
GIAMPO – Policy Board

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Regular Session

Item C1

Approval of Minutes from the December 12, 2017 Policy Board Meeting

Staff Contact: Jeremy Jensen, Mayor

GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)

MINUTES OF POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 4:00 pm
Grand Island City Hall – Council Chambers
100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Jensen, Mayor, City of Grand Island	Present
VACANT, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Absent
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
Wes Wahlgren (Kyle Schneweis designee) NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Gary Quandt, Hall County Board	Present
Doug Lanfear, Hall County Board	Present
Pat O’Neill, Hall County Planning Commission Chairman	Present

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Marlan Ferguson, City of Grand Island City Administrator	Present
VACANT, City of Grand Island Assistant Public Works Director	Absent
Allan Zafft, City of Grand Island MPO Program Manager	Present
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island Public Works Admin Assistant	Present
Renae Jiminez, City of Grand Island Finance Director	Absent
William Clingman, City of Grand Island Asst. Finance Director	Absent
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	Present
Joseph Werning, Administrator, FHWA NE Division	Absent
Mokhtee Ahmad, Administrator, FTA Region VII	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
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, NDOT Assistant Planning Engineer	Absent

*Matt Rief & Nick Weander of Olsson Associates

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged and roll call was taken. Mayor Jensen acknowledged the fact that Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer, was the designee for Kyle Schneweis, Director of the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Approval of minutes from the May 23, 2017 Policy Board Meeting

Motion by Quandt to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2017 meeting, seconded by Lanfear. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft TIP Amendment No. 1 to FY 2018-2022 TIP

Zafft informed the Policy Board that this amendment is required to add the Five Points intersection improvements to the TIP, with a project federal-aid amount of \$1.7M and a total project estimate of \$2.265M. The proposed Amendment No. 1 was made available for a 15-day public comment period from October 31 to November 15, 2017. No comments were received.

Lanfear commented that he is glad to see this intersection being looked at, as it is bad. He specifically mentioned the time of 3:30-4pm with school traffic, as well as truck traffic may not work for a roundabout. Collins noted this amendment will allow the option of doing this project; nothing has been designed at this point. The intersection is behind standards and does need to be addressed. Wahlgren stated NEPA requires a study and concepts to be laid out for safety funds to be used.

Motion by Paulick to approve Recommendation of Final Draft TIP Amendment No. 1 to FY 2018-2022 TIP, seconded by Quandt. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft TIP Amendment No. 2 to FY 2018-2022 TIP

Zafft stated this amendment adjusts the project federal-aid amount from \$7.3M to \$11.396M for I-80 improvements from Platte River west of Grand Island to Phillips, and the project total estimate from \$8.142M to \$12.708M. An amendment is required if the federal-aid amount of the project cost increases by 20% or \$2M. This proposed amendment was made available for a 15-day public comment period from November 22 to December 7, 2017. No comments were received. Wahlgren noted the bridge deck membrane at Phillips, S Locust, and Highway 281 interchange will be waterproofed to preserve the deck life. If this amendment is not approved an 8 mile construction zone will become 14 miles.

Motion by Lanfear to approve Recommendation of Final Draft TIP Amendment No. 2 to FY 2018-2022 TIP, seconded by Quandt. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft LRTP Amendment No. 3

Zafft notified the Policy Board this amendment is necessary due to the adjusted project costs for I-80 improvements from Platte River west of Grand Island to Phillips, as discussed earlier. Modifications in Chapter 7-Financial Plan and Chapter 9-Recommended Plant of the LRTP are required. The proposed amendment was made available for a 30-day public comment period from November 8 to December 8, 2017. No comments were received.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve Recommendation of Final Draft LRTP Amendment No. 3, seconded by Hehnke. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Amendment No. 3 to the TAC Bylaws

Nabity stated this amendment will add two entities as voting members to the TAC; Transit Program Manager, City of Grand Island and Central Nebraska Regional Airport Executive Director, as well as update the Nebraska Department of Roads Highway Planning Manager to Nebraska Department of Transportation Intermodal Planning Engineer or designee. This amendment will also change all the Nebraska Department of Roads titles to Nebraska Department of Transportation for existing voting or non-voting members.

This item corresponds with the following (TAC and Policy Board Bylaws) in Resolution No. 2017-15.

Motion by Lanfear to approve Recommendation of Amendment No. 3 to the TAC Bylaws, seconded by O'Neill. Upon roll call vote, call voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Amendment No. 3 to the Policy Board Bylaws

Nabity stated this amendment will reduce the number of Policy Board voting members of the Grand Island City Council from four members to three, and will change the NDOR title to Nebraska Department of Transportation for an existing Policy Board voting member. Mayor Jensen questioned if the council member representation at 3 is sufficient, to which Nabity stated it is, as it provides a balance between City and County representatives. Wes asked if there would be an issue having an even number on the board, to which Nabity stated it should be okay, as not all members are usually present. There have been issues filling the four City Council spots, with two frequently vacant; as well as attendance which creates a problem in getting a quorum.

This item corresponds with the previous (TAC and Policy Board Bylaws) in Resolution No. 2017-15.

Joint motion with previous item by Lanfear to approve Recommendation of Amendment No. 3 to the Policy Board Bylaws, seconded by O'Neill. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Financial Update

Zafft provided a GIAMPO financial update for State Fiscal Year 2017 - Entire year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) and State Fiscal Year 2018 - First Quarter (July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017). This update is provided to the Policy Board for each quarter.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Summary Final Report for Regional Transit Study

Nick Weander of Olsson Associates gave a presentation of the final summary report, with the recommendation to keep the system running as is for the near future due to budget constraints. Ron Depue complimented the current service and is glad to see more being done to improve it. Education and communication to the public about the service were discussed amongst the board and Mr. Depue. Mr. Depue would like to see the City conduct a study

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session, create a Transit Authority, and be creative with public/private partnerships to aid in the system improvements. Funding was noted to come from City, State and Federal, with percentages dependent upon the type of expense; operations is normally 75% Federal-State / 25% City.

The draft summary report had a 15-day public comment period from October 31 to November 15, 2017, which included a public meeting on November 9, 2017. One written comment was received, however this comment did not result in changes to the content of the draft summary report.

Motion by O'Neill to approve Recommendation of Final Draft Summary Final Report for Regional Transit Study, seconded by Paulick. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Policy Board will be on February 27, 2018 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 5:07 pm.