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# **GIAMPO – Policy Board**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**Regular Session**

## **Item E4**

### **MPO Activities Update**

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# **Agenda Memo E1, E2, E3, E4**

**From:** John T Adams, MPO Program manager

**Meeting:** February 24, 2015

**Subject:** Financial Constraint in Developing the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

**Item #'s:**

## **Background**

### **Items E1, E2, and E3 – Federal Requirements**

#### **E-1 Financial Constraint in the Development of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

A key component of a performance-based transportation plan is reviewing and estimating available financial resources. Developing a financial resource estimate typically involves developing an inventory of available funding streams, along with projections of funding that is forecast to be available from each funding stream over the life of the transportation plan. . The financial plan will contain information on funding sources at the Federal, State, and local levels. Reasonably expected funds will be estimated and projected over the entire lifespan of the transportation plan. When developing the financial plan, eligible projects and their phases will be prioritized and funding will be identified for each phase and the expected year of activity. Attached for your review is an excerpt from the Federal Highway Administration on Financial Planning in the Development of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

#### **E-2 City of Grand Island 1-6 Year Improvement Program**

One of the key planning activities required of the Policy Board, is the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is developed on an annual bases identifying/programming projects that were initially identified in the LRTP. Currently, the City and County both develop 1-6 year transportation improvement plans for projects under Nebraska State Statute Section 39-2119. With the designation of the Grand Island Area becoming an MPO these activities will become a part of the federally mandated activity of the MPO, which is the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Included is a PowerPoint presentation of the projects currently in the 1-6 program that will be presented to Grand Island City Council on February 24, 2015.

### **E-3 Proposed Dedicated Capital Improvement Fund Process**

A presentation will be made by John Collins P.E., Public Works Director, and William Clingman, Interim Finance Director.

As mentioned in E1, and E2, two (2) of the primary planning requirements of an MPO are to identify and have reasonable expectations of revenue streams to implement proposed projects, identified through the planning process. Many, if not all roadway projects have several phases (I.E., preliminary engineering, right-of-way needs, utility relocations, construction, and construction engineering, Etc.), these phases are generally spread out through several budget cycles. The presentation begins to outline possible changes to the budgeting of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), to committing funding to projects over the life of their implementation.

### **E-4a Aerial Photography – Past Amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Costs were solicited for aerial photography to be flown in the spring of 2015. As firm has been selected and recommendation has been made for City Council for February 24<sup>th</sup>. The anticipated period for the photography to be flown is between March 15–April 15. This is the optimal time for the photography to be taken. The high resolution photography will be used in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

### **E-4b Performance-Based Long Range Transportation Plan**

The final negotiations are completed and submitted to the department of Roads for final agreements. These agreements will be taken to City Council on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The consultants will begin work shortly after the agreements are signed.