



Date/Time: October 26, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 555 S. 10th Street, LTU Conference Room 210 and
Zoom Conference (remote): <https://lincolnne.zoom.us/j/2583049530>

Topic: ACT Business Meeting

MINUTES

Attendance:

Name	Entity	In person	Zoom	Absent
Amy Eidenmiller, Co-Chair	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Bateman - <i>new</i>	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Katie Bohlmeier	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kyle Fischer	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zachary James - <i>new</i>	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rick Krueger	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Landis	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne McClure	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russell Miller	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vish Reddi - <i>new</i>	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alynn Sampson - <i>new</i>	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Suarez	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shea Svoboda	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunter Traynor - <i>new</i>	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth Elliott	LTU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Erika Hill	LTU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kris Humphrey	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Paeglis	LTU (taking minutes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ramirez	LTU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Shafer	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erin Sokolik	LTU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steve Henrichsen	Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA

The draft agenda and draft PowerPoint slides were provided to ACT members in advance of the meeting and revised PowerPoint slides were shown during the meeting.

1. Getting Started
 - a. Welcome New Committee Members – Alynn Sampson, Zachary James, Vish Reddi, Hunter Traynor, Andrew Bateman
 - b. Getting to know each other
 - c. Charge Statement / Ballot Language – Read by Thomas Shafer

2. Public Awareness and Education
 - a. Around the Community
 - i. Several public information staff are not available today due to an LTU event
 - ii. LTU presented to the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce with the focus on the future of transportation
 - iii. Community needs to have conversations in 2024 regarding potential new bond issue for 2025
 - iv. Social Media Posts
 - (1) Media coverage on roundabouts
 - (2) Additional Facebook posts with current projects
 - (3) 10/11 News has a streaming studio on their website. LTU Director Liz Elliott was a guest recently. The interview can be viewed on the 10/11 News website (link added to the minutes: <https://www.1011now.com/2023/09/28/new-1011-now-streaming-segment-lnk-streets-utility-beats/>).
 - (4) Open houses coming up:
 - (a) Deadmans Run open house previously set for November 9th is now scheduled for November 14th and will be focused on the upcoming N 48th Street bridge reconstruction project scheduled for 2024 construction. The bridge replacement project is one part of the Deadmans Run channel project which runs through UNL's East Campus to the N 48th St bridge. Open house to be held at NET on N 33rd St.
 - (b) West A St open house on November 16th held in a virtual format.

3. General LOTM Program Updates
 - a. Revenues
 - i. LOTM projection through 8/31/2023 was \$50.7M. Have collected almost \$59.9M.
 - ii. The current fiscal year collections continue above projections - exceeding projections by about \$0.3M total in the first two months of the fiscal year.
 - iii. The LOTM funding is split between Existing Streets (73.5%), Growth (25.0%), and joint project at 33rd & Cornhusker for 1.5%.
 - b. Project Updates

- i. Six projects are substantially complete. These are: S 27th St (Coronado to Old Cheney), 84th St (Sandalwood to Elizabeth), S 48th St (Old Cheney to Nebraska Pkwy), Saltillo Rd (70th to 77th), Piedmont Neighborhood, and Indian Village Neighborhood.
- ii. Folsom turn lanes between Old Cheney Rd and Pioneers Blvd is a growth project for the adjacent housing project. Estimated at \$1.2M; the bid came in at \$1.6M.
- iii. N 48th St, Leighton Ave to Superior St, is a large rehab project. Currently working on the last segment from Leighton to Madison. Still working on the water main and are approximately 75% complete. Signal work yet to be completed on Cornhusker. May need to complete the mill and overlay next year on the segment from Leighton to Madison due to weather temperatures.
- iv. S 40th, Rokeby Rd to Yankee Hill Rd is on schedule and will be completed next year. Contractor is currently working in the southern limits. Project contains a bridge and two multi-cell drainage structures.
- v. Residential projects are nearly all complete for this year.
- vi. 2024 design projects (although some may be constructed in 2025 due to additional work or coordination)
 - (1) S 40th St from A to O Sts – coordinating with water to add a 16-inch water main – likely in 2025
 - (2) R St from N 48th St to Cotner Blvd – improvements may impact the right of way; thus, potentially 2025
 - (3) Residential projects are usually mill and overlay. These tend to be quicker to design and to construct.
 - (4) LOTM will have arterials in 2025 and will have greater focus on these.
 - (5) Continuing discussions with neighborhoods on detour routes.
 - (6) S 14th St is still in the design phase. LTU is looking into alternative materials to be used or possible full replacement.
- vii. City typically has a two-year warranty on work and addresses issues with prime contractor.
- viii. The arterials that LTU will be addressing in the near future years need to have more robust geotechnical investigations than other recently completed arterials which consisted of more standard mill and overlay scopes. The City will hire a firm to take cores and analyze the pavement and subgrade conditions to determine how far/deep the project needs to go before design can be finalized. Each will have an engineered plan set and a full walkthrough. Panels are marked for replacement for concrete. Additional standard project aspects include: ADA curb ramps, inlets, curbs, etc. LTU works with traffic, business, property owners, and others for project coordination.

- ix. S 14th St has ASR (alkali silica reaction) issues. ASR is a chemical reaction that occurs between the concrete components. It generates a gel/paste and as it grows, it deteriorates the pavement.
- x. Rick asked about a potential return to old mixes. Thomas noted that type C fly ash is not allowed in the mix any longer and type F fly ash is now used. NDOT has moved to a slag component which gives a bluish hue to the concrete. Type F fly ash and the slag are in low supply though. Full cement is more costly than adding fly ash or slag. A surface sealant can slow down the reaction. ASR will look like dark areas in the corners of a concrete panel when wet and those corners will eventually pop out.
- xi. For the December meeting, LTU will add an updated graphic on existing street improvements.
- xii. Additional N 48th St update/discussion
 - (1) Full pavement replacement near Adams
 - (2) Cast in place lining project for water project – not digging up the entire area
 - (3) Discussion of recent media coverage (Note: Thomas followed-up with the ACT members and others via email on Friday, October 27, 2023, with more details on the N 48th St project. See the email attached at the end of the minutes.)
- xiii. Kris noted that the public can call LTU before and during construction for more information. Contractors and city staff are very accommodating to the public on projects when they know there is an issue.
- xiv. S 27th St, Coronado to Old Cheney - completed
 - (1) Quick project, some full-depth concrete in some areas, sped up by very few driveways in the area, mill and overlay project.
- xv. S 48th St, Old Cheney to Nebraska Pkwy - completed
 - (1) Replaced panels, updated ramps
- xvi. 84th St, Sandalwood to Elizabeth – substantially completed
 - (1) Concrete replacement and mill & overlay
 - (2) Did not receive much negative feedback on this project
- xvii. Piedmont Residential - completed
 - (1) Mill and overlay

4. Other Topics

a. Answers from August Meeting

- i. Limits for use of water main liners: industry threshold for CIPP (cured-in-place pipe) is 120 inches or 10 feet maximum with a 4 inch minimum.
- ii. Specifications for concrete placement
 - (1) City has specifications for concrete placement in cold weather (35 degrees and rising).

- (2) Additional characteristics are considered for hot weather. These include: concrete temperature, air temperature, humidity, and wind velocities. The PowerPoint slides included a graph to show how the variables interact for an evaporation rate.
 - b. Proposed 2024 meeting location/times – review dates and let Kris know if there are any conflicts – finalize dates and locations at the December 7th meeting
 - i. February 22
 - ii. April 25
 - iii. June 27
 - iv. August 22
 - v. October 24
 - vi. December 12
 - vii. Katie has offered the Chamber of Commerce conference room for 2024 meetings
- 5. Wrapping Up
 - a. December – Annual Report
 - i. Dec. 14 at 10am is the hold for the mayors press conference on the annual report
 - b. Future Topics
 - i. Thoughts on public engagement to educate and start a community conversation about the LOTM program – what does it mean to the community to continue LOTM versus not having it going forward
 - ii. PROWAG (Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guidelines) has been in the making for a long time but now it is becoming law with several changes that will impact work on roundabouts and sidewalk closures that will need devices for an auditory component.
 - (1) Majority of the regulations LTU has already been including in current projects
 - (2) Changes the definition of an alteration and what it requires the project to do
 - (3) Will add cost, investment, etc
 - (4) Going forward will talk to ACT about these changes are and how it impacts all
 - iii. Amy noted that she would like to hear two different tones for directions like Nashville. One tone for east/west and another for north/south.
 - iv. Access-board.gov is the website to go to for more information on PROWAG.
 - v. These requirements will impact all projects.
 - vi. The topic of federal projects was brought up, such as Randolph St from Capitol Pkwy to 40th St. Thomas noted that federal projects are different from other city projects. The ACT and ballot have language on what projects can be done with LOTM funding. Federal funding is utilized for projects that go above and beyond what LOTM can fund.
 - (1) LOTM cannot do traffic signal work and thus, need to find additional funding
 - (2) Can get federal grant funding for additional types of projects

- (a) Randolph St includes signal work
- (b) A St also includes signal work
- (c) 56th St – includes signals plus the project was extended due to a bike crossing
- (d) Federal funding comes with lots of checkpoints and LTU works with NDOT to meet these checks; this adds to the length of the project
- (e) Try to keep process transparent and many times the federal projects get pushed back due to additional requirements
- (f) Steve H – what do we tell people, that there’s an extended time to get through the federal funding process?
 - (i) Thomas described several projects in Florida. One was local, cost \$170K, and was completed in several months. The second included federal aid, cost \$300K, and took three years.
 - (ii) Every year that projects are delayed, the cost increases
- (3) Thomas showed LOTM unit price trends that were shown at a previous meeting:
 - (i) Concrete base increased 135% from 2020
 - (ii) Type 1 asphalt - 26% increase from 2020
 - (iii) Type 2 asphalt - 35% increase from 2020
 - (iv) Pavement and sidewalk removal - 83% increase from 2020
- vii. Shea asked about S 56th and Old Cheney traffic signal that was hit several months ago. Thomas stated that there is a shortage from manufacturers currently and at this time it is more than 9 months to get a new signal pole.

NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, December 7, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, 555 S. 10th Street, LTU Conference Room 210 with virtual option**