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Director Kramer:

FHWA Approval of Amendment 2 to the Nebraska FY 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

This letter is to inform you of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) review and approval of the Amendment 2 to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) FY 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which contains only highway projects, including the projects from the incorporated Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for Lincoln MPO (City of Lincoln and Lancaster County), Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) and Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO). NDOT did not receive comments on the proposed Amendment 2 to FY 2024-2027 STIP during the public comment period.

The Lincoln MPO Official Committee approved Amendment 2 to the Lincoln MPO TIP on December 8, 2023. NDOT found Amendment 2 to the Lincoln MPO TIP to be fiscally constrained and in accordance with the Lincoln MPO Public Participation Plan. NDOT approved the Lincoln MPO Amendment 2 for inclusion into the NDOT STIP on December 13, 2023.

The GIAMPO Official Committee approved Amendment 1 to the GIAMPO TIP on November 28, 2023. NDOT found Amendment 1 to the GIAMPO TIP to be fiscally constrained and in accordance with the GIAMPO Public Participation Plan. NDOT approved the GIAMPO Amendment 1 for inclusion into the NDOT STIP on December 7, 2023.

The SIMPCO Official Committee approved Amendment 1 to the SIMPCO TIP on November 2, 2023. NDOT found Amendment 1 to the SIMPCO TIP to be fiscally constrained and in accordance with the SIMPCO Public Participation Plan. NDOT approved the SIMPCO Amendment 1 for inclusion into the NDOT STIP on November 30, 2023.

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.220 (b), FHWA have determined that the highway projects included in the Amendment 2 to the FY 2024-2027 STIP are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements. Based on the FHWA review of the FY 2024-2027 STIP, monitoring activities throughout the year, the MPO's self-certifications, and the planning finding, Amendment 2 to the FY 2024-2027 STIP is hereby approved.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Justin Luther, FHWA, at (402) 742-8464.

Sincerely,

Richard Wayne Fedora, P.E.
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration

cc:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Jim Pillen, Governor

December 13, 2023

The Honorable Leirion Gaylor Baird
Mayor of Lincoln
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Ms. Gaylor Baird:

SUBJECT: State Approval of Lincoln MPO FY 2024 – FY 2027 TIP Amendment #2

As the Governor's designee, I am approving the Lincoln MPO FY 2024 – FY 2027 TIP Amendment #2 as approved by the Lincoln MPO Technical Advisory Committee and approved by the Lincoln MPO Officials Committee on December 8, 2023.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation finds the amendment to be part of a fiscally constrained TIP and in accordance with Lincoln MPO's public participation process as outlined in their public participation plan.

Lincoln MPO's TIP is included in Nebraska's STIP by reference. These amendment projects get included in Nebraska's STIP when we notify FHWA of a STIP Revision and get their final approval. If you have any questions, please call Craig Wacker at 402-479-4623.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Huff".

Ryan Huff, P.E.
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December 11, 2023

Mr. Craig Wacker, AICP
Planning Manager
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Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759

RE: Amendment No. 2 to the Lincoln MPO FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Wacker:

Enclosed is Resolution 2023-15 approved by the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Officials Committee at the December 8, 2023 meeting. This resolution is for the 2nd amendment to the Lincoln MPO FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Exhibit A of the resolution shows three projects added to the Pedestrian, Bike and Trails Projects program with this amendment.

We are requesting State concurrence of this amendment for inclusion in the Nebraska Department of Transportation Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Christopher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Christopher, AICP
Transportation Planner

Enclosure

cc: David Cary, Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Department
Paul Barnes, Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Department



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Lincoln MPO Resolution: 2023-15 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (Lincoln MPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for undertaking the transportation planning process for the Lincoln Metropolitan Transportation Management Area (TMA), in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln MPO, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.326, adopted on May 12, 2022 a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 through 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln MPO has prepared an amendment to the MPO FY 2024-2027 TIP that reflects three new projects added to the Pedestrian, Bike and Trails Projects program in the TIP as identified in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the projects included in the amendment are consistent with the currently adopted MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, *2050 Long Range Transportation Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the amendment has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Technical Committee of the MPO, and now requires adoption from the Officials Committee of the MPO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Officials Committee adopts the additions and modifications in the MPO FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Approved by a vote of the MPO Officials Committee and signed this 8th day of December, 2023.


Lincoln MPO Officials Committee Chair

ATTEST


David Cary, Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Department
Lincoln MPO Technical Advisory Committee Chair

Exhibit 'A'

FISCAL YEARS 2024-2027 PEDESTRIAN, BIKE & TRAILS PROGRAM

PROGRAMMED EXPENDITURES & FUNDING SOURCES (FS) (000's)

PROJECT	PHASE	PRIOR FISCAL YEARS		PRIORITY PROJECTS								COST BEYOND PROGRAM	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		
		FY 2024	FS	FY 2025	FS	FY 2026	FS	FY 2027	FS						
City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department															
Beal Slough Trail Project															
Trail project to extend southeasterly along the Beal Slough Channel from 56th Street & Street & London Road to 70th Street & Yankee hill Road. The trail will be on 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. Ten foot concrete trail on 20 foot right-of-way. Total 2.22 miles.		PE	265.5	TA											
		PE	66.4	LN											
		ROW	213.7	TA											
		ROW	53.4	LN											
		Construction			958.3	TA									
		Construction			239.6	LN									
		CE			143.8	TA									
		CE			35.9	LN									
C.N. 13366	TAP-55(182)	TOTAL	599.0		1,377.6		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		1,976.6
Fletcher Landmark Trail															
Trail project for concrete trail to follow primarily alongside Fletcher Street from N. 14th Street 27th Street.		PE	265.5	TA											
		PE	66.4	LN											
		ROW	213.7	TA											
		ROW	53.4	LN											
		Utilities/Construction			846.0	TA									
		Utilities/Construction			211.5	LN									
		CE			126.9	TA									
		CE			31.7	LN									
C.N. 13442	TAP-55(186)	TOTAL	599.0		1,216.1		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		1,815.1
Wilderness Hills Trail															
Continuing the Tierra Williamsburg trail from about 37th and Yankee Hill Rd south approximately .75 mile where it will branch off in two segments, one leading east to an underpass of S. 40th Street, the other southwest to an underpass of Rokeby Road.		PE					87.5	OF							
		PE					21.8	LN							
		ROW							27.4	OF					
		Utilities							36.5	OF					
		Construction									767.5	OF			
		CE									109.3	OF			
		CE									876.8	OF			
		TOTAL	0.0		0.0		109.3		63.9				0.0		1,050.0
Waterford Trail															
Starting with a trail connection at 84th St. Trail at 84th St. and College Park Rd., this new 10' wide trail will generally extend NE through Southeast Community College and Waterford Estates until reaching its terminus at 104th St. and Holdrege St.		PE			278.3	TA									
		PE			69.6	LN									
		ROW/Utilities					347.8	TA							
		ROW/Utilities					86.9	LN							
		Const/CE							1,567.8	TA					
		Const/CE							391.9	LN					
C.N. 13554	TAP-55(192)	TOTAL	0.0		347.9		434.7		1,959.7		0.0		0.0		2,742.3
Amend (Add)	Rock Island Trail Undercrossing at Old Cheney Road														
This project will provide a grade separated crossing of the Rock Island Trail at Old Cheney Road by constructing an undercrossing of the roadway. The crossing will be located in the approximate alignment of the existing trail and connections to the sidewalks on each side of Old Cheney will be required. The project is anticipated to require some ROW acquisition.		PE			174.4	CRP									
		PE			43.6	LN									
		ROW/Utilities					43.2	CRP							
		ROW/Utilities					10.8	LN							
		Const/CE							1,611.2	CRP					
		Const/CE							402.8	LN					
		TOTAL	0.0		218.0		54.0		2,014.0		0.0		0.0		2,286.0
Amendment Description: Add project and program federal funds.															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Deleted <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Scope <input type="checkbox"/> Other															

FISCAL YEARS 2024-2027 PEDESTRIAN, BIKE & TRAILS PROGRAM

PROGRAMMED EXPENDITURES & FUNDING SOURCES (FS) (000's)

		PRIORITY PROJECTS										COST BEYOND PROGRAM	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS
PROJECT	PHASE	PRIOR FISCAL YEARS		FS	FY 2024	FS	FY2025	FS	FY2026	FS	FY2027		
Amend (Add) Rock Island Trail Widening - A Street to Boosalis Trail The Rock Island Trail between A Street and Nebraska Parkway is one of the busiest trail segments in Lincoln. Having been one of the first segments constructed, it is also built to a standard that is no longer adequate for the 1,000 trips per day it experiences. This project would remove the existing 8 foot wide concrete trail and replace it with an 11 foot wide, 5" thick concrete trail. This project would also include the replacement of a pedestrian/ bicycle bridge over Garfield Street.	PE				206.5	CRP							
	PE				51.6	LN							
	Const/CE						1,830.9	CRP					
	Const/CE						457.7	LN					
	TOTAL				0.0	258.1		2,288.6		0.0		0.0	0.0
Amendment Description: Add project and program federal funds. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Deleted <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Scope <input type="checkbox"/> Other													
City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department													
B Street Bicycle Boulevard Bicycle boulevard pavement markings and signage on B Street from 11th to 26th Street and 26th Street from A to B Streets, bump outs at 11th and 12th Streets, and a sidepath on A Street from 26th to 27th Streets.	PE				24.2	LN							
	PE				50.4	CDBG							
	Const/CE						289.8	CDBG					
	Const/CE						130.9	TA					
	Const/CE							26.6	LN				
TOTAL				0.0	74.6		447.3		0.0		0.0	0.0	521.9
Amend (Add) Multimodal Transportation Center - Active Transportation Enhancements Mobility improvements for future transit center to include potential enhancements such as such as bike parking, scooter and bike share station, enhanced sidewalks and lighting, sidepath connections, improved crossings at 9th and 10th Streets, and shower and locker facilities for bike commuters.	PE						172.0	CRP					
	PE						43.0	LN					
	Const/CE						257.6	CRP	119.1	CRP	612.6	CRP	
	Const/CE						64.4	LN	29.8	LN	153.1	LN	
	TOTAL				0.0	0.0		537.1		148.9		765.7	0.0
Amendment Description: Add project and program federal funds. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Deleted <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Scope <input type="checkbox"/> Other													
FUNDING SUMMARY													
FEDERAL FUNDS													
CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality)				0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		
RTP (Recreational Trails Program)				0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		
TE (STPB - Sub-Allocation, Transportation Enhancement)				0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		
TA (STPG-TA - Transportation Alternatives Program)				958.4	2,353.3		478.7		1,567.8		0.0		
TAC (Advanced Construction for STP-TA-Transportation Alternatives Program Funding)				0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		
SR (SRTS - Safe Routes to School)				0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		
CDBG (Community Development Block Grant Program)				0.0	50.4		289.8		0.0		0.0		
CRP (Carbon Reduction Program)				0.0	380.9		2,303.7		1,730.3		612.6		
SUB-TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING				958.4	2,784.6		3,072.2		3,298.1		612.6	0.0	10,725.9
STATE FUNDS													
NE (State Revenue / Aids)				0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		
SUB-TOTAL STATE FUNDING				0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0

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PROJECT	PHASE	PRIORITY PROJECTS										COST BEYOND PROGRAM	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	
		PRIOR		FY 2024		FY 2025		FY 2026		FY 2027				
		FISCAL YEARS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS				
LOCAL FUNDS														
NR (Lower Platte South Natural Resource District Funds)			0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0			
GP (Great Plains Trail Network Private Contributions)			0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0			
RT (Railroad Transportation Safety District)			0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0			
LN (City of Lincoln Funds)			239.6			707.7			711.2		824.5	153.1		
HIC (City of Hickman Funds)			0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0			
PR (Other Private Contributions)			0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0			
OF (Other Funds)			0.0			0.0			87.5		63.9	876.8		
SUB-TOTAL LOCAL FUNDING			239.6			707.7			798.7		888.4	1,029.9	0.0	3,664.3

STATUS OF PREVIOUS YEARS PROJECTS

Projects Completed or Under Contract

Rosa Parks Way Trail (COMPLETED)

Railroad Undercrossing trail west of 1st and J Street, 900 feet long and 10 wide concrete

	PE	41.6	TA
	PE	10.4	NR
	ROW	17.6	TA
	ROW	4.4	NR
	Construction	993.3	TA
	Construction	193.3	NR
	Construction	50.0	RT
	Construction	5.0	GP
	CE	248.3	TA
	CE	62.1	NR
C.N. 12945			ENH-55(164)