

# TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Feb 20, 2026 10:00 AM Zoom access available via notification email or calendar event.

📍 2222 Cuming Street Boardroom, Main Level ▾

## MINUTES

### Attendance

#### Voting Members

Damion Stern - NDOT  
Maurice Hinchey - NDOT  
Austin Rowser - City of Omaha  
Joe Soucie - City of La Vista  
Bryan Guy - City of Omaha  
Mark McLaughlin - City of Omaha  
Eric Williams - PMRNRD  
Greg Perry - Gretna  
Jarrod Walker - NDOT  
Mark Augustine - City of Council Bluffs  
Matt Cox - City of Council Bluffs

#### Virtual Attendees & Non-Voting Members

Andy Wicks - Pottawattamie County  
Dan Carpenter - Olsson  
Jeff Sobczyk - City of Omaha  
Joan Green - E&A  
Travis Halm - Iowa DOT  
Ed Brooks - Metro Transit

#### MAPA Staff

Carlos Morales  
Lindsey Button  
Court Barber

### A. Introductions

### B. Action Items

For TTAC Approval

#### 1. **Approval of the Minutes from the [December 5, 2025](#) and [January 16, 2026](#) Meetings**

Soucie moved to approve, seconded by Guy.

Recommendations to MAPA's Board of Directors

#### 2. **Iowa Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) Appointment**

MAPA requests a recommendation for a representative from an Iowa community to serve on the board. Matt Cox expressed willingness to continue serving.

Barber presented the request, Cox spoke briefly about the position. Morales asked about MUTCD review, Cox said no. Guy moved to recommend Matt Cox, seconded by Hinchey. Motion carried.

#### 3. **[Amendment 4 to the FY2026 Transportation Improvement Plan \(TIP\)](#)**

Court Barber will provide an overview of the changes, including updates to the FTA Section 5310 Program.

Soucie moved, second by McLaughlin, motion carried.

## C. Discussion Items

### 1. Public Comment

Any members of the public in attendance will be allowed to speak.

### 2. Obligation Report (Q1 FFY2026)

Court Barber and Carlos Morales presented on the state of regional federal aid in the first quarter of federal fiscal year 2026.

Soucie said Thompson Creek Trail ROW should be moving forward in the next few months.

Cox said their SS4A grant agreement isn't ready yet, slowing development of the traffic signal project.

Williams asked about the cap on the mini-grant program, Barber explained it's not a cap, but a target. Williams asked about oversight requirements for STBG, Barber said that the program has always been funded with STBG and there would be no changes there.

### 3. Legislative Update

Morales briefed the committee on the state legislative sessions. Walker noted the importance of LB1126.

### 4. Safety Assessment

Morales provided a summary of crash outcomes from the latest safety performance period and reviewed prioritized projects and recommendations.

### 5. Federal Functional Classification Updates

Morales provided a summary of anticipated FFC changes to support projects recently awarded Federal funding and open a call for updates.

### 6. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

**NDOT D2** - public meeting for Sarpy I-80 interchange coming up; construction update

**Omaha PW** - multiple studies moving forward, updating resurfacing of Ames based on planning work; construction update; signal system update ongoing and update to master plan RFP coming soon; public open house coming up in March about 680 near Blair High Road.

**La Vista** - construction update

**Omaha PL** - 13th Street Walkability Study ongoing

**Council Bluffs** - matching bills in house and senate regarding SUDAS board membership that would add developers to the board; construction update

Morales asked about SIDs, group discussed issues with approvals in NE.

**NDOT** - Jarrod asked who knows about the Local Officials for Transportation, no one seemed to. He brought up the proposed BASICS Act, a bill introduced in the US House, noting that NDOT is opposed to the shifting

of funds away from state DOTs. NEVI update, NDOT has some funding to obligate before the end of FFY2026.

**Gretna** - busy with interchange prep

**PMRNRD** - looking at several trail connections to the riverfront trail, working with Omaha Planning on connections from Keystone to Riverfront, working with Metro to improve pedestrian access; met with folks in Cass County about trail connectivity and identified the Highway 50 bridge as a possible trail connection when it is reconstructed, may want to work on getting incorporation of active transportation into the structure in advance; realigning West Papio Trail to possibly cross under Maple, would like to know more about the current West Maple corridor study - Dan Carpenter spoke on what's being looked at presently, he said he would coordinate with the NRD.

**Iowa DOT** - also following legislation, not prepared to comment on the BASICS Act

## 7. Additional Business (time permitting)

MAPA's Council Of Officials meets in March, H2050 Detroit visit will be in May, NDOT AASHTOWARE training coming up.

McLaughlin moved to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 11:21a.

## Future Meetings & Events

- **MAPA Board of Directors:** Feb 26, 2026
- **TTAC:** Mar 20, 2026
- **RPAC:** Apr 3, 2026

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