
Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, November 21, 2016

Regular Session

Item C1

Approval of Minutes from the October 17, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MINUTES

October 17, 2016 at 10:00 am

Grand Island City Hall – Community Meeting Room

100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

Voting Members in Attendance:

Terry Brown, City of Grand Island, Assistant Public Works Director	Present
John Collins, City of Grand Island, Public Works Director	Present
Marlan Ferguson, City of Grand Island, City Administrator	Present
Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Casey Sherlock, Hall County Public Works Director	Present
Mike Meyer, Merrick County Hwy Superintendent	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer	Present
Brad Zumwalt, NDOR Highway Planning Manager	Absent
Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda	Absent

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Bentley Tomlin, Burling Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent
Mike Olson, Central NE Regional Airport	Absent
Allan Zafft, City of Grand Island MPO Program Manager	Present
Shannon Callahan, City of Grand Island Street Superintendent	Absent
Renae Griffiths, City of Grand Island Finance Director	Present
William Clingman, City of Grand Island Asst. Finance Director	Present
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island Public Works Admin Assistant	Present
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island Project Manager	Absent
Jerry Janulewicz, City of Grand Island City Attorney	Absent
Nicki Stoltenberg, City of Grand Island Assistant to the City Administrator	Present
Erich Hines, FHWA, Transportation Planner, Realty Civil Rights	Absent
Justin Luther, FHWA, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights	Absent
Mark Bechtel, FTA Community Planner	Absent
Logan Daniels, FTA – Region VII	Absent
Daniel Nguyen, FTA Community Planner	Absent
Cindy Johnson, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce	Absent
Mary Berlie, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation	Absent
Larry Legg, NDOR Local Projects Engineer	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOR State Modeler	Absent
Noel Salac, NDOR Planning & Locational Studies Section Head	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOR Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Kyle Nodgaard, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent

Call to Order

Nabity called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes from the August 8, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting, seconded by Brown. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment No. 1

Zafft informed TAC of the reasons for Amendment No. 1 to the LRTP, which are to account for the significant estimate increase on the US Highway 281 NB project (latest estimate has increased from \$12M to \$18M – an increase of \$3.5M or 42% change in federal funds) and adjust the fiscal constraint of the plan to include additional anticipated federal revenue for the US Highway 281 NB project, which results in revisions to the funding tables in Chapters 7 & 9 of the LRTP. The four (4) criteria to determine whether a project change rises to the level of an amendment are:

- Project costs: determination will be made based on the percentage change or dollar amount of change in federal aid. Projects in which the federal aid has been changed by 20% or \$2M, which is greater, will require an LRTP amendment. Anything less can be processed with an administrative modification. For projects financed with non-federal funds. NDOR suggests the MPO's use the same 20%/\$2M threshold in order to provide transparency to the public;
- Adding a Regionally Significant Project which requires FHWA or FTA funding or approval;
- Funding sources: Adding federal funding sources or changing from one federal funding category to another (including converting advanced construction) will require an amendment; or
- Scope and termini changes: Substantial changes to project scope shown in the approved STIP or project termini changes greater than 0.25 mile will require an amendment.

Nabity inquired on the consequences of not approving this amendment, to which Zafft stated the US Highway 281 NB project letting would be held up. Wahlgren pointed out pavement repairs are needed along US Highway 281 NB as this is a major roadway through the City. Collins noted the State would more than likely reallocate the dollars elsewhere.

Zafft mentioned that the Public Participation Plan indicates an amendment must go back to the TAC for their recommended approval for the Policy Board after the public comment period. Nabity recommended a special TAC meeting in November to recommend approval of the amendment.

A thirty (30) day comment period is required, which is scheduled to begin October 18, 2016.

Motion by Collins to approve the Recommendation and Release of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment No. 1 for Public Comments and to schedule a Special TAC

Meeting on November 21, 2016, seconded by Ferguson. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 2

Zafft notified TAC of the inconsistency from the LRTP and the TIP regarding the cost estimate for the US Highway 281 NB project. This amendment will allow for a correction to the TIP to match the LRTP cost estimate. A fifteen (15) day comment period is required, however to match the LRTP comment period a thirty (30) comment period is scheduled to begin on October 18, 2016.

Motion by Sherlock to approve the recommendation of Final Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 2, seconded by Brown. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

Zafft informed TAC that ADA compliance is currently not being met; however this plan will address this Federal requirement and the deficiencies. TAC committed to complete the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan by November 22, 2016 in response to the Self-Certification of the MPO Planning Process approved in April 2016. One area of concern is the counter height at the GIAMPO suite, which doesn't currently allow access for an individual in a wheelchair. Such evaluation and plan requires a fifteen (15) comment period, which is scheduled to begin October 19, 2016.

Motion by Collins to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

2017 GIAMPO Meeting Schedule

Nabity presented the 2017 GIAMPO meeting schedule for both TAC and Policy Board which is based on the approved By-Laws for both.

Zafft mentioned that the Public Participation Plan seems to be based on the TAC and Policy Board meeting monthly. Nabity stated the Public Participation Plan will be amended to match the established meeting schedule.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the 2017 GIAMPO Meeting Schedule, seconded by Ferguson. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Miscellaneous Business

- The Transit Needs RFQ has been released for a submittal deadline of 4:00 pm on 11/17/2016
- Dustin Butler's last day with Senior Industries will be October 19, 2016.
- The Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan RFQ has been submitted to the NDOR for comments.
- NDOR Hwy Commission meeting will be held at City Hall on 10/21/2016 beginning at 8:30 am.

Next Meeting Date

The next Meeting of the TAC will be a Special Meeting on November 21, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.