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Lincoln MPO Transportation Alternatives Program Project Selection Committee Recommendation

Recommendation: Endorsement of the Lincoln MPO TAP Committee recommendation to fund the **Lincoln Beal Slough Trail Project**

Transportation Alternatives Project Programming

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) created a new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) by consolidating the Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School and Recreational Trails programs and other discretionary programs, wrapping them into a single funding source. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with populations over 200,000 were given the responsibility to program part of each state's apportionment under TAP. According to regulations, MPOs must use a competitive process and select projects in consultation with the State from proposed projects submitted by eligible entities. MAP-21 authorized transportation funding for the initial two years of MAP-21. This apportioned funding for the Lincoln planning area was \$386,734 for each of the first two programable fiscal years of 2013 and 2014. TAP funding is expected continue into the future with continuing resolutions for MAP-21. These funds are subject to the annual obligation limitation imposed on the Federal-aid highway program that is estimated at 95% or \$367,650 per year.

Project development for the Lincoln MPO is to follow federal guidelines and eligibility criteria in qualifying for federal TAP funds. This requires a competitive application process with the Lincoln MPO *Transportation Alternatives Program Committee*, as a subcommittee of the MPO Technical Committee, administering the application process and prioritizes projects for possible programming. Each project selected will need to support the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and place emphasis on project readiness.

Project Selection for FY 2016-17

One project application was submitted, the **Lincoln Beal Slough Trail Project**, requesting funding support from Lincoln MPO TAP funds. Based on the Lincoln MPO Project Selection Committee review, this was accepted as the program's priority TAP project.

The Beal Slough Trail project to extend southeasterly along the Beal Slough Channel from South 56th Street & London Road to 70th Street & Yankee Hill Road. The trail will be on existing city owned property to Pine Lake Road where it will connect with an underpass at Pine Lake Road

(included with the street project). The trail will continue southeast parallel to the railroad and the Beal Slough Channel, connecting to 70th Street. Right of way for the trail will need to be purchased. This is a ten foot wide concrete trail extending a total of 2.22 miles. Total construction costs are estimated at \$1,105,609 (80% TAP and 20% local).

To meet this funding level, the project requires the programming of three (3) years of TAP funds to be obligated in one fiscal year. The target year to begin construction is in FY 2016-17. Funds will be programmed from future programming years FY 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. This is not intended as a phased project but construction may be in stages to tie into roadway trail connections which are dependent on the construction of three street improvement projects that are programmed in the TIP, South 56th Street, Pine Lake Road and Yankee Hill Road.

Project Programming

The project screening process was performed by the Lincoln MPO Project Selection Committee and NDOR staff. This ensures that the project is eligible for federal funds and funding is available. One condition for federal TAP funding is that TAP funds continue into be provided through MAP-21 or other federal transportation program.

The Technical Committee recommendation will be forwarded to the Officials Committee for action and adoption. The Officials Committee has the responsibility in programming projects. This will allow selected projects to be included in the proposed FY 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and forwarded to the NDOR to be included in the State-TIP.

Lincoln MPO Transportation Alternatives Programming Committee

The *Lincoln MPO Management Plan* identifies advisory subcommittees to assist in the transportation planning process and in developing required programs and documents.

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Old Cheney Road

S 70th Street

Highway 2

Pine Lake Road

S 56th Street

Yankee Hill Road

— — — — Proposed Beal Slough Trail
— — — — Existing Old Cheney Trail
— — — — Future 56th Street Trail
— — — — Future Yankee Hill Road Trail

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