
Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 20, 2017

Regular Session

Item C1

Approval of Minutes from the April 10, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

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

April 10, 2017 at 10:00 am

Grand Island City Hall – Community Meeting Room

100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

Voting Members in Attendance:

VACANT, 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 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
Noel Salac (alternate for the VACANT NDOR Highway Planning Manager), NDOR Assistant Planning Engineer	Present
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	Present
Rena Griffiths, City of Grand Island Finance Director	Absent
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	Present
Charley Falmlen, City of Grand Island Transit Program Manager	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	Present
Larry Legg, NDOR Local Projects Engineer	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOR State Modeler	Absent
Noel Salac, NDOR Assistant Planning Engineer	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 February 13, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee

Motion by Collins to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting, seconded by Schafer. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Election of Vice-Chair

Due to Terry Brown's resignation as Assistant Public Works Director for the City of Grand Island a new Vice-Chair needs to be elected. Collins nominated Sherlock as Vice-Chair, to which he accepted. With no further nominations for Vice-Chair Collins made a motion to cease nominations, with Wahlgren seconding. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 3

Zafft informed TAC that this amendment is required due to adding a federal funding source (an Earmark) to the Grand Island-Waco I-80 project. The project estimate will increase from \$1.1M to \$1.5M. The amendment also includes the following changes to the Operations – Urban Transit Operating Assistance project: project description revision to include the City Transit Program Manager, fiscal year change (previously State FY – now Federal / City FY), and budget update to include the City Transit Program Manager. The project estimate will increase from \$1.9M to \$2.2M. The amendment will have a 15-day public comment period from April 12 to April 27, 2017.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 3, seconded by Sherlock. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 2

Zafft stated this amendment adjusts project costs and/or funding sources for the US-281 West, Grand Island and Grand Island-Waco projects. Regarding the US-281 West, Grand Island project, the description is also revised to be consistent with project's description in the FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. This amendment also adds the Cairo-Grand Island resurfacing project to the Long Range Transportation Plan. Amendment No. 2 will adjust the fiscal constraint of the plan to include additional anticipated federal revenue. The amendment will have a 30-day public comment period from April 12 to May 12, 2017.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 2, seconded by Salac. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Zafft notified TAC of the work activities that will be addressed in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which consist of performance measures related to safety, annual UPWP and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long Range Transportation Plan amendment, regional transit study and pedestrian/bike master plan. The UPWP will have a 15-day public comment period from April 12 to April 27, 2017.

Motion by Salac to approve Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Collins. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Zafft reminded TAC that the TIP is updated every year. He briefly went over each of the project in the TIP. Wahlgren questioned the Wood River to Platte River project, which is outside the MPO boundary so it is not included in the GIAMPO's TIP. For the US-281 West Grand Island project, he mentioned that the western limit of the project location should be US-281 instead of N-2. Zafft was going to follow-up NDOR Headquarter to verify this. The TIP will have a 30-day public comment period from April 12 to May 12, 2017.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Sherlock. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of MPO Self-Certification

Zafft stated this certification confirms that the planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements set forth in 23 CFR 450.334. GIAMPO is obligated to present this certification of the planning process to NDOR with the submittal of the FY 2018-2022 TIP.

Motion by Salac to approve Recommendation of MPO Self-Certification, seconded by Schafer. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft MPO Title VI Implementation Plan

Zafft informed TAC that the MPO Title VI Implementation Plan outlines the responsibilities of the GIAMPO to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and identifies the procedures to address complaints related to Title VI. Chris Hassler, NDOR Highway Civil Rights Coordinator, recommended GIAMPO implement such a plan. Collins stated a public comment period is not necessary, to which Nabity noted it doesn't hurt to proceed with one. Salac questioned what Hassler recommends on a public comment period, Zafft stated the decision is up to the City, and the plan needs to be signed and posted on the website as a minimum. Wahlgren and Salac deferred to the City on how to handle. Falmlen asked if Title VI is in the Public Participation Plan, Zafft replied it is not. Falmlen then inquired on whether sub recipients are affected, per Zafft & Collins this all falls under the City.

Motion by Collins to approve Recommendation of Final Draft MPO Title VI Implementation Plan with a public comment period, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of MPO Performance Measures for Transit

Zafft notified TAC through training he attended in Kansas City that the City, as a recipient of FTA 5307 Funds, had until January 2017 to adopt asset management performance measures for transit. The City can be classified as a Tier II provider, so has chosen to adopt the performance targets set by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). After the State has established performance targets, metropolitan planning organizations must establish targets within 180 days (June 30, 2017). The recommendation is to adopt the performance targets set by NDOR as the GIAMPO targets.

Motion by Salac to approve Recommendation of MPO Performance Measures for Transit, seconded by Collins. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Consultant Selection for GIAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Zafft updated TAC on the consultant selected for the GIAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which is RDG Planning and Design. Final negotiations are underway pertaining to the scope and fee of the plan. NDOR is to approve the selection soon with a Notice to Proceed issued late May/early June.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve Recommendation of Consultant Selection for GIAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, seconded by Salac. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Other Business

Zafft told TAC of the public involvement regarding the Transit Study – Two (2) meetings were held the last week of April 5, 2017 with comments from approximately 75 citizens. Business involvement is still needed.

Next Meeting Date

The next Meeting of the TAC will be on June 12, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:52 am.