

MEETING MINUTES

Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2014

1:30 p.m.

Room 113, County/City Building

Members Present: Miki Esposito, Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Public Works/Utilities/RTSD; Marvin Krout, David Cary, Planning; Doug Pillard, County Engineering; Lynn Johnson, Parks; Michael Davis, StarTran; Brad Zumwalt, Tom Goodbarn, Nebraska Department of Roads.

Others Present: Clyde Prem, Olsson Associates; Barb Fraser, Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; Kaine McClelland, Michael Kleffner, NDOR; Brian Praeuner, Ryan Kacirek, StarTran; Mike Brienzo, Michele Abendroth, Planning.

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the April 24, 2014 Technical Committee meeting.

Figard moved approval of the minutes of the April 24, 2014 Technical Committee meeting, seconded by Goodbarn. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Review and action Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) request to amend the Lincoln South Beltway Project within the Lincoln MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Brienzo explained that at the April 24 Technical Committee meeting, the Nebraska Department of Road requested to amend the Long Range Transportation Plan to advance the South Beltway project from unfunded to funded. It was forwarded to the Planning Commission for public hearing, which was held on May 7. One person from the public commented. The comment was from the Chamber of Commerce, who was supportive of the project.

Goodbarn moved approval to amend the Lincoln South Beltway Project within the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, seconded by Cary. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and action on the proposed FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

Brienzo stated that the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was presented at the last Technical Committee meeting and was moved to the Planning Commission for public hearing, which was held on May 7. The only comments received were related to the South Beltway, which were all supportive of the project. We received comments from the State, primarily administrative or coding changes. We also received a major revision to the Pedestrian, Bike & Trails section to construct the Beal Slough Trail project, which he briefly reviewed. Part of the reason for this adjustment is that we programmed \$368,000. Through the allocation process, we ended up with \$394,000, so we could cover all of our projects. The

TAP funds are required to be a competitive process, and we received one application, which was for the Beal Slough project. Three years of funding would be for this project, and now we are able to cover this in two years. The State has indicated that this can all be shown in the TIP in one year.

Figard moved approval of the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program with the proposed amendment, seconded by Owen. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Review and action on the MPO's *proposed FY 2014-2015 Unified Planning Work Program.*

Brienzo stated that this program is the basis for our federal planning funds. We work with the Department of Roads on developing this program of funds. This document sets our planning agenda for the next fiscal year and identifies major projects that we will be undertaking. There are federal planning priorities that we will work into our program. There are three areas they will be emphasizing, as follows: continue to transition to performance based planning and programming, promote cooperation, and identify access to essential services.

A majority of effort this fiscal year will be the transit development plan update, the Long Range Transportation Plan update, updating the travel demand model, and focusing on performance based planning and programming. There are two revisions to the program. The first is the addition of a bike share workshop. The second is to state that the Complete Streets policy was adopted by the City in September 2013; the program states that it is a work in progress.

Esposito asked how the performance based planning and programming measures are set. Brienzo stated that they will work with the State to set those. These are not just local; they will feed back to national inventory. We would like to know what measures we are going to be using during the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan. He does not believe it will look greatly different.

Brienzo noted that this is a recommendation to the MPO Officials Committee.

Esposito moved approval of the 2014-2015 Unified Planning Work Program with the noted addition and revision, seconded by Pillard. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Other topics for discussion.

Krout asked if there were any comments from the Committee members or from the public. There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 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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