

MEETING MINUTES

Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2011

1:30 p.m.

Room 113, County/City Building

Members Present: Randy Hoskins, Thomas Shafer, Virendra Singh, Public Works/Utilities/RTSD; Marvin Krout, Planning; Don Thomas, Doug Pillard, County Engineering; Brian Praeuner, StarTran; Rick Thorson, Health Department; Ken Smith, Urban Development; Randy Eldorado, Tom Goodbarn, Nebraska Department of Roads;

Others Present: Shawn McAtee; LSA; Kaine McClelland, Brad Zumwalt, Nebraska Department of Roads; Roger Ohlrich, Susie Filipi, Public Works Engineering Services; Mike Brienzo, Sara Hartzell, Michele Abendroth, Planning.

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the November 4, 2010 Technical Committee meetings
Shafer moved approval of the November 4, 2010 Technical Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Brienzo introduced Tom Goodbarn as the new NDOR District 1 Engineer and as the State Engineer for District One, is now a member of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee.

2. Review and action on the Center for People in Need (CFPIN) application for Job Access & Reverse Commute (JARC) grant funding based upon the *Project Selection Task Force* recommendation. This includes an *amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program*.

Brienzo stated that at the August 2010 meeting, the Technical Committee deferred the Center for People in Need application for JARC funding. The reason for the deferral was that the program was not meeting its goals under the existing grant. A performance review of program activity was to be undertaken in six months and as shown in the staff report, the program has made significant progress toward meeting its stated goals. The Task Force is recommending the application be processed and \$50,000 in JARC funds be awarded to this program. The action of the Technical Committee will be forwarded to the Officials Committee. This action includes a TIP amendment required to obligate the federal funds.

Shafer moved approval of funding for the application and the associated TIP amendment, seconded by Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and action on *revisions to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program*.

- a) **State of Nebraska program revisions and amendments.**
- b) **City of Lincoln: Streets and Highways program revisions and amendments.**
- c) **City of Lincoln: StarTran program revisions and amendments.**

Brienzo stated that there are several amendments to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement program including three amendments for the Nebraska Department of Roads, eight amendments for the City of Lincoln Streets, and one amendment for StarTran. The proposed revisions are included in the Technical Committee materials and at the MPO website under the January 20, 2011 Technical Committee meeting materials. Brienzo went over each amendment and offered clarification on each.

Hoskins moved approval of the revisions to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Shafer. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Review and action of acceptance of the *draft Lincoln MPO Environmental Justice Action Strategy* to be used in the current Long Range Transportation Planning process.

Hartzell stated that the Environmental Justice Action Strategy is a plan for addressing environmental justice concerns, ensuring that those populations traditionally underrepresented receive the same benefits. She briefly reviewed the plan with the Committee and noted that a process is in place for the Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation plan review.

Shafer moved approval of the Environmental Justice Action Strategy, seconded by Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Briefing on the *draft Goals and Objectives as the Evaluation Criteria* to be used in the current Long Range Transportation Planning update process.

Hartzell reviewed the draft Mobility and Transportation Goals and Objectives. Seven goals and objectives have been identified along with evaluation criteria. In formulating the goals and objectives, Hartzell stated that they were built from the 2030 Comp Plan guiding principles and SAFETEA-LU planning factors.

Brienzo stated that this is a critical element in the flow of our planning process and provides insight on how we will rank projects. The Technical Committee will review the goals and objectives again at a future meeting.

EIDorado suggested that it may be important to keep in mind that the Federal Highway Administration may require performance measures for evaluation.

Hoskins stated that he has a concern with how realistic the goals and objectives are as many of them are multi-modal related but most of the transportation is automobile-based.

6. Review and action of acceptance on the *2010 Lincoln MPO Travel Demand Model Update and Enhancement*. The model update and the *Travel Demand Model Validation Report* was completed by LSA Associates, Inc.

Shawn McAtee, the LSA Consultant, provided background information on the travel demand model and validation techniques used. The travel demand model is based on TransCAD software that is intended to simulate 2009-10 travel conditions. The model will be used to forecast the travel patterns in the city and county and will be used as the base network in developing the Long Range Transportation Plan. The "Travel Demand Model: Executive Summary" is posted on the MPO website under the January 20, 2011 Technical Committee meeting materials and the full "Travel Demand Model: Model Development and Validation Report" is posted on the MPO website.

Shafer moved to accept the 2010 Lincoln MPO Travel Demand Model Update and Enhancement, seconded by Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Other topics for discussion

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 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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