
Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, June 29, 2015

Regular Session

Item C1

Approval of Minutes from the June 8, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director

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

June 8, 2015 at 10:00 am

Community Meeting Room

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

Voting Members in Attendance:

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

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Mary Berlie, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp.	Absent
Mike Blackley, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Shannon Callahan, City of GI Public Works Street Superintendent	Absent
William Clingman, City of GI, Interim Finance Director	Present
Logan Daniels, Federal Transit Administration – Region VII	Absent
Justin Luther, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights Federal Highway Admin.	Absent
Cindy Johnson, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce	Present
Larry Legg, NDOR Local Projects Engineer	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOR State Modeler	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Mike Olson, Central NE Regional Airport	Absent
Noel Salac, NDOR, Planning & Locational Studies Section Head	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOR Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Andy Williams, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent

Others in Attendance:

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

Call to Order

Nabity called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Approve Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee

Motion by Zumwalt to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting, seconded by Brown. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

“DRAFT” Fiscal Year 2016 Unified Planning Work Program

Adams presented Fiscal Year 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is an annual document used in federal funds planning. The fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30 of each year. Actual personnel hours and tasks are to be included. GIAMPO does have carry over funds from previous agreements that are part of this UPWP and are planned to be spent under this FY program. Adams mentioned the feasibility study should start July 2015.

Motion by Collins to approve the DRAFT Fiscal Year 2016 Unified Planning Work Program as presented, seconded by Zumwalt. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Long Range Transportation Public Involvement Plan

Adams noted the draft plan was presented at the April 13, 2015 TAC meeting and will be presented to Policy Board at their June 9, 2015 meeting for acceptance. Federal Highway Administration and Nebraska Department of Roads have both reviewed the draft and made comments, which have been incorporated into the final draft included in this meeting’s agenda packet.

Motion by Brown to approve the Long Range Transportation Public Involvement Plan as presented, seconded by Collins. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Update of Aerial Photography

Adams provided an update to the TAC regarding the aerial photography and noted this work was performed by an amendment to the UPWP and original startup funds were used. Consultant is currently working to compress the images to SID files. Files should be available within the next week or so and anyone wanting a copy needs to make their request to Adams.

Update on Transit Needs Analysis Study Plan

Adams noted this plan is with the UPWP and is the City’s 1st attempt to receive Section 5307 funds. The 2010 census (completed in 2012) makes the City eligible for these funds. An RFP is anticipated to be released mid July 2015 to aid in identifying transit needs. It will take approximately one (1) year to develop a transit plan. There is currently an agreement in place between the City and County for door to door service with another year of funding available, which will allow sufficient time for the City to incorporate a new plan. Zumwalt questioned if the plan would be included as part of the

L RTP, to which Adams noted what exists would be incorporated with a more clear direction in Dec 2015/Jan 2016.

Long Range Transportation Plan Workshop – June 29, 2015; 2pm – 4pm at the Heartland Event Center’s Bosselman Conference Center

Brown stated official invites will go out this Friday (6/12/15) and all are encouraged to spread the word and get the public involved in attending this workshop. There will be a presentation and then the floor will be open for public comment. Stoltenberg noted there will be a similar meeting from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the same location as the TAC meeting for the general public and media. Again, all TAC members are encouraged to attend and gather public involvement.

NEW ITEM – US 30 Reconstruction (S-30-4(1046) Jct US-281 West, CN41704) - Discussion

Keith Meyer, Tony Kessler, Zach Thurber, and Syed Atauliah attended this meeting as NDOR representatives to give an overview of the project with the committee. Nabity noted the State is currently working on a route for realigning west Highway 30 and stated the City has concerns with future development if the alignment doesn’t take into account the ability for future economic development, grade separations, intersection safety, etc. NDOR representatives commented that the alternative was selected from previous public input and evaluation of several alternatives, and the proposed alignment best takes into account the need to avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impact of possible wetlands in the project area. General discussion followed between the state and the committee on the impact of the area around North Road and US Highway 30, the possible closing of the south leg of North Road, impacts of previously identified rail grade separations at North Road and Engleman Road. NDOR representatives commented that they would take the concerns and suggestions of the committee to the consultants working on the projects to review. General consensus between NDOR, the City and committee, that they will continue to work through concerns and find the best possible realignment. This will be a continued effort between all parties to find an effective realignment.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TAC will be August 10, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 11:24 am.