
Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, February 9, 2015

Regular Session

Item C1

Approve Minutes of the December 8, 2014 Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

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

December 8, 2014 at 10:00 am

Community Meeting Room

Grand Island City Hall, 100 E. 1st Street, Grand Island, NE

Voting Members in Attendance:

Mary Lou Brown, City of GI, City Administrator	Absent
Terry Brown, City of GI, Director of Engineering Service	Present
John Collins, City of GI Public Works Director	Present
Mike Meyer, Merrick Co. Hwy. Superintendent	Absent
Chad Nabity, Hall Co. Regional Planning Director	Present
Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda	Absent
Casey Sherlock, Hall Co. Public Works Director	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer	Present
Brad Zumwalt, NDOR Highway Planning Manager	Present

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Jeff Soula, NDOR Local Projects Urban Engineer	Present
Larry Legg, NDOR Local Projects Engineer	Absent
Jaye Monter, City of GI, Finance Director	Absent
Cindy Johnson, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce	Present
Randy Gard, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp.	Absent
Mike Olson, Central NE Regional Airport	Present
Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Region VII Transportation Planner	Absent
Justin Luther, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights Federal Highway Admin.	Absent
Mike Blackley, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Andy Williams, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent
Shannon Callahan, City of GI Public Works Street Superintendent	Present

Others in Attendance:

John Adams, MPO Program Manager
Nicki Stoltenberg, Assistant to the City Administrator
Catrina DeLosh, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Nabity called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Approve Minutes of the October 13, 2014 Technical Advisory Committee

Motion by T Brown, seconded by Wahlgren to approve the minutes. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

MPO Membership to Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO)

Adams noted such membership was presented through the TAC to the Policy Board and is based on the 2010 census. The annual membership dues are \$302.64 and are due in one (1) month to maintain the current membership. Nabity mentioned this membership allows advertisements for job postings, projects, etc. through the MPO on the AMPO website. Olson asked if this group is a lobby group, to which Adams replied it is not. Collins mentioned this membership provides a venue for transportation bill information. Wahlgren stated it is wise to have such membership.

Motion by Collins, seconded by Wahlgren to recommend approval to the GIAMPO Policy Board. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Agreement with Nebraska Department of Roads for FY 2015 Section 5303 Transit Planning

Adams pointed out the FY was incorrectly noted as "2005", instead of "2015". Adams explained planning funds are provided to the MPO for transit, similar to the highway side. Policy Board and City Council approval are necessary for such funds to be received. Johnson questioned who is responsible to review such agreements. Nabity answered Bob Sivick, City Attorney reviews such items, which are standard federal forms. Olson inquired on what the funds are used for. Adams stated such funds defray MPO expenses and help to fund the MPO Manager position. Zumwalt pointed out the available amount of funds is around \$21,800 and that he would check on the exact figure. Zumwalt asked that a request be sent to him to make a change to the agreement, which will note the upcoming City Administration changes.

Motion by Zumwalt, seconded by Collins to recommend approval to the GIAMPO Policy Board. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Update on Previous Actions Forwarded to the Policy Board

Adams informed the committee that the carryover funds will be applied to the aerial photography. Federal Transit is provided directly to the City, Policy Board reviewed and approved.

The proposals submitted on the Long Range Transportation Plan RFQ were scored, interviews conducted, and a final selection has been submitted to Nebraska Department of Roads for their concurrence with the selection. This will then be forwarded to FHWA & FTA for their approval. Zumwalt believes all approvals have been given.

Olson inquired on the FY the MPO operates on. Adams stated the MPO follows the State FY, which is July 1st - June 30th & we are currently in FY 2015. It was also mentioned the Federal FY is October 1st – September 30th, which the City FY matches up with. Nabity stated the MPO budget is approved with the City budget and Zumwalt mentioned the MPO budget is appropriated with the Federal FY.

Nabity noted the TAC meetings will become more frequent with the progress of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Johnson inquired on the firms that submitted – Adams stated the review committee was impressed with all three (3). Olson asked if the selection was based on qualifications only, which Adams confirmed. Nabity stated cost still needs to be negotiated with the selected firm & that we are on a tight time schedule ,as we only have 15 months to get a plan in place (deadline is March 2016). Adams stated the selected consultant will possibly attend the February 9, 2015 TAC meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the TAC will be February 9, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:22 am.