

## MEETING MINUTES

### Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 2012

1:30 p.m.

Room 113, County/City Building

**Members Present:** Miki Esposito, Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Public Works/Utilities/RTSD; Marvin Krout, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, David Cary, Planning; Don Thomas, County Engineering; Brian Praeuner, StarTran; Chris Schroeder, Health; Randy Eldorado, Tom Goodbarn, Nebraska Department of Roads.

**Others Present:** Kaine McClelland, NDOR; Susie Filipi, Engineering Services; Haden, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig; Mike Brienzo, Michele Abendroth, Planning.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

#### **Review and action on the draft minutes of the April 26, 2012 Technical Committee meeting**

Figard moved approval of the April 26, 2012 meeting minutes, seconded by Thomas. The motion carried unanimously with Hoskins abstaining.

#### **Review and action on the Fiscal Constraint of the draft Lincoln City/ Lancaster County FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Brienzo stated the Technical Committee recommended the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program to the Planning Commission for public hearing on May 9. At that hearing, there was no testimony on the TIP, but there was discussion on the sidewalk repair and maintenance program. It was pointed out that the TIP has programmed over \$3 million in recreation enhancement funds for trails. Funds were not specifically identified in this year's City's Streets budget for sidewalk repair, but there are carry over funds in the StarTran budget specifically for sidewalks. Praeuner stated that there is a project in FY 2010-11 for sidewalk repair and replacement along bus routes. Repairs within a half mile of all bus routes are allowed to use these funds. We have a Federal grant for \$1 million that is matched with local funds at \$100,000.

Krout asked if these dollars are part of the normal allocation on a recurring basis. Praeuner stated that this is not new money, and it is a surplus of funds from FTA designated for enhancement projects. This is an initiative put out in 2009 allowing transit agencies to use capital funds for these types of projects. He does not expect this to be on a recurring basis.

Brienzo then distributed a correction sheet for the City Streets section of the TIP. He noted that at the request of Lincoln, the Sheridan Boulevard Penny Bridge project is being removed from the TIP. Public Works is still working with the State on developing full funding for the project. He stated that given this adjustment to the program, it is considered to be fiscally constrained.

Cary moved approval of the Fiscal Constraint of the draft Lincoln City/ Lancaster County FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program with the removal of the Penny Bridge project, seconded by Krout. The motion carried unanimously.

**Review and action on the Lincoln-Lancaster FY 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation Planning within the Lincoln Metropolitan Area.**

Brienzo stated that each year we are allocated federal planning funds to support the transportation related planning activities within the Lincoln Metropolitan area. In order to use these funds, we are required to develop a detailed program of projects, identify the source of funding of each project, the expected outcome of the project and a timeline for completion. He noted that the funding for developing the Work Program is based upon the Surface Transportation bill which is still work in progress. We needed to use estimated figures with the federal fund allocation identified for FY 2012-13 set at approximately \$410,000. The key planning issues identified for this year's program which include the Federal TMA Certification Review of the Lincoln MPO, a continuing search to resolve transportation funding issues, the updating of the National Functional Classification map based upon changes in the urban area, development of a Complete Streets policy for the MPO, incorporating of project selection criteria for the TIP into the Annual Review process for the LRTP, develop a travel demand management strategic plan, complete a strategic pedestrian-bicycle plan and the consideration of new standards for bicycle facilities, complete a Wayfinding study for the implementation of system signage and we need to continue our work in the area of goods and freight movement planning.

Brienzo stated that this a request for the Technical Committee review, approval and recommendation of this program. Committee action will include the reaffirmation of the MPO Management Plan. Taken together, these two documents outline the MPO structure, planning process and work product for the next fiscal year. The action of the Technical Committee will be forwarded to the Officials Committee.

Esposito asked how we respond if the financing is not there. Brienzo stated that if there are significant changes, he will bring the funding program back to the Committee. If only minor adjustments are required, we can do this administratively.

Fleck-Tooze moved approval of the FY 2012-13 Unified Planning Work Program and reaffirmation of the MPO Management Plan, seconded by Krout. The motion carried unanimously.

**Other topics for discussion**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

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