

Meeting Record

MPO Officials Committee Meeting

Friday, October 17, 2008; 1:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room
County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Beutler; Bernie Heier, County Commission; Robin Eschliman, City Council; Randy Peters (representing John Craig), NDOR.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Trish Owen, Mayor's Office; Greg MacLean, Public Works & Utilities; Marvin Krout, Michael Brienzo and Michele Abendroth, Planning Department

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. The Nebraska Open Meeting Act was acknowledged by the Committee.

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the June 12, 2008 Officials Committee meeting.

Heier moved approval of the June 12, 2008 Officials Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Eschliman. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Presentation of the Lincoln MPO Public Participation Survey.

Brienzo stated that the MPO is required to have an effective public participation process. There must be continuous involvement as well as an open meeting process. During the Certification review in 2005, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration strongly encouraged the MPO to undergo a review to evaluate the effectiveness of our public involvement activities. The MPO chose to structure the initial part of this review through a public involvement survey because it was felt community feedback would be better through this method. Sigma Group was chosen to conduct the survey. The survey was structured in two parts. The first part was a survey of a "focus group" which involved community and neighborhood leaders as well as key figures in cultural groups. The second part of the public involvement survey was a randomly-selected community wide survey which showed how the community in general was reacting to the MPO activities. The results of these parallel surveys have been brought together for comparative purposes in the final report. Brienzo noted that these results have been presented to the Technical Committee as well.

Dennis Nutter from Sigma Group then began a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the results of the survey. This PowerPoint presentation can be found on the MPO's web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: mpo). Nutter reviewed the demographics of those surveyed, and they

felt there was a good cross-section demographically. They made most of the phone calls during the day and not in the evenings. The response was overwhelming as people really wanted to participate in this study.

Next, Nutter provided a detailed summary of the questions asked during the surveys and the responses that were given. Nutter concluded his presentation by noting that they felt it was a good report card on the communication efforts of the MPO.

Beutler commented on the results showing that most people stated the most important way they get information is from the newspaper, yet when asked if they would be okay with getting information via the internet, 75% indicated they were okay with that.

Figard commented that he feels the results are very positive. He noted that during the Long Range Transportation Program process, there was very low public participation. This survey shows that people are getting the information, but they are choosing not to participate in the public processes.

Brienzo commended Nutter on the good job they did with the survey and timeliness of completing the survey and report.

3. Review and action on Administrative Modifications to the StarTran section of the current FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Brienzo stated that this is a notification on providing resources to StarTran for the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). There are three projects to which they are making adjustments in funding sources in FY 2007-08. These projects include transit enhancements, computer hardware and software, and operations and maintenance which were detailed in the handout to the Committee. The Technical Committee has recommended approval of this amendment.

Mayor Beutler moved approval of the Administrative Modifications to the StarTran section of the current Transportation Improvement Program as outlined above, seconded by Heier. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Review and action on revisions to the FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.

Brienzo stated that throughout the summer, the City made minor adjustments to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) prior to its adoption in the form of project funding and sources. As well, the State made significant programming changes. These changes require review and approval by the Officials Committee. There are four amendments, as follows:

a) TIP amendment to remove funding from the State of Nebraska program for construction of the Lincoln South Beltway project.

Eschliman stated that the City Council believes the South Beltway project is of high importance to the City.

Brienzo stated that upon approval of the TIP, the NDOR pulled all funding for the construction of the Lincoln South Beltway project. Funds for construction were moved out of the programming period to FY 2015 and beyond. After discussions with NDOR, funding was added back in the FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 elements of the State section of the TIP for project engineering and design, right-of-way, and utilities.(attachment)

Peters stated that Lincoln's TIP is included in the State TIP. That is required to be fiscally constrained. The money for the South Beltway project was a budget projection based on the anticipated revenues of the local program.

Brienzo noted that this change is removing funds for project construction. There are funds in the program for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and utilities. This will remove \$105 million for construction out of the programming period. Figard stated that they asked the State to keep the project in the funding period but show that the funds are not available, and the State agreed to that request.

The Committee asked what the ramifications are for keeping the funding as identified. Peters stated that the state would out of compliance with the Federal Highway Administration and they could withhold funds from the State.

Beutler noted that he would like the record to show that making the project illustrative in 19b (for construction funds) results in no detriment with respect to the ability of City government to apply to the Federal government for earmarked funds in the current system.

Peters noted that this project is important to the State as well, but has a very high price tag.

Mayor Beutler moved approval of the amendment to the State's TIP for project #19a (preliminary engineering, right-of-way and utilities for the South Beltway project), seconded by Peters. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Beutler moved approval of the amendment to the State's TIP for project #19b (construction for the South Beltway project), seconded by Peters. The motion carried unanimously.

b) TIP Administration Modifications to the City of Lincoln: Public Works program for minor funding revisions/adjustments.

Brienzo noted that there are several minor adjustments to projects in the City of Lincoln Streets and Highways portion of the TIP. These changes are not changing the scope of the projects or the funding package, but are making adjustments to project programming and changes in the funding types to reflect adjustment to the Lincoln CIP. (attachment).

Mayor Beutler moved approval of the amendment to the Public Works Streets and Highways portion of the TIP, seconded by Heier. The motion carried unanimously.

c) TIP Administrative Modifications to the City of Lincoln: StarTran System program for minor funding revisions/adjustments.

Brienzo stated that there are two minor adjustments being made to projects in the City of Lincoln StarTran section that make changes to the general revenue funding regarding Handi-Van replacement and transit enhancements. These revisions are also based on adjustments to the Lincoln CIP. (attachment)

Mayor Beutler moved approval of the amendment to the StarTran portion of the TIP, seconded by Heier. The motion carried unanimously.

d) TIP Amendment to the Federal Transit Administration: Section 5310 Program of projects to add one project.

Brienzo stated that the State would like to add one project for the Lincoln Madonna Foundation for a small bus which seats 12 ambulatory passengers and includes 2 positions to secure wheelchair passengers.

Mayor Beutler moved to approve the amendment to Section 5310 of the TIP, seconded by Heier. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Other topics for discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

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**FY 2009-2014
Transportation Improvement Program – Amendments**

TIP *Amendments* are major revisions which require official approval by the MPO Policy Committee (Lincoln Officials Committee) and submission to the Nebraska Department of Roads for approval. [Federal regulations: 23 CFR § 450.326]

Agency: State of Nebraska
Division: Department of Roads

No	Project	Amendment
<p>19. a</p>	<p>Lincoln - South Beltway, US-77 to N-2 PE, ROW, Utilities</p> <p>12578D DPU-LIN-2-6(120) 9.0 Miles</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u> Add \$3,300,000 in DP (Federal Discretionary Funds), \$412,500 in NE (State Revenue / Aids), and \$412,500 in LN (City of Lincoln)</p> <p>Total \$4,125,000</p> <p><u>FY 2009-2010:</u> Add \$3,964,000 in NH (National Highway System), \$495,500 in NE (State Revenue / Aids), and \$495,500 in LN (City of Lincoln)</p> <p>Total \$4,955,000</p>
<p>19. b</p>	<p>Lincoln - South Beltway Construction, US-77 to N-2 4-Lane Gr Str Surf S-Shld (10F4)</p> <p>12578E DPU-LIN-2-6(121) 9.0 Miles</p> <p>[Project moved out of program period, beyond FY 2014]</p>	<p><u>FY 2010-2011:</u> Remove all Funding, \$84,000,000 in NH (National Highway System) and \$21,000,000 in NE (State Revenue / Aids)</p> <p>Total \$105,000,000</p>

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FY 2009-2014**Transportation Improvement Program – Modifications**

Administrative Modifications to the **Transportation Improvement Program** (TIP) are minor revisions to make minor corrections or adjustments to a project's programmed funding amount or sources, the project scope, or the programmed fiscal year (within the first four Federal Fiscal Years of the TIP).

Agency: Public Works & Utilities

Division: Streets and Highways

No	Project	Modification
1.	Safety and Operation Improvements	<u>FY 2009-2010:</u> Remove all General Revenue funds
2.	Modify, Replace or Install Traffic Signals	<u>FY 2009-2010 & FY 2013-2014:</u> Remove all General Revenue funds
3.	Studies, Preliminary Engineering and ROW	<u>FY 2008-2009, FY 2009-2010 & FY 2013-2014:</u> Remove all General Revenue funds
4.	Upgrade Built Environment, Traffic Calming	<u>FY 2008-2009 & FY 2009-2010:</u> Remove all General Revenue funds; <u>FY 2010-2011:</u> Add \$14,600 in General Revenue funds; <u>FY 2012-2013:</u> Reduce Highway Allocation funds to \$50,000; <u>FY 2013-2014:</u> Increase Highway Allocation Funds to \$128,400
5.	Misc. Engineering, Constr. and Computer Records	<u>FY 2009-2010:</u> Increase General Revenue Funds to \$278,000 and Highway Allocation Funds to \$483,300

6.	Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair*	<u>FY 2008-2009:</u> Remove all General Revenue funds and add \$165,000 in Highway Allocation Funds; <u>FY 2009-2010 & FY 2010-2011:</u> Remove all General Revenue funds; <u>FY 2012-2013 & FY 2013-2014:</u> Reduce General Revenue funds to \$200,000 for each year
7.	Arterial Rehabilitation and Intersection Improvements	<u>FY 2009-2010 & FY 2010-2011:</u> Remove all funding; <u>FY 2011-2012:</u> Remove General Revenue and reduce Wheel Tax funding to \$369,200; <u>FY 2012-2013:</u> Remove all General Revenue, reduce STP-Urban Area funds to \$2,400,000, increase Highway Allocation Funds to \$284,300 and reduce Wheel Tax funding to \$315,700; <u>FY 2013-2014:</u> Remove all General Revenue and all STP-Urban Area funds, and add Wheel Tax funding to \$2,200,000.
9.	Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure	<u>FY 2008-2009, FY 2009-2010 & FY 2013-2014:</u> Remove all General Revenue funds
10.	Bridge Rehabilitation	<u>FY 2008-2009, FY 2009-2010 & FY 2013-2014:</u> Remove all General Revenue funds

Note:

* **Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair** adds \$165,000 of Highway Allocation Funds to the FY 2008-2009 funding. This funding comes from cutting one street sweeper and one dump truck out of the PW&U operations and maintenance budget that is not included in the CIP. The result of this will be that the Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair program will have a total of \$165,000 in funding for the FY 2008-2009 budget year. Previously there were zero dollars in the budget year.

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Agency: Public Works & Utilities

Division: StarTran

No	Project	Modification
2.	<p>Handi-Van Replacement Funds are included in FY 2008-09 to complete the accumulation of funding for replacement of current (purchased in 2003) Handi-Van vehicles. Federal Transit Administration specifies that Handi-Van type vehicles have an operational economic life of five years.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>FY 2008-2009:</u> Remove \$15,300 in General Revenue</p>
3.	<p>Transit Enhancements (required by FTA) Effective FY 2004-05, one percent of the FTA allocation to StarTran is required by FTA to fund transit enhancements. Such enhancements, in general, include bus shelters, signage, art, pedestrian, bicycle related equipment and landscaping. 2008-2009 funding is dedicated to the rehabilitation of the shelters in the downtown area.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>FY 2008-2009:</u> Remove \$7,000 General Revenue</p>

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Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Division: Section 5310 Project

No	Project	Amendment
8.	<p>Lincoln Madonna Foundation – Purchase a new small bus seating 12 ambulatory passengers and 2 positions to secure wheelchair passengers.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>FY 2008-2009:</u> Add Federal Transit funds of \$35,565.00 and local (Madonna Foundation) matching funds of \$8,861.50 Total \$44,456.50</p>

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