

MEETING MINUTES

Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 4, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Room 113, County/City Building

Members Present: Randy Hoskins, Thomas Shafer, Public Works/Utilities/RTSD; Marvin Krout, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, David Cary, Planning; Rick Thorson, Health Department; Ken Smith, Urban Development; Doug Pillard, County Engineering; Brad Zumwalt, Rich Ruby, Nebraska Department of Roads; Ken Vice, Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Others Present: Kaine McClelland, Nebraska Department of Roads; Susie Filipi, Public Works Engineering Services; Mike Brienzo, Michele Abendroth, Planning.

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the August 26, 2010 Technical Committee meetings

Shafer moved approval of the August 26, 2010 Technical Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Cary. The motion carried unanimously with Hoskins abstaining.

2. Review and action to amend the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to add projects and convert AC project for federal funding.

Brienzo informed the Committee of the proposed amendments to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to add projects and convert AC projects for federal funding. The State would like to add three projects; there are nine City projects and one StarTran project. The State amendments include the I-80 98th Street Bridge, the I-80 56th Street/Waverly Interchange and a Safety Project for BNSF Railroad Crossing. City project amendments include Antelope Valley Phase 1 – North/South Road, K to north of Q Street; Antelope Valley Phase 1 – South Street Bridge; 56th Street from Shadow Pines Drive to Old Cheney Road; 27th Street Bridge – Center Street to Theresa Street; Lincoln Arterial Street Microsurfacing; Lincoln Arterial Street Rehabilitation/Resurfacing; Lincoln Downtown Arterial Street Rehabilitation/Resurfacing; Safety and Operation Improvement Program; and Roadway and Bridge Rehabilitation. The StarTran project to be added is for Transit Enhancements required by FTA.

Brienzo noted that the Technical Committee recommendation will be forwarded to the Officials Committee.

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

3. Review and action on an amendment to the Lincoln/Lancaster FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation Planning activities.

Brienzo stated that the MPO has initiated a Request for Proposals to contract with a consulting firm to assist in the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan. The Unified Planning Work Program identifies the objectives and the call for services, which states that the process will involve professional services. Project funding will come from the obligation of PL Funds carried over from FY 2010. Consulting fees for technical assistance is funded up to \$160,000 and staff costs for technical evaluation and documentation is funded for \$60,000.

Cary moved approval of the amendment to the FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Fleck-Tooze. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Review of the final Public Participation Plan for the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Brienzo stated that during the certification review in 2009, it was suggested that the Public Participation Plan (PPP) be updated. The PPP identifies the public involvement in our planning processes and activities. We have responded to all comments received from the State and Federal Highway Administration. The overall plan and purpose of the plan has not changed, but some portions have been better clarified.

Krout suggested that the comment period for TIP amendments, the Unified Planning Work Program and amendments and other reports and programs be reduced from 21 days to 15 days from the draft. Committee members agreed with this suggestion.

Shafer moved to approve the Public Participation Plan with the inclusion of the comment period for the above-mentioned categories being 15 days; it was seconded by Pillard. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentation on NDOR Stakeholder Survey and LRTP Update.

Zumwalt updated the Committee on the results of the NDOR stakeholder survey. The survey was given to three basic groups: Nebraska businesses with economic interest, Nebraska residents and decision makers. There were 4,213 total respondents. There was good representation from all eight districts as well as good cross-representation of individuals. The top priority identified was the maintenance of roads. The next priority identified was transportation for the elderly and disabled followed by less congestion on state/interstate. A supplementary survey was given to street and road superintendents, and the results of that survey were reviewed. He concluded by noting that the next steps include collecting input from stakeholders and asking them to describe their vision for Nebraska's transportation system.

Krout asked if the results could be provided for District 1 only. Zumwalt stated that he could provide Lancaster results compared with District 1.

6. Other topics for discussion

Shafer congratulated Ruby on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the State, County and City in the transportation field.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 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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