
Technical Advisory Committee

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Regular Session

Item H3

Update on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

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ISSUE

GIAMPO 2045 LRTP Project Update

BACKGROUND

The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) was designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Grand Island, Nebraska urbanized area. The purpose of this project is to develop an update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which is the current and first Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Journey 2040, for the GIAMPO Metropolitan Planning Area. An update to the Long Range Transportation Plan (GIAMPO 2045 LRTP) will guide transportation investments within the GIAMPO region to the planning horizon year of 2045.

The schedule of this project is to obtain GIAMPO Policy Board approval of GIAMPO 2045 LRTP by February 2021. The project scope of services has three (3) major elements resulting in the development of an updated Long Range Transportation Plan for the GIAMPO Metropolitan Planning Area. These elements are the following: Updating the GIAMPO Travel Demand Model, Updating the GIAMPO Long Range Transportation Plan, and Public Involvement and Stakeholder Outreach. The assumptions, procedures, data, and decisions made which culminates in the successful completion of this project must be sound and clearly documented.

The following is a progress update on the Long Range Transportation Plan:

- The consultant attended in-person kick-off meeting in Grand Island with LRTP steering committee on August 5.
- The consultant has been holding bi-weekly progress calls with MPO / City staff.
- The consultant reviewed data provided by the MPO.
- The consultant has begun evaluations and draft documentation of existing system performance and begun to share drafts with staff, including:
 - Bridge and pavement condition data
 - Traffic operations (congestion and reliability)
 - Bus ridership data
- The consultant has begun other required documentation for the LRTP, including:
 - Community profile
 - Inter-regional connections (air, intercity bus, etc.)
 - Research into population projections to establish how many houses, jobs, people we're planning for by 2045.
- First public open house and focus group meetings scheduled for February.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS/DISCUSSION

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the GIAMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation plan.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

RECOMMENDATION

None.

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