
Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, February 13, 2017

Regular Session

Item C1

Approval of Minutes from the November 21, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

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

November 21, 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	Absent
John Collins, City of Grand Island, Public Works Director	Present
Marlan Ferguson, City of Grand Island, City Administrator	Absent
Chad Nability, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Casey Sherlock, Hall County Public Works Director	Absent
Mike Meyer, Merrick County Hwy Superintendent	Present
Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer	Present
Brad Zumwalt, NDOR Highway Planning Manager	Absent
Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda	Present

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	Absent
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	Present
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 Transportation Program Specialist	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	Present
Jeff Soula, NDOR Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Kyle Nodgaard, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent

Call to Order

Nability 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 October 17, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting, seconded by Collins. 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 at the October 17, 2016 meeting. This item is being presented to TAC in order to be in compliance with the current Public Participation Plan. A thirty (30) day comment period was open from October 18, 2016 to November 18, 2016, with no comments received. Notice of the public comment period was posted in the Grand Island Independent, City of Grand Island Public Works Facebook page, and the City of Grand Island website. At this time TAC is asked to recommend approval of the final draft LRTP Amendment No.1 to the Policy Board.

Motion by Collins to approve Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment No. 1, seconded by Meyer. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Release and Recommendation of Final Draft Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 1 for Public Comments

Zafft stated the current Public Participation Plan; which was approved November 2015 to accommodate the progression of work programs (Long Range Transportation Plan & Unified Planning Work Program) is tailored for monthly TAC and Policy Board meetings. This amendment will allow more flexibility within the Bylaws regarding meeting frequency and TAC will have the ability to open public comment periods without consent from the Policy Board. This change will reduce the need for special meetings. Salac noted this will mirror other MPOs within Nebraska and is a move in the right direction.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve Release and Recommendation of Final Draft Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 1 for Public Comments, seconded by Meyer. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Administrative Modification of Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Zafft informed TAC that a change to the 2017 UPWP is necessary to account for the budget changes reflecting wage and fringe benefit rates. The remaining balance from these changes has been allocated to increase Administration hours (additional funds to office supplies & phone) and reduce Transit hours. This item is informational only – to keep transparency.

MPO Financial Update

Zafft provided a financial update for State Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016), as well as State Fiscal Year 2017 First Quarter (July 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016). It is to be noted the Transit Needs Study was originally scheduled during FY 2016, however was moved to FY 2017. This update will be provided to TAC for each quarter.

1 & 6 Plan

Collins presented the draft 1 & 6 Plan, which will be presented to the Regional Planning Commission at their December 7, 2016 meeting for recommendation of approval forwarded to City Council either at their December 27, 2016 or January 10, 2017 meeting. Projects to note are:

- Stolley Park Road Rehabilitation & Reconfiguration – this is slated to be a 2018 project with Nebraska Department of Roads
- Highway 281 Northbound – City share is scheduled to be paid over two (2) fiscal years [\$1.9M FY 16/17 & \$1.9M 17/18]
- Sycamore Underpass Rehabilitation – will more than likely cover a four (4) year timeframe

Other Business

- Zafft informed the Committee submittals were received on November 17, 2016 for the Transit Feasibility Study RFQ, with four (4) firms responding. Once a firm is selected negotiations will begin, with a recommendation request from TAC and approval from the Policy Board. It is anticipated that a contract will be executed February 2017.
- Zafft updated the Committee on the Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan Study RFP, which has been sent to firms and advertised publicly, and is scheduled to receive submittals on December 15, 2016.
- Zafft notified the Committee that Amendment No. 1 with Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. for Transit Services is being presented to City Council on November 22, 2016 to address payment of actual costs (up to the original agreed upon maximum) monthly, reduce the insurance requirement from \$5M to \$1M, and eliminate the cab fare program as it is an ineligible expense for federal reimbursement and this will reduce costs by approximately \$60,000.

Next Meeting Date

The next Meeting of the TAC will be on December 12, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabyt adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am.