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Report on the Grand Island Urban Area (2020 Census)

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BACKGROUND

On December 29, 2022, the U.S. Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) published a Federal Register notice announcing the qualifying urban areas based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census. The delineation of 2020 urban areas follows the redefinition of urban and rural areas by the Census Bureau after the 2020 Census. The primary change from these new definitions impacting the urban areas was the focus on defining urban areas by housing density instead of population density.

The list of 2020 Census urban areas shows the Grand Island Urban Area to have a population at 55,099, which is an increase by 9.2 percent since the last decennial census. The Grand Island Urban Area had a population of 50,400 in 2010 Census.

Federal transportation legislation requires that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) be designated for each urban area with a population of more than 50,000 people in order to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process, as a condition of Federal aid. The Grand Island Urban Area officially exceeded this population threshold in the 2010 Census, and in 2013 the Governor of Nebraska designated the Grand Island Area MPO (GIAMPO) as the official MPO for the Grand Island Urban Area.

GIAMPO staff will provide an update on the Grand Island Urban Area (2020 Census) at the April 10 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS/DISCUSSION

GIAMPO staff is exploring the impacts to the MPO of the 2020 Grand Island Urban Area.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

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