development is underway. A connected autonomous vehicle study is also underway.
- Eric Williams (Papio NRD) - No updates on federal transportation projects. PMRNRD is reaching the end of fiscal year. If agencies have reimbursement requests, please get those in.
- Bryan Guy (City of Omaha) - No updates
- Ed Brooks (Metro Transit) - Ed is the new grants administrator for Metro Transit and will be serving as alternate for Lauren Cencic in lieu of Sherri Leavers’ retirement.
- Matt Cox (City of Council Bluffs) - Construction updates
- Todd Pfitzer (Douglas County) - Construction updates. Bennington School Bond has passed and they are building a new high school. There is a proposed roundabout with this new development that would dramatically increase safety for students. The County is working to catch these developments early to implement safety measures.
- Kristi Evans (City of Omaha) - Construction updates.
- Alex Evans (City of Papillion) - Construction updates.
- Carlos Morales (MAPA) - No updates
- Jim Boerner (**MAPA**) - MAPA is issuing a last call for future road projects for inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and updates to the regional travel demand model. Please submit any projects, in particular those that adjust traffic control mechanisms at intersections or add capacity to existing roadways. This would include all projects planned from 2022 through 2050. Funding source does not matter. Pfitzer asked for the best way to get project information to MAPA. Boerner noted that for now, an email is sufficient. In the future, MAPA is working to develop a gis mapping tool to facilitate tracking and entry of these projects. Barber noted that we are very interested in making this web map tool useful to local jurisdictions as well. This is part of the reason MAPA applied for PPPP funding to help facilitate project tracking across the region and provide a service to all jurisdictions. Pfitzer sees a huge value in that, and if MAPA is looking for a testing partner, Douglas County would be interested in scheduling a meeting with Scott to help facilitate coordinations on this piece. Evans asked if there would be the ability to add notes or flags on certain sections, as this would be useful to Papillion. Boerner noted that this is a feature that could easily be added. Evans asked when this tool may go live. Barber noted that there need to be discussions with jurisdictions on the utility and features that would be useful to help serve the local needs. This tool can then also be used to apply for federal grants. Evans would be very interested in a tool like this as Papillion has gis assets for utilities, but there is not much information on transportation. Evans also noted that the regional coordination aspect is of particular interest. Morales noted that MAPA is focusing on efficiency and transparency. The TIP currently relies on emails, which is a challenge. This web map tool would allow for increased transparency and coordination to help avoid future issues.

Boerner discussed the update to the MAPA regional traffic patterns report and requested that local agencies please provide local traffic counts, transit ridership, bike share and trail count data for incorporation by July 18th. Any format is acceptable. 24 hour counts are preferred, but all counts will be accepted.

Boerner discussed NDOT HSIP administrative changes, which includes a new state sub-program with a \$13.5M funding cap, as well as a new local sub-program which includes the remainder of HSIP funds for the program year and makes them available for local projects. MAPA is working to have a line of projects in the

pipeline as determined by the comprehensive safety action plan that will be able to utilize these funds. Morales noted that HSIP still only provides funds for construction. PE/NEPA/ROW can still be applied for under regional STBG, resulting in shovel ready projects that could then apply for HSIP.

H. Additional Business (time permitting)

Pfitzer noted that Jack (NAME) passed away last weekend - started Midwest Right of Way. No additional business

Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors: June 26, 2025**
- **TTAC: July 18, 2025**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53am

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