

MEETING MINUTES

Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2011

1:30 p.m.

Room 113, County/City Building

Members Present: Greg MacLean, Public Works/Utilities; Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Public Works/Utilities/RTSD; Marvin Krout, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, David Cary, Planning; Doug Pillard, County Engineering; Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation; Brian Praeuner, StarTran; Chris Schroeder, Health Department; Randy Eldorado, Tom Goodbarn, Nebraska Department of Roads; Barb Fraser, Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Others Present: Kaine McClelland, Brad Zumwalt, Nebraska Department of Roads; Thomas Shafer, Public Works/Utilities; Mike Brienzo, Sara Hartzell, Michele Abendroth, Planning.

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the May 19, 2011 Technical Committee meetings

MacLean moved approval of the May 19, 2011 Technical Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Fleck-Tooze. The motion carried unanimously with Figard, Hoskins and Goodbarn abstaining.

2. Review and action to add a State resurfacing project to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program, I-80 Milford to Air Park.

Brienzo stated that there is an amendment to the current Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment is to add a State resurfacing project from I-80 Milford to Air Park.

Figard moved approval of the amendment, seconded by Cary. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and action on revising the MPO Transportation Improvement Program amendment process to better reflect the State STIP revision criteria.

Brienzo reviewed the guidelines for modifying the the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Formal amendments are major revisions which require official approval by the MPO Policy Committee and submission to the Nebraska Department of Roads for approval.

TIP Revisions are either formal amendments or administrative modifications to the TIP. The formal amendments are major revisions which require official approval by the MPO Policy Committee (Lincoln MPO Officials Committee) and submission to the Nebraska Department of Roads for approval. The Administrative Modifications are minor revisions are made to projects already in the TIP. These are made by Lincoln MPO staff and do not require public review and comment but notification and concurrence with NDOR of these changes will allow these changes to be included in the STIP.

Brienzo stated that he received input for the Nebraska Department of Roads on the emergency procedures and they would like this process either removed or modified.

Eldorado stated that they would like to see an expedited TIP review and approval process similar to MAPA where there is public notice and approvals can be obtained through electronic means. Brienzo stated that they will review that suggestion to see if it fits with the other processes.

Eldorado stated that they would prefer to table this item until the next meeting.

Figard moved to table this item until the next meeting, seconded by Fleck-Tooze. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Briefing on the status of the FHWA/FTA on the Joint Certification Review of the Lincoln MPO and the Work Plan for Addressing the Quadrennial Certification Review.

Brienzo provided a status report of the activity that has occurred since the 2009 Certification Review of the Lincoln MPO. The report outlines the corrective actions and programmatic recommendations with the status of each item identified.

Brienzo noted that FHWA and FTA have reviewed the status report and are updated on the progress made to date.

5. Review and action on the Lincoln/Lancaster FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation Planning within the Lincoln Metropolitan Area.

Brienzo stated that the Unified Planning Work Program identifies transportation planning activities in the MPO and the federal funding for those projects. The total federal fund allocation identified for FY 2011-12 is approximately \$457,000.

Brienzo noted that he will add a statement to purchase TransCAD support maintenance as well as the purchase of Microsoft Access 2010 software. He also noted an error in the Section 5307 total for the Transit Planning Program table; the correct dollar amount total should be \$108,556.

Figard asked if the UPWP identifies the project criteria with the specificity requested by FHWA and FTA. Brienzo replied that he believes it does.

6. Briefing on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update planning activities, planning schedule and LPAC recommendations.

Cary provided an update on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan process. The final committee meeting was held yesterday. Staff is now finalizing the document for review and public process. The complete draft Plan will be finalized and on the website by July 8. The Technical Committee will review the plan at its August 2 meeting. Planning Commission workshops have been scheduled for July and August with public hearings in August and September. City Council and County Board hearings will take place in October, and the Officials Committee will review the plan at its December 1 meeting.

Krout asked for an update on the air quality standards. Schroeder stated that they customized the data for the county and they are waiting to receive input from the EPA.

7. Other topics for discussion

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

*** Please note that these minutes will not be formally approved until the next meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee. ***

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