
Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, June 13, 2022

Regular Session

Item H1

Ratification of Action Items from the October 18, 2021 and April 11, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

Staff Contact: Allan Zafft, MPO Program Manager

TAC Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. H1

June 13, 2022

ISSUE

VOTE: Ratification of Action Items from the October 18, 2021 and April 11, 2022
Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

BACKGROUND

Article IV of the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) Technical Committee Advisory (TAC) bylaws specifies the Hall County Public Works Director as one of the 11 voting members of the TAC.

Steve Riehle attended the October 18, 2021 and April 11, 2022 TAC meetings and voted as the Hall County Public Works Director even though Riehle was no longer in this position prior to the October 18 meeting.

A ratification is needed by the TAC on the approval of action items from the October 18, 2021 and April 11, 2022 TAC meetings because Riehle was not a TAC voting member.

Enclosed are the minutes of the October 18, 2021 and April 11, 2022 TAC meetings that show the motions adopted by the TAC.

Note: For the October 18, 2021 and April 11, 2022 TAC meetings, a quorum would have occurred without Riehle in attendance and all action items had all aye votes.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS/DISCUSSION

None.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Ratification of Action Items from the October 18, 2021 and April 11, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meetings.

STAFF CONTACT

Allan Zafft

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

October 18, 2021 at 10:00 am

Grand Island City Hall – Council Chambers

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
Jerry Janulewicz, City of Grand Island, City Administrator	Present
Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Steve Riehle, Hall County Public Works Director	Present
Mike Meyer, Merrick County Hwy Superintendent	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Craig Wacker, NDOT Highway Planning Manager	Present
Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda	Absent
Mike Olson, Central Nebraska Regional Airport	Present
Charley Falmlen, City of Grand Island Transit Program Manager	Present

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Andres Gomez, City of Grand Island, MPO Program Manager	Present
Shannon Callahan, City of Grand Island, Street Superintendent	Absent
Patrick Brown, City of Grand Island, Finance Director	Present
Brian Schultz, City of Grand Island, Asst. Finance Director	Absent
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island, Public Works Admin Coordinator	Present
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island, Project Manager	Present
Stacy Nonhof, City of Grand Island, City Attorney (interim)	Absent
Cindy Johnson, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce	Absent
Mary Berlie, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp.	Absent
Justin Luther, FHWA, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights	Absent
Mark Bechtel, FTA, Community Planner	Absent
Logan Daniels, FTA, Region VII	Absent
Eva Steinman, FTA, Region VII Community Planner	Absent
Gerri Doyle, FTA, Region VII Planner	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOT, State Modeler	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOT, Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Ryan Huff, NDOT, Planning and Project Development Engineer	Absent
Mark Fischer, NDOT, Assistant Planning Engineer	Absent
Tomlin Bentley, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent
Kyle Nodgaard, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Sara Thompson-Kassidy, 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 April 12, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting, seconded by Janulewicz. Upon voice vote, all voted aye, with Riehle abstaining. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Limited English Proficiency Plan

Gomez informed the TAC that the Title VI Plan emphasizes the GIAMPO Title VI process and procedures, including the use of public outreach techniques and innovative strategies to specially include Limited English Proficiency Populations within the region. Title VI is a Federal statute that mandates any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin and obligates federal funding agencies to enforce statutory compliance. Gomez did specify this plan specifically tracks MPO activities.

Motion by Collins to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft Limited English Proficiency Plan, seconded by Falmlen. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft TIP Amendment No. 1 to FY 2022-2026 TIP

Gomez stated Amendment No. 1 to the 2022-2026 TIP includes changes to one (1) transit and seven (7) roadway projects. GIAMPO's Public Participation Plan requires that proposed amendments to the TIP be released for public review and comment prior to Policy Board adoption. Projects in the proposed Amendment No. 1 are financially constrained, and consistent with the currently adopted Long Range Transportation Plan.

Motion by Riehle to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft TIP Amendment NO. 1 to FY 2022-2026 TIP, seconded by Falmlen. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft LRTP Amendment No. 2

Gomez informed the committee that the LRTP Amendment No. 2 adds three (3) new projects and requires modifications in Chapter 9- Fiscally Constrained Plan, Table 9-1 (Committed Roadway Projects). GIAMPO's Public Participation Plan requires that proposed amendments to the TIP be released for public review and comment prior to Policy Board adoption.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft LRTP Amendment No. 2, seconded by Collins. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of MPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures

Gomez recommended supporting the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) 2021 safety performance targets as the most prudent and feasible alternative. With supporting the statewide 2021 targets, GIAMPO is agreeing to plan and program projects in a manner that contributes towards the accomplishment of the NDOT safety targets. These targets will ultimately be integrated into the GIAMPO Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion by Olson to approve Recommendation of MPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures, seconded by Janulewicz. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Transit Development Plan Update

Gomez reported to the TAC that the Plan was awarded to HDR Engineering, with a kickoff meeting between MPO staff and the consultant next week. The project duration will be approximately one (1) year with public meetings held throughout such. It is anticipated the Plan will be presented to City Council November 2022.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Nabity informed the TAC that the last Comprehensive Plan was done 18 years ago, with the City and Hall County budgeting funds for the update FY2022. The Planning Department will oversee this update and is currently working on the RFQ, which is planned to be released January 2022 with work to begin March/April 2022 and take approximately eighteen (18) months to complete. The recently finished transportation plan will be used as a basis.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the TAC will be on December 13, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

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

April 11, 2022 at 10:00 am
Grand Island City Hall – Council Chambers
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
Jerry Janulewicz, City of Grand Island, City Administrator	Present
Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Steve Riehle, Hall County Public Works Director	Present
Mike Meyer, Merrick County Hwy Superintendent	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Craig Wacker, NDOT Highway Planning Manager	Present
Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda	Present
Mike Olson, Central Nebraska Regional Airport	Present
Charley Falmlen, City of Grand Island Transit Program Manager	Present

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Allan Zafft, City of Grand Island, MPO Program Manager	Present
Shannon Callahan, City of Grand Island, Street Superintendent	Absent
Patrick Brown, City of Grand Island, Finance Director	Present
Brian Schultz, City of Grand Island, Asst. Finance Director	Absent
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island, Public Works Admin Coordinator	Present
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Tomlin Bentley, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent
Kyle Nodgaard, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Sara Thompson-Kassidy, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent

Call to Order

Nabity called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Allan Zafft was introduced as the new MPO Program Manager.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion by Riehle to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting, seconded by Janulewicz. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Nabity stated he was willing to serve as the Chair for another term, if the Committee so chose. Collins nominated Nabity to remain as Chair. Riehle stated he would remain as the Vice-Chair if the Committee so chose. Olson nominated Riehle to remain as Vice-Chair. Riehle informed the Committee that a new Hall County Public Works Director had been hired and would begin the role effective April 18, 2022. Zafft confirmed in the Bylaws that the voting member from Hall County is the Public Works Director, however it was decided to leave Riehle as the Vice-Chair for the time being. Riehle did step down as Hall County Public Works Director in September 2021.

Motion by Collins to continue with Nabity as Chair and Riehle as Vice-Chair, seconded by Olson. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of MPO Self-Certification

Zafft informed the Committee that compliance with federal requirements regarding the metropolitan transportation planning process is necessary for the GIAMPO planning area to continue to receive federal transportation funds. GIAMPO must submit the Certification of the Planning Process to NDOT with the submittal of a new Transportation Improvement Program. Riehle asked about the changes from the new transportation bill. Zafft mentioned that No. 5 of the certification was changed to show the new transportation bill.

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

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Zafft presented the Draft FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which will be released for public review and comment. The TIP includes surface transportation projects to receive federal funds and surface transportation projects of regional significance. This is a short range plan that is federally mandated, updated annually, fiscally constrained, and compatible with the State's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP includes eight NDOT projects, nine Grand Island projects, three Grand Island projects, and one Hall County project.

Motion by Janulewicz to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Riehle. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 3

Zafft presented the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment No. 3, which is necessary due to increased funding and consistency with the TIP for the Transit Capital Acquisition project. The federal-aid portion of the revised total cost has changed by more than \$3 million.

GIAMPO's Public Participation Plan requires that proposed amendments to the LRTP be released for public review and comment prior to Policy Board adoption.

Motion by Collins to approve Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 3, seconded by Falmlen. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Zafft presented the Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, which identifies planning priorities and activities to be carried out within GIAMPO's metropolitan planning area. GIAMPO's Public Participation Plan requires public review and comment prior to Policy Board adoption.

Motion by Collins to approve Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Riehle. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Transit Development Plan Update

Zafft provided an update of the Transit Development Plan, which is to be completed November 2022. This plan is a study that will help the City of Grand Island plan for the future of public transit in the Grand Island/Hall County area.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the TAC will be on June 13, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am.