

## Meeting Record

### MPO Officials Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2009; 1:30 p.m.  
Mayor's Conference Room  
County/City Building, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Beutler; Bernie Heier, Ray Stevens, County Commission; Dan Marvin, City Council; Randy Peters (representing John Craig), NDOR.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Deana Winter, Lincoln Journal Star; Brian Praeuner, StarTran; Don Thomas, County Engineering; Trish Owen, Mayor's Office; Greg MacLean, Roger Figard, Chad Blahak, Public Works & Utilities; Kent Morgan, Michael Brienzo, David Cary and Michele Abendroth, Planning Department

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The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. The Nebraska Open Meeting Act was acknowledged by the Committee.

**1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the October 17, 2008 Officials Committee meeting.**

Heier moved approval of the October 17, 2008 Officials Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Peters. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Review and action on revisions to the current FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Brienzo stated that the "*American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*" was signed into law on February 17, 2009 which provides \$789 billion in funding with \$27.5 billion for nationwide Highway Infrastructure Investments and \$8.4 billion for Transit funding. For the State of Nebraska, this bill allows investments in transportation projects which includes \$235.6 million to be used on eligible transportation projects within the Federal-aid Highway Surface Transportation Program and another \$23.3 million in Transit Formula Funding. The State sub-allocates these funds through established formulas to State, MPO and County programs. The Lincoln metropolitan planning area is to receive \$9.358 million to be used for eligible transportation projects within the Surface Transportation Program and \$3.798 million to be used in Transit investments.

Any project that receives federal stimulus funds must be identified in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendments are major revisions and require approval by the

MPO, the State and the Federal Highway Administration. Not all of the projects listed are proposed for ARRA stimulus funds but are intended to use federal funds.

**a) State of Nebraska program funding revisions**

Brienzo reviewed the one State of Nebraska amendment to the TIP which is #49) US-34 – Air Park to I-180, Lincoln for Mill & resurfacing. A detailed description of the proposed amendments can be found on the attachment.

Brienzo stated that the Technical Committee has recommended this package to the Officials Committee.

Peters stated that part of the requirement of the State is to obligate project funds before the end of July. He also pointed out that the stimulus project funding included in these TIP amendments do not require a local match. The use of stimulus funding is a two step process with half of the funds required to be obligated within 180 days and the remainder within a year.

Marvin asked if there has been any discussion at the State level as to whether the funds are distributed based on population or need. Peters replied that in order to obligate the funds, everything has to be in place. So the first imperative is if the project can be ready to go.

Marvin moved approval of the State of Nebraska funding revisions and amendments to the TIP, seconded by Stevens. The motion carried unanimously.

**b) Lancaster County program funding revisions**

Brienzo reviewed the Lancaster County amendment to the TIP which includes #2) reconstruct the West Denton Road roadway, SW 56th Street to SW 12th Street, #8) Fletcher Avenue Bridge -Waverly Southeast, #11) Roca Road Bridge (for PE only); and #13) the resurfacing of Saltillo Road, US-77 to 70th Street. Brienzo stated that the County Engineer is advancing these projects to receive stimulus funding. He noted that the Roca Road project is not a stimulus project. A detailed description of the proposed amendments can be found on the attachment.

Marvin moved approval of the Lancaster County funding revisions and amendments to the TIP, seconded by Stevens. The motion carried unanimously.

**c) City of Lincoln: Streets and Highways program funding revisions**

Brienzo reviewed the City of Lincoln: Streets and Highways amendments to the TIP which includes #7) several arterial rehabilitation and intersection improvement projects, #10) Superior Street bridge rehabilitation over Salt Creek, and #15) Antelope Valley North/South Road, "P" to Vine Street. A detailed description of the proposed amendments can be found on the attachment.

Brienzo noted that it is recommended that project #2 on the list of projects (modify, replace or install traffic signal) be removed.

Mayor Beutler moved to remove project #2 from the City of Lincoln's list of revisions to the TIP, seconded by Marvin. The motion carried unanimously.

Marvin moved approval of project #7 in the City of Lincoln Streets and Highways funding revisions to the TIP, seconded by Heier. The motion carried unanimously.

Marvin moved approval of project #10 in the City of Lincoln Streets and Highways funding revisions to the TIP, seconded by Stevens. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Beutler moved approval of project #15 in the City of Lincoln Streets and Highways funding revisions to the TIP, seconded by Marvin. The motion carried unanimously.

**d) City of Lincoln: StarTran program funding revisions**

Brienzo reviewed the StarTran program funding amendments to the TIP. The StarTran amendment package totals \$1,798,058 which includes #2) Handi-Van Replacement, #3) Transit Enhancements for Bus Shelter Rehabilitation in Downtown Lincoln, #8) Automated Vehicle Location Enhancements, #10) Replace Elevator in Administration Building and #11 Replace Bus Wash System. A detailed description of the proposed amendments can be found on the following pages.

Marvin requested that the buses be equipped with bike racks if there are any additional funds available.

Marvin moved approval of the City of Lincoln StarTran revisions and amendments to the TIP, seconded by Stevens. The motion carried unanimously.

**e) Lower Platte South Natural Resource District program revisions**

Brienzo reviewed the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District revision to the Ped, Bike and Trails section of the TIP to add funding for the Motocross Facility at the Abbott Sports Complex. A detailed description of the proposed amendments can be found on the attachment.

Stevens moved approval of the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District minor funding adjustments to the TIP, seconded by Marvin. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Briefing on the "Call for Projects" and process for the FTA funding programs in the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.**

Brienzo stated that we are receiving funding from the Federal Transit Administration for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program and the New Freedom program. Last year the MPO was able to distribute funds for six projects. We will use the same process for reviewing project proposals again this year. A Task Force is being created by the Technical Committee to review projects and recommend funding. The Technical Committee will take these recommendations into consideration in recommending projects to the Officials Committee. This is expected to be on the Officials Committee agenda in June.

#### **4. Other topics for discussion.**

Brienzo stated that we received notification from the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of a request to provide certification on the Federal Highway Administration Highway Infrastructure Investment funding under the Recover Act which is suballocated to MPOs. They are requesting that the information be provided within 45 days, which is April 4, 2009. Brienzo asked the Mayor for guidance on how to proceed with this request. Mayor Beutler stated that he will review the request and give direction to Brienzo.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

*\*\* Please note that these minutes will not be formally approved until the next meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Officials Committee. \*\**

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TIP *Amendments* are major revisions which require official approval by the MPO Policy Committee (Lincoln Officials Committee) and submission to the Nebraska Department of Roads for approval. [Federal regulations: 23 CFR § 450.326]

- a)**    **Agency:** State of Nebraska  
           **Division:** Department of Roads

No	Project	Amendments
49.	<p><b>New TIP Project</b>  <b>US-34 – Air Park to I-180, Lincoln</b>                      Mill &amp; resurface</p> <p>C.N. 13015    Proj.# STP-34-6(139)</p> <p>2.6 Miles</p>	<p>FY 2008-2009:</p> <p><b>Add Funding,</b>                      PE = \$13,000, NE Funds                      Constr = \$2,901,000,                      Federal STP-State                      Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total \$2,914,000</p>

- b)**    **Agency:** Lancaster County  
           **Division:** County Engineering

No	Project	Amendments
2.	<p><b>West Denton Road - Denton East</b>                      SW 56th Street to SW 12th Street                      Reconstruct roadway            3.0 Miles</p> <p>C.N. 12541    Proj.# STPE-3305(9)</p>	<p>FY 2008-2009:</p> <p><b>Add Funding,</b>                      PE = \$32,000, STPE Funds                      and \$8,000, CO Funds                      Constr = \$2,400,000, Rural                      Federal STP-Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total = \$2,440,000</p> <p>FY 2009-2010:  <b>Remove Funding</b></p>

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<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Fletcher Avenue-Waverly Southeast</b>                  Bridge H-46                  Bridge, Grading, Culvert, Guardrail, etc                   C.N. 12865 Proj.# BR-3340(7) 0.2 Miles</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u>  <b>Change Funding,</b>                  PE = \$12,000, STPE Funds                  and \$8,000, CO Funds                  Constr = \$430,000, Rural                  Federal STP-Stimulus Funds                   Total = \$450,000</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Roca Road</b>                  Bridge S-179                  Bridge, Grading, Culvert, Guardrail, etc                   C.N. 12952 Proj.# RUR-3290(2) 0.2 Miles                   ** Advanced Construction Project</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u>  <b>Add Funding,</b>                  PE = \$28,000, CO Funds</p>
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>New TIP Project</b>  <b>SW 14th Street</b>                  Bennett Road to W Saltillo Road                  New Pavement 0.75 Miles                   C.N. 13050 Proj.# RUR-3325(1)</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u>  <b>Add Funding,</b>                  PE = \$2,000, CO Funds                  Constr = \$320,000 in Rural                  Federal STP-Stimulus Funds                   Total \$322,000</p>

<p><b>Joint City/County – Urban Federal STP-Stimulus Funded Project</b></p>		
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>New TIP Project</b>  <b>Saltillo Road</b>                  US-77 to 70th Street                  Resurfacing 4.2 miles                   C.N. 13046 Proj.# LCLC-5280(1)</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u>  <b>Add Funding,</b>                  PE = \$1,000, CO Funds                  Constr = 650,000 in Urban                  Federal STP-Stimulus Funds                   Total \$651,000</p>

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**C) Agency:** Public Works & Utilities  
**Division:** Streets and Highways

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7.	<p><b>Arterial Rehabilitation and Intersection Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Package A:</u> ('A' Street, 63rd to 70th and 70th to Imperial; Van Dorn Street, Normal Blvd. to 70th Street) C.N. 13041 Proj.# LCLC-5220(3)</li> <li>• <u>Package B:</u> ('Y' Street, 18th to 27th; 'P' Street, 17th to 27th; NW 1st Street, Highland Blvd. to W. Fletcher Ave.) C.N. 13040 Proj.# LCLC-5236(2)</li> <li>• <u>Package C:</u> (Sheridan Blvd - South Street to 27th, 27th to 33rd, 33rd to 40th, and 40th to Cotner Blvd.) C.N. 13039 Proj.# LCLC-5214(4)</li> <li>• <u>Package D:</u> (Holdrege Street, 19th to 25th Street; Cornhusker Hwy, Russell to 70th; 70th Street, Adams to Aylesworth; Vine Street, 70th to Sierra; Adams Street, I-180 to 14th Street) C.N. 13038 Proj.# LCLC-5247(11)</li> <li>• <u>Package E:</u> ('O' Street, 15th to 25th, 29th to 44th and Wedgewood Drive to 84th Street) C.N. 13037 Proj.# LCLC-34-6(140)</li> </ul> <p>* Construction will use a combination of Local Funds &amp; Federal STP-Urban Stimulus Funds</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u></p> <p><b>Add Funding,</b> <u>Package A:</u> PE = \$19,800 Constr* = \$704,000</p> <p><u>Package B:</u> PE = \$34,500 Constr* = \$1,229,000</p> <p><u>Package C:</u> PE = \$47,100 Constr* = \$1,680,000</p> <p><u>Package D:</u> PE = \$46,600 Constr* = \$1,661,000</p> <p><u>Package E:</u> PE = \$76,000 Constr* = \$1,630,000</p> <p><b><u>Subtotals</u></b></p> <p>PE: LN Funds = \$224,000</p> <p>Construction: LN Funds = \$3,000,000 and Federal STP-Urban Stimulus Funds = \$3,904,000</p> <p><b>TOTAL \$ 7,128,000</b></p>

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<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Bridge Rehabilitation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superior Street Bridge over Salt Creek, West of 40th Street</li> </ul> <p>C.N. 13043    Proj.# LCLC-5254(9)</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u></p> <p><b>Add Funding,</b> PE = \$10,000, LN Funds Constr = \$240,000 in Federal STP-Urban Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total \$250,000</p>
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b>Antelope Valley North/South Road, "P" to Vine Street</b></p> <p>This north/south project includes a new six through lane divided roadway including turn lanes from "P" through "Q" Street and a new four through lane divided roadway including turn lanes from north of "Q" to Vine Street (with the capability of widening to a six lanes in the future). This roadway project will connect the Vine Street and 'K' to 'P' projects. This roadway will curve around the east side of the Beadle Center, providing sidewalks on both sides of the roadway from 'P' Street to 'S' Street and on the west side from 'S' Street to Vine Street.</p> <p>C.N. 11215M    Proj.# LCLC-55(168)</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u></p> <p><b>Replace Funding,</b> Constr = \$4,570,000, Federal STP-Urban Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Constr Total \$4,570,000</p>

**d)**    **Agency:** Public Works & Utilities  
**Division:** StarTran

<b>No</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Handi-Van Replacement</b> Funds are included in FY 2008-09 to complete the accumulation of funding for replacement of ten (10) current Handi-Van (complementary transportation) vehicles. - Hybrid Vehicles</p>	<p><u>FY 2008-2009:</u></p> <p><b>Replace Funding,</b> with \$1,111,111 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds</p> <p>Total \$1,111,111</p>

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3.	<b>Transit Enhancements for Bus Shelter Rehabilitation in Downtown Lincoln</b> FTA requires StarTran to fund transit enhancements which include bus shelters and 2008-2009 funding is dedicated to the rehabilitation of the shelters in the Downtown area - 13th and Q, and by the State Office Bldg.	FY 2008-2009: <b>Replace Funding,</b> with \$328,889 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds  Total \$328,889
8.	<b>Automated Vehicle Location Enhancements</b> AVL system enhancements will increase the effectiveness of StarTran bus operations and customer service.	FY 2008-2009: <b>Add Funding,</b> \$400,000 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds  Total \$400,000
10.	<b>Replace Elevator in Admin Bldg.</b> Replacement of the elevator in the StarTran Administration Building which provides ADA accessibility to the administrative area.	FY 2008-2009: <b>Add Funding,</b> \$60,000 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds  Total \$60,000
11.	<b>Replace Bus Wash System</b> Replacement of the drive through bus wash system equipment	FY 2008-2009: <b>Add Funding,</b> \$100,000 in Federal FTA-Stimulus Funds  Total \$100,000

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**Transportation Improvement Program – Modification**

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*Administrative Modifications* to the *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* are minor revisions to make minor corrections or adjustments to a project’s programmed funding amount or sources, the project scope, or the programmed fiscal year (within the first four Federal Fiscal Years of the TIP).

- e)**    **Agency:** Lower Platt South Natural Resource District  
           **Section:** Ped, Bike and Trails

No	Project	Modifications
14.	<p><b>Motocross Facility</b></p> <p>Abbott Sports Complex Motocross Facility</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>FY 2008-2009:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Increase Funding,</b>                      \$761,856 in Recreational                      Trails Program (RTP)                      Funding                      \$190,464 in Other Funds</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total \$952,320</p>