
Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, November 20, 2017

Regular Session

Item C1

Approval of Minutes from the October 30, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MINUTES

October 30, 2017 at 10:00 am

Grand Island City Hall – Community Meeting Room

100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

Voting Members in Attendance:

Keith Kurz, 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	Absent
Casey Sherlock, Hall County Public Works Director	Present
Mike Meyer, Merrick County Hwy Superintendent	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Paul Gavin, NDOT Highway Planning Manager	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	Present
Allan Zafft, City of Grand Island MPO Program Manager	Present
Shannon Callahan, City of Grand Island Street Superintendent	Absent
Renae Jimenez, 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	Present
Jerry Janulewicz, City of Grand Island City Attorney	Present
Charley Falmlen, City of Grand Island Transit Program Manager	Present
VACANT, City of Grand Island Assistant to the City Administrator	Absent
Erich Hines, FHWA, Transportation Planner, Realty Civil Rights	Absent
Justin Luther, FHWA, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights	Present
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	Present
Mary Berlie, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation	Absent
VACANT, NDOT Local Projects Engineer	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOT State Modeler	Absent
Noel Salac, NDOT Assistant Planning Engineer	Present
Jeff Soula, NDOT Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Kyle Nodgaard, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent

Others in Attendance:

Olsson Associates staff – Nick Weander and Matt Rief

Call to Order

Sherlock 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 July 20, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting, seconded by Ferguson. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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

Zafft informed the committee with the addition of the 5 Points Intersection Improvement project to the City of Grand Island's planned projects an amendment is required to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The State has committed to providing up to \$1.7M towards this project, which is financially constrained and is consistent with the currently adopted Long Range Transportation Plan. Zafft also stated per the Public Participation Plan a public comment period is required for such amendment.

Motion by Collins to approve Recommendation of Final Draft TIP Amendment No. 1 to FY 2018-2022 TIP, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Amendment No. 3 to the TAC Bylaws

Sherlock presented Amendment No. 3 to the TAC Bylaws, which adds two (2) entities as voting members to the committee; City of Grand Island Transit Program Manager and Central Nebraska Regional Airport. It was discussed to specify the Executive Director to serve as the voting member for Central Nebraska Regional Airport. Consequently, the Amendment No. 3 will show Central Nebraska Regional Airport Executive Director as one of the TAC voting members. Zafft mentioned that this amendment will also change the Nebraska Department of Roads Highway Planning Manager to Nebraska Department of Transportation Intermodal Planning Engineer or designee. Gavin also requested the change for all Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) titles to Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) titles.

The City of Grand Island Transit Program Manager and Central Nebraska Regional Airport Executive Director will not be official TAC voting members until the Policy Board approves Amendment No. 3 on December 12, 2017 and the Governor of Nebraska approves the GIAMPO redesignation agreement sometime in early 2018.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve Recommendation of Amendment No. 3 to the TAC Bylaws, seconded by Schafer. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Financial Update

Zafft provided a summary of the State FY 2017 budget and completed work highlights, as well as the first quarter budget information for State FY 2018 with completed work for the same timeframe.

Bike/Ped Master Plan Update

Zafft informed the committee that three (3) neighborhood meetings were completed for the Bike/Ped Master Plan, which were held at Gates Elementary School, Westridge Middle School, and Walnut Middle School. The outcome of such meetings was that better connections at/near schools are needed, gaps in the NE & S parts of the City need to be filled in, a route to the Vets ball field needs to be established, and folks prefer trails and low volume streets to walk/bike on, as well as separate facilities. A Community Workshop was held at the Grand Island Public Library and an online community survey was conducted. Zafft also informed the committee of the website walkbikegi.com as the source for information. A public comment period is the next step with a public meeting to be held in January.

State Freight Plan

Zafft and Salac informed the committee that by having a freight plan the State is qualified to receive up to \$8M in transportation funds; opportunity for more grant programs (Tiger, Infa, etc.). Current State administration is interested in economic development tied to manufacturing and agriculture type business. A freight plan will identify bottlenecks in the transit system and develop projects to provide relief. Luther confirmed this plan is not required; however the State is not eligible for additional funds if no plan is in place. Olson questioned if there is a match/cost share on the grants, to which both Zafft & Salac stated most often there is. Zafft noted roadways such as Highway 281, Highway 30, Highway 34 and Interstate 80 that are identified as key freight corridors by this plan. Zafft mentioned the State coordinated with the metropolitan planning organizations to designate critical urban and rural freight corridors. For the GIAMPO region, sections of US 30 and the east bypass were identified as critical urban freight corridors.

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

Zafft introduced Nick Weander of Olsson Associates to present the final draft summary report for the Regional Transit Study. Weander presented the different transit options that were developed from the study and the financing required to implement each plan. A public comment period will be necessary upon Policy Board approval.

Motion by Ferguson to Approve Recommendation of Final Draft Summary Final Report for Regional Transit Study, seconded by Collins. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Other Business

Luther reminded the committee of the upcoming Performance Measures workshop, which will cover asset management, on November 1, 2017 at Mahoney State Park.

Zafft noted the Federal Safety Performance Targets the MPO chooses to adopt can follow NDOT or be separate, with recommendation from TAC to Policy Board.

As of October 11, 2017 the Federal Highway Administration & Federal Transit Administration have approved the STIP for FY 2018-2021.

Next Meeting Date

The next Meeting of the TAC will be on December 11, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Sherlock adjourned the meeting at 10:58 am.