



# City of Grand Island

Monday, December 22, 2014

Council Session

## Item G-12

**#2014-378 - Approving Agreements with NDOR- Rail and Public Transit for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) for the 2014- 2015 Fiscal Years TRANSIT Transportation Planning Program.**

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Terry Brown PE, Assistant Public Work Director

**Meeting:** December 22, 2014

**Subject:** Approving Agreements with NDOR- Rail and Public Transit for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) for the 2014- 2015 Fiscal Years TRANSIT Transportation Planning Program

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**Presenter(s):** John Collins PE, Public Works Director

## Background

All agreements must be approved by the City Council. In March 2013 the City of Grand Island was designated as a urbanized area with a population over 50,000 which requires the metropolitan area to establish a transportation planning process in accordance with Title 23 CFR 450 of the current federal transportation bill. On an annual basis, the MPO develops a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which identifies work activities to be performed during the fiscal year. The UPWP is approved by the MPO Policy Board and City Council. The UPWP is then submitted to the Department of Roads for review, and forwarded for approval for federal reimbursement by the Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration.

## Discussion

The Nebraska Department of Roads-Rail and Public Transit has drawn up Program Agreements with the City of Grand Island for the purpose of assisting the Local Public Agency (LPA) in obtaining Federal financial assistance to ensure a continued, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process between the state and local governments for the Grand Island Metropolitan Planning Area for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015. When reimbursement was initiated it was discovered that agreements for the TRANSIT planning portion of the UPWP had not been executed. The attached are the two (2) agreements with the Department of Roads.

- The maximum Federal participation under the FY 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was not to exceed \$21,433 for FY 2014
- The maximum Federal participation under the approved FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is not to exceed \$21,891 for FY 2015.

During FY 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014), the City incurred \$ 1,621.25, eligible expenses for 80% federal transit reimbursement. This federal reimbursement in the amount of \$1,296.90 will be received once the agreement is executed.

The FY 2015 agreement, which began July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015 requires council approval in order to receive future reimbursements.

The Federal share for the FY 2015 transit planning portion of this project will be a maximum of 80% of the eligible costs. The local 20% (\$) funds would be the City's obligation not to exceed \$5,472.75 and can be part of inkind services (staff time & expenses). Total cost is expected to be \$27,363.75 for the MPO transit planning portion.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the FY 2014 and FY 2015 agreements.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreements.

RESOLUTION 2014-378

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Roads has prepared a Planning Agreement for Fiscal Year 2014 & Fiscal Year 2015 for the City of Grand Island for the purpose of providing partial funding of Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (GIAMPO) transportation planning activities scheduled to be performed commencing July 1, 2013, as outlined in the Unified Planning Work Program attached to such agreements; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of cash support from the State under such agreement is \$21,433.00 of 49 USC Section 5305 funds for Fiscal Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of cash support from the State under such agreement is \$21,891.00 of 49 USC Section 5305 funds for Fiscal Year 2015; and

WHEREAS, an agreement for each Fiscal Year with the Nebraska Department of Roads is required to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, the agreements with the Nebraska Department of Roads for the purpose of providing partial funding of Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (GIAMPO) transportation planning activities scheduled to be performed commencing July 1, 2013, as outlined in the Unified Planning Work Program attached to such agreements is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Planning Agreement for Fiscal Year 2014 & Fiscal Year 2015.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 22, 2014.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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| December 19, 2014   | ☐ City Attorney |