GIAMPO – Policy Board

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 Regular Session

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Approval of Minutes from the May 23, 2023 Policy Board Meeting

Staff Contact: Mayor Roger Steele

GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)

MINUTES OF POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 4:00 pm Grand Island City Hall – Community Meeting Room 100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Roger Steele, Mayor, City of Grand Island	Present
Bethany Guzinski, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Doug Lanfear, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Jack Sheard, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Wes Wahlgren (Vicki Kramer designee), NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Gary Quandt, Hall County Commissioner	Present
Ron Peterson, Hall County Commissioner	Present
Pat O'Neill, Hall County Planning Commission Chairman	Absent

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Laura McAloon, City of Grand Island Interim City Administrator	Present
Keith Kurz, City of Grand Island Assistant Public Works Director	Present
Allan Zafft, City of Grand Island MPO Program Manager	Present
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island Public Works Admin Coordinator	Present
Patrick Brown, City of Grand Island Finance Director	Absent
Brian Schultz, City of Grand Island Assistant Finance Director	Present
Laura McAloon, City of Grand Island City Attorney	Present
VACANT, City of Grand Island Public Works Director	Absent
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island Project Manager	Present
Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director	Absent
Charlene Falmlen, Transit Program Manager	Absent
James (Rusty) Simeri, Administrator (Acting), FHWA NE Division	Absent
Mokhtee Ahmad, Administrator, FTA Region VII	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Justin Luther, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights FHWA	Absent
Logan Daniels, FTA Transportation Program Specialist	Absent
Mark Bechtel, FTA Deputy Regional Administrator	Absent
Daniel Nguyen, FTA Community Planner	Absent
Curtis Nosal, NDOT Assistant Planning Engineer	Absent
Gerri Doyle, FTA Community Planner	Absent

Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes from the February 28, 2023 Policy Board Meeting

Motion by Lanfear to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2023 meeting, seconded by Guzinski. Wahlgren noted John Selmer has been replaced by Vicki Kramer and thus should be listed as such on the meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval of MPO Self-Certification

Zafft informed the Policy Board 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.

Motion by Guzinski to approve the MPO Self-Certification, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval of Final Draft FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

Zafft presented the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which had been released for public review and comment. The TIP includes surface transportation projects to receive federal funds and surface transportation projects of regional significance, planned for the GIAMPO metropolitan planning area in Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2028. The TIP was made available for a 30-day public comment period from April 11, 2023 to May 11, 2023, with no public comments received.

Motion by Peterson to approve the Final Draft FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Guzinski. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 5

Zafft presented on Amendment No. 5 to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which makes project changes to eight (8) roadways projects. Amendment No. 5 requires modifications to Table 9-1 (Committed Roadway Projects), Table 9-3 (Fiscally Constrained Roadway Projects), and the Committed Projects section on page 9-1 in Chapter 9 – Fiscally Constrained Plan of the 2045 LRTP. This amendment was made available for a 30-day public comment period from April 11, 2023 to May 11, 2023, with no public comments received.

Motion by Guzinski to approve the Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 5, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval of Final Draft FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program

Zafft presented the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which has been available for public review and comment. The UPWP identifies planning priorities and activities to be carried out within GIAMPO's metropolitan planning area. Zafft reviewed the major activities of the UPWP elements. The UPWP was made available for a 15-day public comment period from April 11, 2023 to April 28, 2023, with no public comments received.

Motion by Lanfear to approve the Final Draft FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Guzinski. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

MPO Financial Update

Zafft provided an update for State Fiscal Year 2023; Third Quarter, which is from January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023.

Report on the Grand Island Urban Area (2020 Census)

Zafft presented the changes to the boundary of the Grand Island Urban Area, through the 2020 Decennial Census. The delineation of 2020 urban areas follows the redefinition of urban and rural areas by the Census Bureau. 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. Grand Island Urban Area has a population of 55,099, housing of 21,892 and land area (square miles) of 29.60 from the 2020 Census.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Policy Board will be on August 22, 2023 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at 4:54 pm.