
GIAMPO – Policy Board

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Regular Session

Item C1

Approval of Minutes from the February 28, 2017 Policy Board Meeting

Staff Contact: Mayor Jeremy Jensen

GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)

MINUTES OF POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 4:00 pm

Grand Island City Hall – Community Meeting Room

100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Jensen, Mayor, City of Grand Island	Present
Vaughn Minton, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Chuck Haase, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Absent
Julie Hehnke, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Mike Paulick, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Brad Zumwalt (Kyle Schneweis designee) NDOR Hwy Planning Manager	Present
Gary Quandt, Hall County Board	Present
Doug Lanfear, Hall County Board	Absent
Pat O’Neill, Hall County Planning Commission Chairman	Present

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Marlan Ferguson, City of Grand Island City Administrator	Absent
Terry Brown, City of Grand Island Assistant Public Works Director	Present
Allan Zafft, City of Grand Island MPO Program Manager	Present
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island Public Works Admin Assistant	Present
Renaef Griffiths, City of Grand Island Finance Director	Absent
William Clingman, City of Grand Island Asst. Finance Director	Present
Jerry Janulewicz, City of Grand Island Attorney	Present
John Collins, City of Grand Island Public Works Director	Present
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island Project Manager	Present
Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director	Absent
Joseph Werning, Administrator, FHWA NE Division	Absent
Mokhtee Ahmad, Administrator, FTA Region VII	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer	Absent
Justin Luther, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights FHWA	Absent
Logan Daniels, FTA Transportation Program Specialist	Absent
Mark Bechtel, FTA Community Planner	Absent
Daniel Nguyen, FTA Community Planner	Absent
Noel Salac, NDOR Assistant Planning Engineer	Absent

*Matt Rief, Olsson Associates

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged and roll call was taken. Mayor Jensen acknowledged the fact that Brad Zumwalt, NDOR Highway Planning Manager, was the designee for Kyle Schneweis, Director of the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Approval of minutes from the November 22, 2016 Policy Board Meeting

Motion by Quandt to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2016 meeting, seconded by Paulick. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

Quandt nominated Haase as Vice-Chairperson, with no objections. With no further nominations for Vice-Chairperson Quandt made a motion to cease nominations, with O'Neill seconding. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 1

Zafft informed the Policy Board that this amendment will allow for the Public Participation Plan to be consistent with the Bylaws, with TAC meeting every other month and Policy Board meeting quarterly, and also addressed typos within the document. The need for special meetings should be reduced with this change. No public comments were received by the January 23, 2017 deadline.

Motion by Zumwalt to approve Recommendation of Final Draft Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 1, seconded by Paulick. Upon roll call, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Unified Planning Work Program Amendment No. 1

Zafft stated the reason for this amendment is to transfer hours from the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) element to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) element; to transfer Other Directs cost from the Transportation Improvement Program, Public Participation Plan, LRTP, and Administration elements to the consultant services budget for the Bike/Ped Master Plan; and to use a carry-over of FTA 5305 funds towards the Transit Needs Study consultant services and GIAMPO staff and other expenses. No public comments were received by the February 27, 2017 deadline.

Motion by Quandt to approve Recommendation of Final Draft Unified Planning Work Program Amendment No. 1, seconded by Hehnke. Upon roll call, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Consultant Selection for Regional Transit Needs and Feasibility Study

Zafft informed the Policy Board that consultant selection process has been completed, with Olsson Associates being selected as the top rated firm. Such negotiations have been completed and a not to exceed agreement amount of \$156,000 reached. The agreement amount is below the Independent Cost Estimate (ICE). The Notice to Proceed is planned to be issued March 2017 with project completion November 2017. It was noted four (4) qualified firms provided a submittal for these services, with interviews conducted. Ideally, this study should have been completed with the Long Range Transportation Plan.

O'Neill inquired on the number of this type of study Olsson Associates has completed – wants to make sure they are not learning with GIAMPO. Rief, local Olsson Associates liaison, stated

they have worked on the Nebraska Statewide plan, with Corrine Donahue as the lead. Corrine has done many of these (ex. Colorado Springs, Colorado & Sarpy County, Nebraska), and she is Olsson's expert based in their Omaha, Nebraska office.

Collins noted a draft will be presented to TAC and Policy Board before a final plan is recommended.

Minton wants to ensure the public is involved in this process, since this is a huge project. Involvement from Central Community College, all Business Improvement Districts, etc.

Quandt would like to have a presentation to the Hall County Board.

Motion by Quandt to approve Recommendation of Consultant Selection for Regional Transit Needs and Feasibility Study, seconded by Zumwalt. Upon roll call, call voted in favor. Motion adopted.

MPO Financial Update

Zafft provided a financial update for State Fiscal Year 2017-Second Quarter (October 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016). This update will be provided to the Policy Board for each quarter.

Other Business

- Brown provided an update on US Highway 30 realignment stating the project is moving along very quickly. The project is estimated at \$29M, with 20% funding from the City of the portion within City limits. Right-of-Way acquisition is underway with the corridor protection having been completed. Bid letting should take place the end of 2019 with construction beginning in 2020. City Council will be asked to approve an agreement with JEO for the Moores Creek drain extension which will be coordinated with the US Highway 30 realignment. This agreement will allow for the acquisition of right-of-way and design, which will potentially discount the City's cost of the US Highway 30 project. The drainage project will provide borrow material (cleared by NDOR) for the highway work and dig out the drain way and has an estimated City cost of \$3.4M. If this work isn't coordinated with the highway project the cost could triple with the need to haul dirt from the area later.

Minton wants to make sure the public is kept abreast of this project, as there is some negativity about the US Highway 30 realignment. Brown responded that NDOR conducted 1 on 1 meetings with those affected and they went well.

- Brown mentioned the bid letting for US Highway 281 work has been delayed to April 2017, with more information to come as it becomes available.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Policy Board will be on May 23, 2017 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.