



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Council Session

## Item G-10

**#2018-143 - Approving Memorandum of Agreement with the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Relating to Public Transit Planning**

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Charley Falmlen, Transit Program Manager

**Meeting:** May 22, 2018

**Subject:** Memorandum of Agreement with the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Relating to Public Transit Planning

**Presenter(s):** John Collins, Public Works Director

## **Background**

The City is authorized to establish and provide transit services for the Grand Island Urbanized Area. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires the transit program to undergo transit-specific planning to determine the community's or region's current and future needs for public transportation and to choose the best match between those needs and the available resources. The needs can be multifaceted, involving unserved or underserved populations, geographic areas, or lack of appropriate equipment. The resources can include finances, equipment, workforce, and roadways.

The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) serves as the formal transportation planning body for the greater Grand Island, Nebraska metropolitan planning area, carrying out the intent of 23 CFR 450. GIAMPO is responsible for preparing long-range and short-range multimodal transportation plans for the Grand Island Urbanized Area. It is also responsible for preparing a program document listing all highway and transit projects over a five-year period which will receive federal transportation funding, as well as providing transportation planning and technical assistance to local governments and project sponsors in their respective areas.

The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) and City of Grand Island both receive an appropriation of federal funds from the FTA.

## **Discussion**

The City's federal funding from the FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program can be used to support transportation planning within the urbanized area, for projects such as a transit planning study. GIAMPO's funding from the FTA 5305 Planning Program can be used to support transportation planning within the urbanized area. FTA requires a Memorandum of Agreement for joint projects to specify the project responsibilities and obligations which are related to the planning process.

Separate from the project-related responsibilities, GIAMPO and the City's Transit Program pay for the planning required for transit services respectively, the City has a financial obligation to GIAMPO's local match of FTA 5305 funds, as related to transit planning services.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization relating to public transit planning.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement.

RESOLUTION 2018-143

WHEREAS, the urbanized area of Grand Island has reached the threshold as classified by the United States 2010 Census of being an Urbanized Area (UZA,) with 50,000 residents or more; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), as set forth in the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) issued regulation 23 CFR 450.310, covering the UZA which includes portions of Hall County and Merrick County, the Village of Alda and the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, the City is recognized as a direct recipient in the Urbanized Area for FTA awards and funding under Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended, and operates the public transportation system for the urbanized area of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, GIAMPO and the City seek to carry out public transit planning in compliance with regulations and guidelines of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, GIAMPO and the City desire to set forth guidelines for cooperative procedures which define roles and responsibilities for each party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement with the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 22, 2018.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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Norma Hernandez, City Clerk Pro Tem

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
May 17, 2018	☐ City Attorney

