

Meeting Record

MPO Officials Committee Meeting

Friday, February 4, 2011; 10:15 a.m.
Mayor's Conference Room
County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Beutler; Gene Carroll, City Council; Bernie Heier, Deb Schorr, County Commission; Mike Owen, NDOR.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Trish Owen, Mayors Office; Greg MacLean, Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Public Works & Utilities; Marvin Krout, Michael Brienzo, Sara Hartzell and Michele Abendroth, Planning Department

Roll call and acknowledge the Nebraska Open Meeting Act

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. The Nebraska Open Meeting Act was acknowledged.

Review and action on the draft minutes of the November 16, 2010 Officials Committee meetings

Heier moved approval of the November 16, 2010 Officials Committee meeting notes, seconded by Owen. The motion carried with Schorr abstaining.

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 the MPO provides oversight for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Job Access & Reverse Commute (JARC) grant program and makes recommendations on awarding these funds. 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, which assists in application review, recommended the application be processed and the \$50,000 in JARC funds set aside for this program be awarded. The Technical Committee has reviewed this recommendation and has recommended approval of the application. This action includes a TIP amendment required to obligate the federal funds.

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

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 which includes 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 Officials Committee materials and at the MPO website under the February 4, 2011 Officials Committee meeting materials. Brienzo reviewed each amendment and offered clarification on each.

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

Briefing on the *Lincoln MPO Environmental Justice Action Strategy 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 reviewed the details of the plan with the Committee and noted that this includes a process for the Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan outreach.

Briefing on the *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan update and coordination with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan*

Krout updated the Committee on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. He noted that there has been a great deal of public outreach. Last fall, three growth scenarios were developed and reviewed by the community and the Mayor's committee. The result was a consensus plan with emphasis on redevelopment and the predominant direction of growth similar to what has been done in the past. A land use map was also developed. Transportation issues are being addressed and options are being reviewed through the travel demand model. Over the next several months, projects will be ranked and prioritized. The transportation plan will be a fiscally-constrained plan. The draft plan will be ready in June or July of this year with the final draft being brought to the Officials Committee for approval by the end of this year.

MacLean noted that the maintenance component is a significant portion of the budget.

Other topics for discussion

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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