

BRIEFING NOTES

NAME OF GROUP: PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 2:05 p.m., Bill Luxford Studio, Room 113, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Beecham, Michael Cornelius, Tracy Corr, Maja Harris, Chris Hove, Dennis Scheer, Lynn Sunderman and Ken Weber; (Jeanelle Lust and absent).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Barnes, Mike Brienzo, Brandon Garrett, Kellee Van Bruggen, Stacey Groshong-Hageman and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept. and Rick Haden of Felsburg Holt & Ullevig.

STATED PURPOSE: Briefing on “**Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**.”

Chair Chris Hove called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the back of the room.

Mike Brienzo welcomed everyone and stated that today will be a review of the LRTP Update.

Rick Haden showed preliminary resource allocations. 2.3 billion dollars in revenue is forecast for 2017 – 2040. There are maintenance activities, alternative modes of transit, construction activities and other activities such as information technology and studies.

System Operations and Maintenance is the largest category at \$586 million over the funding period. This includes pavement maintenance, snow removal, street sweeping and signal operation and maintenance. Broadband infrastructure also falls under this category.

Road and Bridge Rehabilitation is \$398.13 million. There is a growing list of locations that need total reconstruction. There is also a bridge rehabilitation program. In recent years, there are a number of bridges in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for reconstruction. Arterial rehabilitation is a grind and overlay system. This cost is growing primarily due to the base failures under the asphalt. We are projecting 100 miles of residential rehabilitation getting accomplished.

Transit Operations is \$452.82 million. This will allow operation of TDP Preferred Alternative Routes and service, along with maintaining a fleet of 67 fixed route buses and 13 paratransit vehicles. Funding sources are fares, advertising, the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL) contract and general revenues.

Trail Projects are \$29.44 million. Typical project costs are \$320,000.00 a mile for trail construction, \$2.5 million a mile for a bicycle track. This funding level will allow construction of approximately 16 trail projects.

Other Bike/Pedestrian and TDM activity is \$33.51 million. The primary focus is the sidewalk repair program. This program would allow 4.75 miles of sidewalk repairs per year. Over the planning period, we would not be able to come close to meeting the city's goals. At \$10.00 a square foot, it would take about 300 years to replace all the city's sidewalks.

ITS and Technology is \$148.97 million. This area pretty much follows the recommendations that Lonnie Burkland from Public Works spoke about in a previous briefing. There will be a full implementation of the Green Light Lincoln program. There are other safety programs he has identified, including use of yellow arrows. Right now, he is trying to replace 15 traffic signals a year. With this program, he is projecting a pretty significant improvement in traffic operations.

East Beltway Preservation is \$6 million. This is to purchase right-of-way as it becomes available. Land purchases to date are \$1,407,000.00 for 40.05 acres.

Studies, PE, ROW and Statutorily Required Records is \$70.70 million. These are engineering studies that are required, along with responding to public inquiries and working with the private sector on growth proposals.

RTSD and Train Tax is projected to provide \$188.11 million. The 33rd St. and Adams project was approved by the RTSD board yesterday, along with the South Beltway. This also provides for two railroad crossing gates and flashers per year to be replaced, along with crossing surface upgrades.

Two Plus Center Turn Lanes is \$43.29 million. This would accomplish about 7.5 miles with inflation. Public Works will initiate these projects.

Intersection Safety and Capacity Projects are \$101.79 million. This constructs one intersection per year with reconfiguration or roundabout. Projects are identified through a citywide crash study and roundabout needs identification.

Roadway Capital Projects are \$273.65 million. This includes committed CIP projects which are \$75.97 million, developer commitments which are \$25.55 million and roadway capital projects are \$172.13 million. Nebraska Highway 2 is an initial study to identify improvements.

We took the list of eight capital projects, as well as other projects and mapped what the roadway network would look like in 2040. Vehicle miles traveled would be improved by half a percent. Congestion levels would be 95 percent uncongested. Daily vehicle hours and

congestion do not include the technology improvements. Over the next month or so, we will identify corridors that we will focus on in greater detail. Last week, the Nebraska State Legislature approved LB 610. This will increase the gas tax that the city receives from the state. This is projected to be about \$100 million over the next 24 years. We will be meeting with the funding allocation committee to decide where to place the money. The trails program will be refined as well. Some trails have aged and need improvements. There is the potential for some RTSD funded projects as well. The preliminary plan will be before Technical Committee and Officials Committee on July 15, 2016. The draft technical report will be out in August 2016, with public review in September/October and the adoption process in November/December of this year.

Hove questioned if the funding source for transit includes tax money in the numbers presented. Haden replied yes. Transit includes both Federal Transit Administration funding and Nebraska State revenue fares, as well as general revenue. Hove inquired how much general revenue. Haden replied \$238 million over the planning period. Fares are \$126 million, state is \$37 million and federal is \$51 million.

Paul Barnes stated that the Planning Commission briefing on July 20, 2016 will be regarding draft updated chapters of the comprehensive plan. He anticipates sending out the updated text the week prior to that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.