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# **Technical Advisory Committee**

**Monday, April 10, 2023**

**Regular Session**

## **Item C1**

### **Approval of Minutes from the February 9, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

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

February 9, 2023 at 10:00 am  
Grand Island City Hall – Council Chambers  
100 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

**Voting Members in Attendance:**

Keith Kurz, City of Grand Island, Interim Public Works Director	Present
VACANT, City of Grand Island, Public Works Director	Absent
VACANT, City of Grand Island, City Administrator	Absent
Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Don Robb, 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	Present
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island, Public Works Admin Coordinator	Present
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island, Project Manager	Present
Laura McAloon, City of Grand Island, City Attorney	Present
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
Cathy Monroe, FTA, Planning and Program Development Director	Absent
Logan Daniels, FTA, Region VII Transportation Program Specialist	Absent
Daniel Nguyen, FTA, Region VII Community Planner	Absent
Gerri Doyle, FTA, Region VII Community Planner	Absent
Jodi Gibson, NDOT Local Projects Engineer	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOT, State Modeler	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOT, Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Ryan Huff, NDOT, Planning and Project Development Engineer	Absent
Curtis Nosal, NDOT, Assistant Planning Engineer	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOT Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Jeremy Wegner, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, 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 December 12, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

Motion by Robb to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Schafer. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Waive the TAC Regular Meeting Requirement for the Election of Officers**

Zafft requested the waiver of Article IV in the TAC bylaws, which state the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected from the voting membership of the Technical Advisory Committee annually for a term of one (1) year at the first regular meeting of each calendar year. With this meeting being a Special meeting, and not a regular meeting, it is desired to waive the regular meeting requirements so this election can occur at the first TAC meeting of the calendar year for 2023.

Motion by Nabity to Waive the TAC regular meeting requirement for the election of officers, seconded by Kurz. 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. Robb nominated Nabity to remain as Chair. Wahlgren nominated Robb as Vice-Chair.

Motion by Wahlgren to cease nominations and accept Nabity as Chair and Robb as Vice-Chair, seconded by Schafer. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Approval Recommendation of MPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures**

Zafft informed the Committee that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires State Department of Transportations (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to adopt targets for five performance measures for traffic safety. State DOTs are required to establish statewide targets in their Highway Safety Improvement Program by August 31 of each year, with the MPOs having the option of supporting such or establishing their own within 180 days of the established state targets. The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) approved to support the state's annual safety performance targets for 2018 through 2022. GIAMPO staff recommends to support the NDOT 2023 targets for the safety performance measures.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve support of the NDOT 2023 targets for safety performance measures, seconded by Robb. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Approval of Recommendation of MPO Targets for Infrastructure Condition Performance Measures**

Zafft notified the Committee that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires State Department of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to adopt targets for six performance measures every four years relating to infrastructure condition on the National Highway System (NHS). State DOTs were required to establish performance targets for

these measures by December 16, 2022, with MPOs having the option to support the statewide targets, or establishing their own within 180 days of the established state targets. The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) approved to support the state's infrastructure condition targets for the 4-year period of 2018 through 2021. GIAMPO staff recommends to support the NDOT targets for infrastructure condition performance measure for the 4-year period of 2022 to 2025.

Olson inquired on how the rating works and which bridges are involved. Wahlgren stated an inspection is performed every two (2) years, which is visual and consists of a chain drag. Zafft confirmed this involves the highway system bridges, which are owned by the State.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve support of the NDOT targets for Infrastructure Condition Performance Measures for the 4-year period of 2022 to 2025, seconded by Kurz. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

### **Approval of Recommendation of MPO Targets for System Operations Performance Measures**

Zafft stated the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires State Department of Transportations (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to adopt targets for three performance measures every four years relating to system operations performance. State DOTs were required to establish performance targets for these measures by December 16, 2022, with MPOs having the option to support the statewide targets, or establish their own within 180 days of the established state targets. The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) approved to support the state's system operations performance targets for the 4-year period of 2018 to 2021. GIAMPO staff recommends to support the NDOT targets for system operations performance measures for the 4-year period of 2022 to 2025.

Motion by Falmlen to approve support of the NDOT targets for system operations performance measures for the 4-year period of 2022 to 2025, seconded by Wacker. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

### **Report on the Transit Development Plan**

Zafft provided an update to the Committee on the public comment period of the Draft Transit Development Plan. He indicated that were four comments were received, and these comments would not result in changes to the plan recommendations. The Transit Development Plan will be presented to the Policy Board at their February 28, 2023 meeting for approval. GIAMPO may need to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to reflect the plan recommendations.

### **Report on the Comprehensive Plan Update**

Nabity reported on the Comprehensive Plan, which will take place over the course of FY 2022, 2023, and 2024. The plan process is expected to take place between 18 to 24 months from the time it began in April 2022. A kickoff meeting was held in June 2022 and a series of open house meetings were held on October 25-27, 2022, with low public involvement. An open house meeting was held on January 31, 2023 with a good public turnout.

### **Report on the State Carbon Reduction Strategy**

Wacker reported on the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which was included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The purpose of the CRP is to provide federal funds for projects

designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from on-road highway sources. This does require an 80/20 match and projects must target the reduction of emissions. The CRP requires each state to develop a Carbon Reduction Strategy in coordination with respective MPOs, which is due to USDOT by November 15, 2023. NDOT hired High Street Consulting for the development of the State Carbon Reduction Strategy.

### **Report on the Public Participation Plan Update**

Zafft informed the Committee that in accordance with 23 CFR 450.316, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to have a Public Participation Plan that defines a process for provided with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The current, and first, Public Participation Plan for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) was adopted by the Policy Board in November 2015, and includes an amendment which was approved in February 2017. Staff is currently working to update the Public Participation Plan, which is anticipated to be complete for TAC action in June 2023, with a 45-day public comment period.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the TAC will be on April 10, 2023 at 10:00 am.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.