

## MEETING MINUTES

### Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2013

1:30 p.m.

Room 113, County/City Building

**Members Present:** Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Public Works/Utilities/RTSD; Marvin Krout, David Cary, David Pesnichak, Planning; Don Thomas, Doug Pillard, County Engineering; Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation; Bradd Schmeichel, Urban Development; Brian Praeuner, StarTran; Randy Eldorado, Thomas Goodbarn, Nebraska Department of Roads.

**Others Present:** Justin Luther, FHWA; Barb Fraser, PBAC; Kaine McClelland, Brad Zumwalt, NDOR; Steve Irons, Benesch; Thomas Shafer, Erika Nunes, Public Works & Utilities; Mike Brienzo, Michele Abendroth, Planning.

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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 March 21, 2013 Technical Committee meeting.**

Thomas moved approval of the meeting minutes of the March 21, 2013, seconded by Goodbarn. The motion carried unanimously with Cary, Hoskins and Johnson absent.

**2. Review and action on *revisions to the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program.***

- a) **City of Lincoln: 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Van Dorn to Eastborough, street rehabilitation project.**
- b) **City of Lincoln: 27<sup>th</sup> Street & Fairfield and West 'O' Street bridges over Salt Creek, rehabilitation bridge projects.**

Brienzo explained there are two revisions to the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These projects need to undergo assessment by October 1, 2013 and need to be in the current TIP. The first amendment is a street rehab project on 70<sup>th</sup> Street from Van Dorn to Eastborough, and the second is for bridge rehabilitation at 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Fairfield and West O over Salt Creek.

Figard moved approval of the proposed revisions to the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Thomas. The motion carried unanimously with Cary, Hoskins and Johnson.

**3. Review and action on the proposed *FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.***

Brienzo stated that the proposed FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been recommended to the Technical Committee by the Project Selection Committee. In February, we adopted the Project Selection Process. This TIP has gone through the selection process. The process identifies categories of projects. The bulk of the TIP is maintenance and rehab projects. The TIP is required to go through public review. The Planning Commission is the reviewing body, and they will hold a public hearing on May 15. All comments received will be forwarded to the Technical Committee for consideration at the May 16 meeting and included in the TIP document.

Figard confirmed that the TIP is a continuation of the second year of the CIP, but the TIP is a one-year

requirement. Brienzo added that there are two new projects moving into the TIP but these are already included in the CIP. The only other items are several maintenance and rehab projects.

EIDorado asked about the funding amount for LC (STP-Urban funds) in terms of fiscal constraint in the City Streets total in FY2013-14. Brienzo stated that this does appear higher than expected and he will review this prior to the next Technical Committee meeting. He added that the Planning Commission reviews the TIP for conformance with the Long Range Transportation Plan and take public comment, but does not for consider funding. The action today is to forward the TIP for public hearing.

Thomas moved approval of the proposed FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program with the understanding that there will be some internal funding changes and to forward it on for public hearing; it was seconded by EIDorado. The motion carried unanimously with Figard and Cary absent.

#### **4. Briefing on the FHWA/FTA 2013 Quadrennial TMA Certification Review schedule.**

Brienzo stated that the MPO will undergo certification review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The MPO undergoes this review every four years. The review will take place on May 7-9. Once the review is complete, the FHWA will submit a report to the MPO. The corrective actions from the last review four years ago have been completed, and they will be under review as well.

#### **5. Other topics for discussion**

Shafer stated that the two projects approved today as amendments to the current TIP have been on hold while they wait for approval by the Technical Committee and Officials Committee. He stated that they would like to move forward with these projects in an administrative action, so these projects can begin construction. Brienzo stated that the NDOR thought they needed to be amended to the TIP. Luther stated that the state has this oversight and suggested the MPO work with the State to look at potential options for administrative actions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 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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