

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jan 16, 2026 10:00 AM

📍 2222 Cuming Street Boardroom, Main Level ▾

MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

Todd Pfitzer - Douglas County
Derek Miller - City of Omaha
Austin Rowser - City of Omaha
Jeff R - City of Omaha
Jarrod Walker - NDOT
Maurice Hinchey - NDOT D2
Ed Brooks - Metro Transit
Pat Dowse - City of La Vista
Eric Williams - PMRNRD

Non-Voting Members

Don Butler - NDOT
Garret Delgado - City of La Vista
Damion Stern - NDOT D2
Online
Jeff Sobczyk - City of Omaha
Greg Youell - FHU
Terry Rush - E&A
Gerri Doyle - FTA Region VII
Scott Suhr - Iowa DOT

Greg Karseen - Iowa DOT
Andy Wicks - Pott. County
Dan Carpenter - Olsson
MAPA Staff
Mike Helgersen
Carlos Morales
Jim Boerner
Lindsey Button
Court Barber

Pfitzer called the meeting to order at 10:02a.

A. Introductions

B. Action Items

For TTAC Approval

1. **Approval of the Minutes from the [December 5, 2025 Meeting](#)**

No action taken due to lack of quorum.

2. **Resolution 2026-01: Recognizing Dennis “Denny” Wilson**

No action taken due to lack of quorum.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

3. **[Amendment 3 to the FY2026 Transportation Improvement Plan \(TIP\)](#)**

Court Barber provided an overview of the changes, including updates to projects sponsored by the Cities of Gretna and Omaha. Helgersen asked Walker about the NEVI program, Walker said he could get some more information and bring it to the group in the future. Morales asked what the total funding available under the program is, Walker said he's not sure. Williams asked for more details on the EV project, Walker said he could provide it.

No action taken due to lack of quorum.

4. **[Amendment 1 to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\)](#)**

Court Barber provided an overview of the changes and noted that MAPA received no comments during the 25 day comment period. Rowser noted a project along 84th Street, briefly described the project, and invited MAPA to participate in weekly meetings leading up to applying for a BUILD grant.

No action taken due to lack of quorum.

5. **Approval of the 2027 Federal Safety Performance Measures Targets**

Jim Boerner presented progress on the Federal Performance Measures and provided the 2027 targets. Helgerson commented on the challenge of solving for nonmotorist fatal and serious injury. Pfitzer asked whether statistics exist on pedestrians crossing against signals due to being distracted. Suhr noted a dashboard Iowa DOT developed with information of this nature. Butler said NDOT is also looking at this, noting that the last year was the worst on record for nonmotorist fatal and serious injuries. Pfitzer asked whether NDOT has noticed a trend in what might be causing the increase, Butler said distraction seems to be an important factor. Williams asked for clarification on the laws passed by IA and NE. Iowa has already passed a hands-free law, a bill has been reintroduced in NE this year. Williams noted that in order to change the statistics something must change in policy or in design. Youell added that in speaking with law enforcement they see an increased level of high speed violations. The group also discussed issues around unconventional vehicles being used on both roadways and trails. Williams noted that the PMNRD applied for a mini-grant to look at the use of emotos on regional trails and other active infrastructure, but that the scope currently doesn't include looking at things like UTVs and golf carts.

No action taken due to lack of quorum.

C. Discussion Items

1. **Public Comment**

No members of the public were in attendance.

2. **Nebraska Highway Safety Improvement Program Update**

NDOT and Iowa DOT provided updates on HSIP programming and priorities as well as funding availability. Morales let the committee know about the information within the regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and offered MAPA's willingness to help locals with developing safety projects. Reisselman asked whether the \$3M set aside is a minimum or maximum, Butler said maximum and explained NDOT's thoughts behind it. Helgerson asked about the potential for NDOT looking at larger projects for locals, Butler said a project like that would not likely fit at this time. Reisselman asked whether high levels of serious injuries and fatalities impact how HSIP funds are spent, Butler said yes, it can require the state to obligate HSIP funds for projects that improve safety for vulnerable road users. Boerner notes this year will be the last for SS4A and the future of the program is unknown.

3. **Omaha Vision Zero Update**

Jeff Sobczyk with the city presented on the implementation of Omaha's Vision Zero Action Plan. Butler noted that the modular/quick build treatments shown in the presentation are eligible for HSIP funds. Morales asked about doing these projects AC, Butler said he's not sure about running HSIP projects that way.

4. Nebraska Legislative Update

MAPA staff briefed the committee on the legislative session, pointing to particular bills introduced so far. Walker noted a bill that will alter available taxation for the Build Nebraska Act, and LB1098 that would require NDOT to adopt a rail plan and provide annual reporting on rail throughout the state. Riesselman asked about automated enforcement, Helgerson said maybe, but it doesn't look like any new ones; there may be carryover bills. Butler said LB800 is a carryover bill that includes automated enforcement.

5. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

Butler noted a bill on bicycle signals and that NDOT is looking at cleaning up crash reporting.

Boerner said MAPA will be starting a regional freight plan soon, noting this committee will be involved.

Butler added that NDOT is finishing up the NE supplement to the MUTCD. Morales asked if there are any big changes, Butler said no, mostly cleanup items.

6. Additional Business (time permitting)

Button briefed the committee on the ebike/emoto discussion at TAP-C.

Pfitzer adjourned the meeting at 11:40a.