

## MEETING RECORD

**NAME OF GROUP:** TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:** April 24, 2019, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, NE

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** David Cary – Planning Department, Pam Dingman – County Engineering, Miki Esposito - Lincoln Transportation and Utilities, Paul Barnes and Kellee Van Bruggen – Planning Dept., Gary Bergstrom – Health Dept., Lonnie Burklund – Lincoln Transportation and Utilities, Brian Praeuner – StarTran, Tom Goodbarn and Craig Wacker – Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT), Richard Bishop – Urban Development, Chad Lay – Lincoln Airport Authority, Larry Legg – County Engineer, Roger Figard – Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) and Sara Hartzell – Parks and Recreation; (Randy Hoskins – Lincoln Transportation and Utilities absent)

Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept. and other interested parties.

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

Dingman then requested a motion approving the minutes of the meeting held January 31, 2019. Motion for approval made by Figard, seconded by Esposito and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Bishop, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Figard, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Praeuner, Van Bruggen and Wacker voting 'yes'; Hoskins absent; Hartzell absent at time of vote.

### **REVIEW AND ACTION ON PROPOSED FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP); STARTRAN AMENDMENT FOR ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS, PURCHASE AND INSTALL TWO ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS FOR USE WITH ELECTRIC BUSES:**

Paul Barnes explained that this is a request from StarTran to add two electric charging stations in the first year of the current TIP.

Brian Praeuner stated that StarTran is the lucky recipient of a grant. This will be used to fund a charging station. This needs to be identified in the TIP. We are taking delivery on the buses this fall.

Barnes inquired where the stations will be located. Praeuner replied on StarTran property in their garages. He believes they can charge two vehicles at a time. They can be relocated in the future if needed.

Cary asked how many buses can be charged. Praeuner believes four. Bishop added that there will be two stations with the capacity of four buses. That could be expanded in the future.

**ACTION:**

Cary moved approval of a revision to the current FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program; StarTran amendment for electric charging stations, purchase and install two electric charging stations for use with electric buses, seconded by Esposito and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Bishop, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Figard, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Praeuner, Van Bruggen and Wacker voting 'yes'; Hoskins absent; Hartzell absent at time of vote.

**REVIEW OF THE FTA SECTION 5310 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS:**

Kellee Van Bruggen stated that staff went through the grant process for 5310 funds. NDOT lists the applications and does the review to determine how much funding is being requested. Projects that were submitted met all the requirements. The funds were allocated and reviewed by the TIP Project Selection Committee. Everyone agreed for this to be an administrative modification. This was carryover from FY 2015-2016 and 2017 partial year funding for these projects. We aren't changing the funding amount that was already there. This was sent to NDOT for concurrence. It is part of the State TIP now. Also part of the process is that the Technical Committee and Officials Committee are informed.

Cary inquired if we have used all available funds or if there are any for future consideration. Van Bruggen replied that we still have full 2018 funds and over \$100,000.00 of 2017 funds.

**REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE FY 2019-2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP):**

Van Bruggen put together a draft for the July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 work program. This is where we develop a budget and use federal funding for projects within the Metropolitan Planning Area. She took a quick look at the different areas of the TIP and identified the funding within the activities. Work items are submitted to the NDOT in quarterly reports. We kept the level of funding pretty consistent. We also have interagency and public outreach activities. We are maintaining the consistency with our funding source. We also have data development, monitoring and evaluation variables. We have increased funding a little for this. The 2020 census is starting up, along with the 2050 LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan) and Comprehensive Plan update. We will be starting this summer on those activities. We have short range planning and programming activities. Another broad category is the Metropolitan Transportation Planning category. This involves subarea and corridor planning, bicycle and trails planning, along with multi-modal. Transportation system planning talks about model development and maintenance, congestion management process, intelligent transportation

system and system management operations & coordination. These are the main areas for the PL funds. We also include StarTran and the Transit Planning Work program, along with environmental studies and Lincoln Municipal Airport Planning. The work program is available on our website at: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/mporpts/upwp.htm>.

**ACTION:**

Figard moved approval of the FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Goodbarn and carried 15-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Bishop, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Figard, Goodbarn, Hartzell, Lay, Legg, Praeuner, Van Bruggen and Wacker voting 'yes'; Hoskins absent.

**REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE 2019 SELF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:**

Barnes stated this will be included in the final TIP. We certify our planning and MPO processes with all the different documents that we put together, that we follow all the federal rules and regulations. The certification is done jointly between the Executive Officer of the MPO and the representative of the State Department of Transportation. This will be forwarded to the Officials committee for their action.

Figard questioned if the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) reviews this document. Barnes responded that this was included in the TIP that was sent to them for review before this meeting. Figard inquired if any feedback was received. Barnes replied there were comments on the TIP, but not the review.

Barnes stated that every four years, the State does a quadrennial review of the MPO. The last one was very successful. We have addressed most of the recommendations. One recommendation was that we look at providing additional language on our website. Google translate was added to our MPO pages. We want to continue to look at how this can be provided more in depth. This is an annual review that we certify that we are making progress on these items. The next four year certification will be done in 2021.

**ACTION:**

Bergstrom moved approval of the 2019 Self-Certification Review, seconded by Hartzell and carried 15-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Bishop, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Figard, Goodbarn, Hartzell, Lay, Legg, Praeuner, Van Bruggen and Wacker voting 'yes'; Hoskins absent.

**REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP):**

Barnes stated that this is the new TIP. It is a four year program of transportation projects for the entire MPO. This is developed with input from all the agencies in the MPO. We bring this forward today for review and recommendation. It will be presented to the Planning

Commission next week. All comments and input will then be forwarded to the Officials Committee on May 10, 2019 for their action. The TIP will then be forwarded to NDOT for inclusion in the state TIP. The Project Selection Committee and MPO staff have already reviewed the document.

The State program includes various projects, along with the South Beltway. Lancaster County includes a safety project along Saltillo Road and two capital projects along 98<sup>th</sup> Street. Since 98<sup>th</sup> St. is in close proximity to the City of Lincoln, this will be a closely coordinated project. The LTU program focuses on transportation, safety, sidewalks and capital roadway projects. StarTran focuses on operational and capital improvement projects. The next program is Lincoln Airport Authority. This focuses on operational and capital improvements at the Lincoln Airport. Funds mostly come from the Federal Aviation Administration and local dollars. They are including an Airport Master Plan project. The Federal Transportation Administration program includes the Nebraska DOT vanpool project and carries over the Section 5310 program. For Pedestrian, Bike and Trails programs we have an NRD (Natural Resources Project) project for the Rosa Parks Way trail. The current TIP was amended for this. There is The Beal Slough Trail project and the Wilderness Park Bridges. The Railroad Transportation Safety District has a project for the 33<sup>rd</sup> St. and Cornhusker Hwy. grade separation project.

Cary would like Lay to address the Airport Master Plan. Lay stated that their last master plan was created some time ago. As they looked over their medium to long range plans, the thought was that now was a good time to review their plans and look at forecasting to help determine field challenges. That is a big concern for the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration).

**ACTION:**

Esposito moved approval of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Burklund and carried 15-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Bishop, Burklund, Cary, Dingman, Esposito, Figard, Goodbarn, Hartzell, Lay, Legg, Praeuner, Van Bruggen and Wacker voting 'yes'; Hoskins absent.

**OTHER:**

\* Barnes acknowledged Mike Brienzo's retirement. He noted that he and Kellee Van Bruggen are filling in for Mike until his position can be filled. Interviews are being held next week. He believes they have some good candidates.

\* Figard stated that LB82 went into effect March 9, 2019. This significantly changes reporting requirements for the 1 and 6 year program. There is also a fairly unique change that provides administratively for cities and counties to approve something that doesn't necessarily fit the design standards. He inquired if there was interest in a presentation. Members indicated they would like to hear more about this.

Legg stated that the board is going to revisit minimum design standards. There were pretty significant changes in the past. Figard added that like every major change we found, there were some mistakes, so we think there will be some corrections and cleanups. He doesn't believe the board has heard of any significant hardships. He believes there will be an opportunity to go back through any changes. Legg hears in the near future, there may be some alterations and corrections.

\* Goodbarn mentioned that another NDOT project will be added to the draft TIP. This is to mill and overlay US-77 from I-80 to Warlick. This item will be included in the presentation to the Planning Commission on May 1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.