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Nineteen local and international food vendors in a centralized pavilion, 22 gates with the ability to expand as needed, international gates, a centralized security checkpoint, unified concourse and better accessibility.

Those are some of the improvements passengers will see when the Omaha Airport Authority completes its Build OMA Terminal Modernization Program; Eppley Airfield's most significant upgrade in nearly 40 years.

David Roth, Omaha Airport Authority CEO said the program is half-completed, on-time and on-budget.

Roth delivered his remarks as the keynote speaker of MAPA's Council of Officials meeting on June 18.

Currently, Eppley Airfield is handling 5.3 million passengers each year, approximately 20,000 passengers per day.

Roth said between 1986 and 2024, the airport saw continued growth of air traffic, which prompted the need for the terminal expansion and modernization project.

"As passenger levels increase that triggers us to start building different aspects of the facilities. We're very strategic on when to start planning, designing, and building these things," said Roth.

The first international destination from Eppley Airfield will be Cancun. Roth said it is the largest unserved round-trip destination out of Omaha, and will provide approximately \$1 billion in potential business.

The renovations are designed to capture the region's character.

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Housing Trust Fund Awards announced

For New Visions Homeless Services, the timing of a grant from the Pottawattamie County Housing Trust Fund for electrical upgrades and the purchase of 26 stoves could not be better.

"It's coming at a good time, not knowing if federal government support for permanent supportive housing is going away," said Brandy Wallar, New Visions Homeless Services CEO. "If we need to be eligible to accept Section 8 housing vouchers, we will need to have stoves in the apartments."

The stoves will allow the men living inside the apartments at Timothy House to be more independent too.

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"We have to have client choice, to be able to cook their own food if they choose," said Wallar. The non-profit hired the contractor making the electrical upgrades and will purchase the new stoves with funding received through a grant from the Pottawattamie County Housing Trust Fund. New Visions Homeless Services is one of eight organizations that will receive grant funding from the trust fund's

2025 application cycle. The trust fund awarded grants totaling **\$418,221** for the following organizations and projects:

Owner-occupied home rehab, repairs, and accessibility improvements: **\$100,000**

- Connections Area Agency on Aging
- Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs

Construction of owner-occupied housing units: **\$80,471**

- Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs
- NeighborhoodWorks Home Solutions

Rehab of rental housing units, emergency shelters, or transitional units: **\$212,750**

- MICAH House
- Municipal Housing Agency
- New Visions Homeless Services
- Peace Haven Retirement Home

Eviction aversion services: **\$25,000**

- Iowa Legal Aid

Each year the Pottawattamie County Housing Trust Fund (website: pottcohtf.org) allocates funding to organizations or individuals that serve the housing needs of low to moderate-income residents within Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

MAPA is the grant administrator for the Pottawattamie County Housing Trust Fund and provides staff services including annual housing assistance plans and grant applications, project and fiscal management and compliance with Iowa Finance Authority requirements.

MAPA and Greater Omaha Chamber to host Sept. 9th Economic Development Summit

Join us, Tuesday, September 9th, for Collaborative Futures, a one-day summit bringing together business leaders, educators, policymakers, and changemakers from across the region to shape a more connected, resilient, and innovative Greater Omaha.

Hosted by MAPA, the Greater Omaha Economic Development Partnership, and Six Regions One Nebraska, this event is designed to spark action and align our region for long-term success.

Don't miss your chance - register now!
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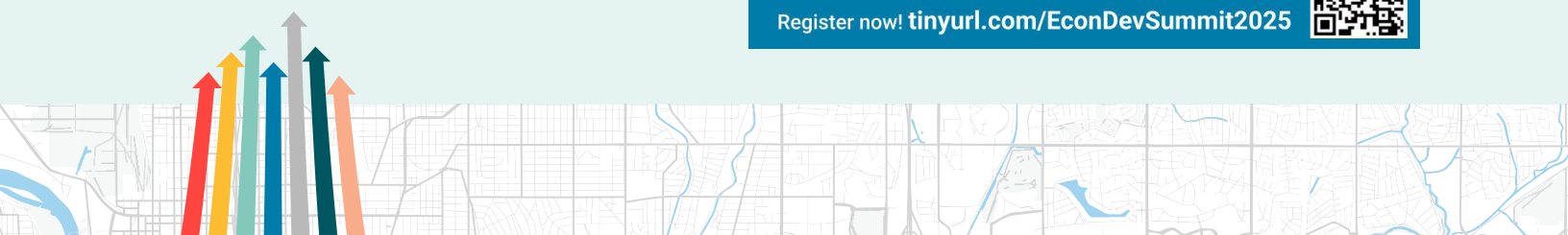
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Chief Innovation Officer
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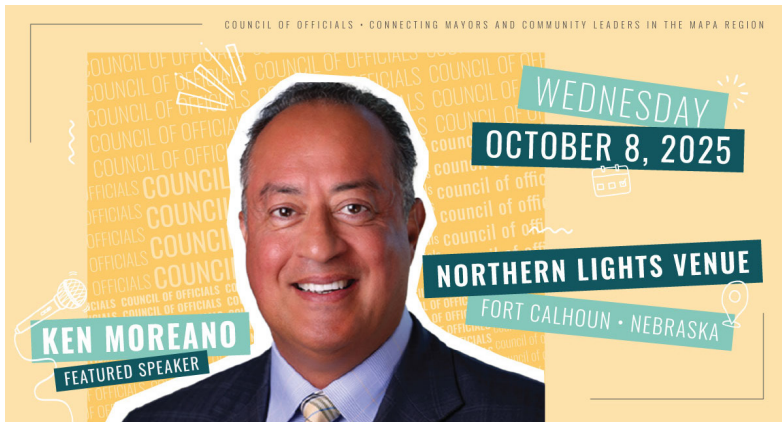


Registration opens for Council of Officials Annual Meeting

Registration is open for an exciting MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting. Join us on October 8th at the beautiful Northern Lights Venue in Fort Calhoun.

Keynote speaker Ken Moreano, Co-founder, President & CEO of the Scott Data Center, will present on A.I.

Register for this exciting event at tinyurl.com/COOAnnualMtg2025.



Natural Resources Committee tours project at former railroad site

A former railroad and construction dump site in North Omaha is getting a new purpose.

Since acquiring the property, Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim (CMPI), an organization representing Omaha's Mayan community, created a large community garden and there are more plans in the works.

MAPA's Heartland 2050 Natural Resources Committee members learned about the project when they toured the property on July 22.



The next phase of the Beltline Trail in North Omaha will be built on the CMPI property at 40th and Grant as part of a joint partnership with the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District.

Future plans include replacing a dilapidated building with affordable housing and creating food and agricultural-based business hubs.

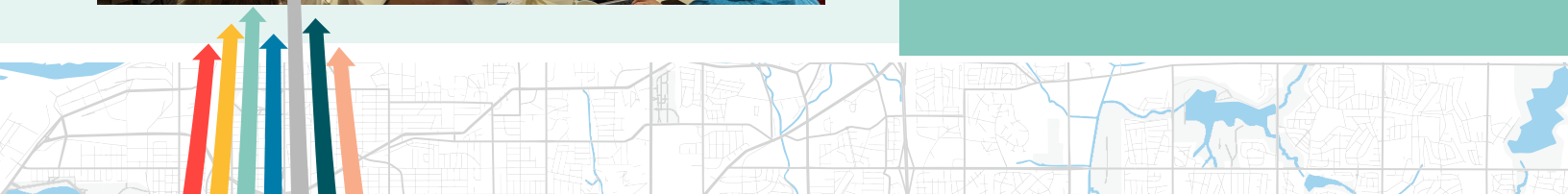


MAPA staff attend economic development and planning conferences

MAPA staff have been pursuing opportunities for additional training during the summer.

In June, the Greater Omaha Chamber, City of Omaha, Latino Economic Development Council and MAPA staff attended the Learn, Explore, Active in Place (LEAP) economic development conference in Cleveland. The conference focused on wealth-building and inclusive capital for historically disinvested communities.

Also in June, MAPA staff participated in the 2025 Annual Conference and Exhibition for the National Association of Regional Councils in Seattle. The conference provides an opportunity for Councils of Government and Metropolitan Planning Organizations like MAPA to share best practice and learn about relevant issues.



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“We went through significant planning with them to get them to get the look and the feel and really the culture of our area within this facility and be responsible to our stakeholders,” said Roth.

The more than \$1.2 billion Terminal Modernization Program is being funded by airport revenue, airport bonds, passenger facility charges as well as some funding from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Airport Improvement Trust Fund.

Staff Updates

We have several staff updates to share. We wished Transportation Planner Elle Ward and Communications & Outreach Intern Helen Corrigan good luck in their future endeavors in May and June respectively. We thank them both for their work in support of MAPA.



Also in June, we welcomed Andrew Kresin, our current Communications & Outreach Intern. Andrew grew up in Omaha and graduated from Creighton University in May with a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism in the News and Public Relations track. In his free time, Andrew enjoys spending time with friends, analyzing sports statistics and reading fantasy and non-fiction books.

In July, Alex Johnson joined MAPA staff as a transportation planner. Alex worked for Lamp Rynearson and the City of Omaha Planning Department prior to his employment at MAPA. Alex is originally from Fargo, North Dakota. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from Minnesota State University-Moorhead and a Master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Minnesota. In his spare time, he coaches youth soccer, goes for walks with his schnauzer, Archie, and visits his family in Minnesota.



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11:00 a.m.
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9:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting Only
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Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m.
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MAPA Board of Directors
1:30 p.m.

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