

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: April 19, 2018, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: David Cary - Planning Dept., Pam Dingman – County Engineering, Miki Esposito – Public Works & Utilities, Paul Barnes and Kellee Van Bruggen – Planning Dept., Lonnie Burklund and Randy Hoskins – Public Works & Utilities, Michael Davis – StarTran, Keith Kohel and Paul Gavin – Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT), Richard Bishop – Urban Development, Chad Lay – Lincoln Airport Authority, Larry Legg – County Engineer and Roger Figard – Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD); (Gary Bergstrom – Health Dept. and Lynn Johnson – Parks & Recreation absent).

Mike Brienzo and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept., Brian Pillard of StarTran, Rick Haden of Felsburg Holt & Ullevig; Thomas Shafer of Public Works & Utilities; Kris Humphrey of RTSD, Mark Fischer of NDOT; Karl Frederickson; Jon Large of Lincoln Airport Authority; Nancy Hicks of the Lincoln Journal Star and other interested parties.

Chair Miki Esposito called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Esposito then requested a motion approving the minutes of the meeting held January 18, 2018. Motion for approval made by Hoskins, seconded by Burklund and carried 11-0: Barnes, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Davis, Gavin, Hoskins, Kohel, Legg and Van Bruggen voting 'yes'; Bishop, Figard and Lay abstaining; Bergstrom and Johnson absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), A) MAINTENANCE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION/RELOCATION, ADD AND REPROGRAM FEDERAL FUNDS TO BE OBLIGATED IN FY 2017-18 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND B) MULTI MODAL CENTER-FEASIBILITY STUDY, REPROGRAM FEDERAL FUNDS AND ADD LOCAL FUNDS BE OBLIGATED IN FY 2017-18 FOR A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF A NEW MULTI MODAL CENTER AND BUS TRANSFER CENTER:

Mike Brienzo stated that Randy Hoskins has an amendment he wants to add to this item. These are revisions to the current TIP. We aren't changing the scope of any of these projects. We are changing funding years.

Mike Davis stated that StarTran has received a \$2.6 million dollar FTA for this project. We are moving funds from out years into current fiscal years. This was recently awarded. We also received \$825,000 from NET, Nebraska Environmental Trust. There is also a local match. This goes into funding year 2018-2019. This project has been worked on for quite some time.

Brienzo pointed out this will be broken down into two phases. Davis agreed.

Esposito believes this replaces local dollars. Davis stated this is anticipated funding through grants. We are able to move ahead with this project in this year. We also have the Multi-Modal Feasibility Study that is moving forward.

Davis added that the maintenance facility will have a natural gas facility and a handyman facility.

Thomas Shafer is with the project delivery team. He stated that staff has been waiting to figure out what the proportionment and obligation is for this fiscal year. Funds were not completely used from last year. This amendment being proposed allows us to take care of last year's obligation authority and a couple of obligations from last year. Some of the work we need to do can be done through administrative amendments. One item was not in the current TIP. The other item could have been done through administrative amendment, but staff decided to bring it before this committee. All of these are advanced construction projects. The 27th Street project is also being moved to this current year. It will be advanced construction as well. Brienzo pointed out that AC is a construction tool that allows local dollars to be paid for a project and replaced with federal dollars.

ACTION:

Figard moved approval of revisions to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, a) Maintenance Facility Construction/Relocation—add and reprogram federal funds to be obligated in FY 2017-18 for the design and construction of a new bus maintenance facility and b) Multi-Modal Center Feasibility Study-reprogram federal funds and add location funds be obligated in FY 2017-18 for a study to determine the feasibility of a new multi-modal center and bus transfer center, seconded by Cary and carried: 12-0: Barnes, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Davis, Figard, Gavin, Hoskins, Kohel, Legg and Van Bruggen voting 'yes'; Bishop and Lay abstaining; Bergstrom and Johnson absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE LINCOLN MPO 2040-2016 UPDATE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AND FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO INCLUDE THE NEBRASKA DOT/MPO HIGHWAY SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Brienzo stated in February 2018, a Resolution was approved at Officials Committee to support the State in its safety measures. What we need to do is make sure that statement is in the TIP. We also need to place the statement in the LRTP (2040 Long Range Transportation Plan-2016 Update). The same statement regarding safety performance measure will be placed in both documents. This will move on to the Officials Committee for their action.

ACTION:

Burklund moved approval of revisions to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan-2016 Update and FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to include the Nebraska DOT/MPO Highway Safety Performance Measures, seconded by Barnes and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bishop, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Davis, Figard, Gavin, Hoskins, Kohel, Lay, Legg and Van Bruggen voting 'yes'; Bergstrom and Johnson absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE MPO'S PROPOSED FY 2018-2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP):

Brienzo stated this is a programming document based on the LRTP. This references work tasks that staff plans on undertaking in the next fiscal year and is supported by fiscal dollars. We have to include these dollars in a federal work program. Transit funds are also included in the document as well. We work with other agencies to make sure their items are included. There are number of key elements that are identified in the introduction. We have areas of emphasis that we are working on, along with projects. We are revising our memorandum of agreement. That will become part of the management documents. We are working with Public Works and Utilities on combining some committees. We are looking at updating the congestion management process. There is continuing work to do on the transportation implementation strategy. Kellee Van Bruggen is working on the Street Bicycle Facilities Plan. Performance based planning and management is being worked on. We are also working on national performance measures with the State, Lancaster County and other MPO's (Metropolitan Planning Organization). This will be an ongoing process. Wynn Hjermstad pointed out that perhaps the participation plan needs refreshed. Brienzo continued that we will have ongoing GIS (Geographic Information System) to maintain land use and system centerline and basic data. Public Works and Utilities is working on a transportation system monitoring. We are looking at a possible subarea study in the southwest. There are a number of issues we would like to get ahead of. The Lincoln Airport Authority has a master plan study they are working on.

Cary acknowledged that this work program is our guide to what we work on for the next year. He thanked Federal and State personnel for all of their work. This is a lot of opportunity to improve our transportation system. He thanked all partners for their cooperation.

ACTION:

Dingman moved approval of the FY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Davis and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bishop, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Davis, Figard, Gavin, Hoskins, Kohel, Lay, Legg and Van Bruggen voting 'yes'; Bergstrom and Johnson absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING 2018 SELF-CERTIFICATION REVIEW THAT THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE LINCOLN METROPOLITAN AREA COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

Brienzo stated this is an annual report. We identify work activities that are called up in regulations that we are required to address. These are identified by code. He also tried to address what we are doing and what we need to do. The MPO and NDOT (Nebraska Department of Transportation) work together to certify the transportation planning process and the issues identified in the MPO planning area. The planning recommendations that were made in 2013 have been resolved. Four more planning recommendations were identified. There were no major issues or corrective actions. We are fully compliant with all air quality issues. We worked on Title 6. We added a Google Translate service to our webpages. We have some new technology to develop and explore. There is a recommendation to update the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement). We updated it in 2017. This was already addressed. We are looking at another update in 2018. The new MOA identifies the performance measures specifically. We have another recommendation that we have yet to address. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) asked us to look into consolidating our work program. StarTran has one and the MPO has one. They would like to see those consolidated. We would need to explore how that would look or how it would be managed. Mark Gavin added that they are working out the specific process. It would simplify the process, but the details are still being looked at.

Esposito questioned if there is a sense of a timeline. Gavin thinks there may be full implementation next year.

Brienzo stated one possibility is it would bring transit and road activity closer together for a more multi-modal system.

Brienzo continued that the Congestion Management Plan will be updated as well. This will feed into the transportation planning projects.

Cary thanked Brienzo for putting this together. The reality is this came out of a four year review last year. Most things were already addressed or are actively being addressed. He believes we are doing what we were asked to do.

Brienzo pointed out that planning recommendations can turn into corrective actions if they aren't addressed.

ACTION:

Dingman moved approval of the 2018 Self-Certification acknowledging that the transportation planning process for the Lincoln Metropolitan Area complies with all applicable federal laws and regulations, seconded by Burklund and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bishop, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Davis, Figard, Gavin, Hoskins, Kohel, Lay, Legg and Van Bruggen voting 'yes'; Bergstrom and Johnson absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE:

Brienzo stated the TIP is updated every year. The MPO TIP is a four year program. It is a federally mandated document in order to program federal dollars and local match. This document is closely looked at. We work very closely with the FTA. It includes projects and programs from the State Dept. of Transportation, County Engineering, Public Works & Utilities, StarTran, the Lincoln Airport Authority, the Federal Transit Administration, Parks & Recreation, the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and the Railroad Transportation Safety District. The TIP has gone through public review at Planning Commission. There was a public hearing and recommendation. They reviewed the TIP for compliance with the LRTP. This will move forward to the Officials Committee on May 4, 2018. It will then be forwarded to the State for inclusion in the State TIP.

Gavin added that NDOT received Tiger Grants for the South Beltway that aren't shown here. Cary believes it can be acknowledged. Brienzo noted that if it is not an approved funding source, it can't be shown. The document can be amended in September 2018 at the next Technical Committee meeting. Gavin just wants to make note of it for Federal grant requirements. Cary believes it will be noted. Brienzo noted if agreements are signed and funds obligated, it can be included. This is a long term project.

ACTION:

Figard moved approval of the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Davis and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bishop, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Davis, Figard, Gavin, Hoskins, Kohel, Lay, Legg and Van Bruggen voting 'yes'; Bergstrom and Johnson absent.

BRIEFING ON THE NORTH 33RD GRADE SEPARATION AND CORNHUSKER HIGHWAY SUBAREA PLANNING PROJECT:

Kris Humphrey is the RTSD project manager for the 33rd St. and Cornhusker Hwy. project. In 2015-2016, an environmental study was completed. It was very thorough, but we couldn't answer if the two alternatives would answer the future land use needs. The RTSD, Public Works and Planning departments have been working together. A decision was made to move forward with a subarea plan. The kickoff meeting was in December 2017. There was a meeting

in February 2018. A survey was started. There is also an advisory group. It is a great cross section of people who live, work, commute and have an interest in this area. The second meeting incorporated a visioning session. The project team led by Olsson Associates will take that information into a three day charrette. Different areas will be focused on. The open house on May 9, 2018 will be very interactive with the public. This is where the base of the subarea plan will be formed. This will lay the foundation and footwork for this to be implemented. In June, we are doing a corridor enhancement plan. It will focus on Cornhusker Hwy. from about 14th St. to 56th St. This will be followed with a public meeting sometime this fall. The goal is to have one preferred transportation alignment. In 2019, we will go into the full blown NEPA phase. We will work with the NDOT and FHWA.

Cary added that from a planning perspective, this is still in the very beginning. We are just about to get into the public comment period. This is exciting and a neat opportunity to work on a real project that will have a major impact to the area. It will provide redevelopment opportunities and establish a vision for the area. It will allow elected officials to look at this area. This investment will provide for more activity in this area. We have a very good consultant team on board. He is excited to see what happens.

Barnes echoed Cary's comments. This is a huge transportation project. From a planning perspective, it is great to be at the table. There are also sub-consultants looking at economic pieces. We have been involved in discussions. He is looking forward to seeing what that effort comes up with. He participated in the advisory committee visioning exercises. Connections were a big focus, whether biking, driving or walking. Redevelopment opportunities were hit on. Flood plain was a concern. The Dead Man's Run project will be happening adjacent to this area. Concern was heard on how existing businesses will be addressed.

Humphrey noted that Deadman's Run is another big project. We are coordinating very closely with that study. It is a tributary to Salt Creek. Also included is reconstruction of bridges at 33rd St. and 48th St., widening, and a detention basin west of Fleming Field at 33rd St. and Huntington. We are working closely together. Their project would be in advance of the RTSD project.

Roger Figard commented that the RTSD board appreciates the partnership. This is an example of coordination, cooperation and perfect example of how an interlocal agreement provides the best possible result. The RTSD board is excited to have all this visioning going on.

Esposito appreciates the RTSD holding up the project a little to have all this cooperation going on. This is exciting.

BRIEFING ON THE LINCOLN MPO ON-STREET BIKE FACILITIES STUDY:

Kellee Van Bruggen stated the planning effort kicked off in February 2018. We are moving along and should be wrapping up by the end of the year. We are working on the analysis report. It will be brought out to the public at the end of this month. The website is up at

www.lincolnbikeplan.com and has a survey to fill out. We currently have about 71 location points on a map. 149 people have take the survey so far. We are gathering information from bicyclists.

Barnes reiterated that we would like to have people take the survey. We are also looking forward to a good turnout at the open house.

Esposito stated that it is our desire and hope for this plan to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. Cary added that for any subarea plan, it would be incorporated at least by reference into the LRTP and the Comprehensive Plan as well, perhaps through an amendment. Once it is in the plan, we can use it as a guide for projects.

Barnes added that the Downtown Master Plan Project is underway. This project also looks at downtown. The two processes are parallel. The Bike Facilities Plan will be incorporated into the Downtown Master Plan.

BRIEFING ON THE LINCOLN BLOOMBERG AUTONOMOUS SHUTTLE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT SET FOR LATE MAY/JUNE:

Lonnie Burklund stated that as part of this year's Bloomberg Mayor's Challenge, we were selected as one champion city. We received a grant for \$100,000.00 for a demonstration of an autonomous shuttle. The 35 champion cities are competing for more prizes. We have a larger submittal due in August 2018. We are flushing out some details. The most exciting thing is the prototype. We are hoping to get a demonstration shuttle for viewing. The team includes three or four draft students from UNL (University of Nebraska Lincoln). We are all excited about this. The demo will be around June 2018. We hope to have the vehicle here for about three weeks or so.

OTHER:

Mike Davis announced that a private entity has developed a bus tracker app for Apple that shows where a StarTran bus is in real time. It is called Lincoln Bus Tracker. It uses the City's open data.

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