Technical Advisory Committee

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Item H2

Approval of Changes tot he Non-Motorized Subcommittee of Technical Advisory Committee

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VOTE: Approval of Changes to the Non-Motorized Subcommittee of Technical Advisory Committee

BACKGROUND

In March 2016, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) approved to create a Non-Motorized Sub-Committee of the TAC. This committee was created to act as the advisory body to the TAC on the development of the GIAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The Non-Motorized Sub-Committee convened eight times for this plan.

After the Policy Board's adoption of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, the TAC approved the below changes to the Non-Motorized Subcommittee in February 2019.

- Include members of the Walking and Biking Committee to the Non-Motorized Subcommittee. The Walking and Biking Committee was established by the Central District Health Department in 2016 through a federal grant. This committee held it last meeting in September 2018, due to the exhausting of the grant.
- Reestablish quarterly meetings of the Non-Motorized Subcommittee to discuss status of the system and to recommend projects for funding.

The Non-Motorized Subcommittee has not convened since May 2019.

The GIAMPO FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program includes a work activity for MPO staff to provide support for the Non-Motorized Subcommittee. Therefore, this committee will begin to convene in FY 2023.

MPO staff proposes the below changes to the Non-Motorized Subcommittee for future meetings.

- The membership will consist of approximately 10-12 members, which includes representation from Nebraska of Department of Transportation, City of Grand Island, and community organizations.
- The subcommittee will convene approximately two to four times a year to discuss bicycle and pedestrian related activities, which include the status of the system and recommendation of projects for funding.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS/DISCUSSION

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law") requires each MPO to use at least 2.5% of its FHWA Metropolitan Planning Funds on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities.

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GIAMPO will meet this requirement through activities such as MPO staff providing support to the Non-Motorized subcommittee.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve changes to the Non-Motorized Subcommittee of Technical Advisory Committee. This recommendation does not require approval from the Policy Board.

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