
GIAMPO – Policy Board

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Regular Session

Item J2

**City Council Memo & Resolution Approving the FY 2015 Unified
Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Staff Contact: John Adams

Council Agenda Memo

From: Terry Brown PE, Assistant Public Work Director

Meeting: July 8, 2014

Subject: Approving Agreement with NDOR for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) for the 2015 Fiscal Year Transportation Planning Program.

Item #'s: G-8

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.

As a designated MPO, a multimodal Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) must be developed and approved by March 27, 2016. During FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015), the following key activities will be taking place to insure that the City of Grand Island, and the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) will continue to receive federal transportation funding for projects:

- July 2014 - RFP for consultants for the development of the LRTP after authorization from NDOR to proceed
- August 2014 - Consultant selection and start development of the LRTP
- September 2014 thru June 30th, 2015 - Development of the traffic model and public outreach
- November 2015 - “Draft” plan will be completed and made available for further public review and comment
- January/February 2016 - Approval from GIAMPO Policy Board with concurrence from NDOR
- Prior to March 27, 2016 - Approval of the LRTP by Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration.

Discussion

The Nebraska Department of Roads has drawn up a Program Agreement with the City of Grand Island for the purpose of assisting the Local Public Agency (LPA) in obtaining Federal approval and 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 Year 2015.

The maximum Federal participation under this agreement is not to exceed \$108,142 for Fiscal Year 2015, which begins July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015. The Federal share on any 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 \$27,035 and can be part of in-kind services (staff time & expenses). Total cost is expected to be \$135,177.

The attached Exhibit "A" Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO), Unified Planning Work Program describes the work to be carried out in accordance with 23 U.S.C Section 134 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), Transportation Bill and has been reviewed and approved by the GIAMPO Policy Board, City of Grand Island Legal Department, Nebraska Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration.

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 approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Sample Motion

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

RESOLUTION 2014-187

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Roads has prepared a Planning Agreement for the City of Grand Island for the purpose of assisting the LPA in obtaining Federal approval and 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 Year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the maximum Federal participation under this agreement is not to exceed \$108,142.00 for Fiscal Year 2015, which begins July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Federal share on any portion of this project will be a maximum of 80% of the eligible costs; and

WHEREAS, the local 20% (\$) funds would be the City's obligation not to exceed \$27,035.00 and can be part of in-kind services (staff time & expenses); and

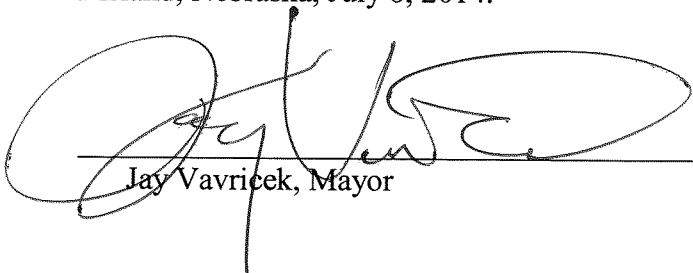
WHEREAS, the total cost is expected to be \$135,177.00; and

WHEREAS, an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads is required to proceed.

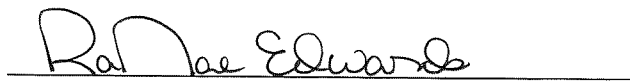
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for the purpose of assisting the LPA in obtaining Federal approval and financial assistance for the Grand Island Metropolitan Planning Area for Fiscal Year 2015 is hereby approved.

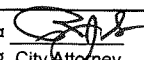
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 8, 2014.


Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
July 7, 2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney