



LINCOLN

Transportation and Utilities

ACT Business Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, July 24, 2025, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, 1128 Lincoln Mall, Ste 100
and Teams Conference (remote)

MINUTES

Attendance:

Name	Entity	In person	Remote	Absent
Amy Eidenmiller, Co-Chair	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne McClure, Co-Chair	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Bateman	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Katie Bohlmeier	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kyle Fischer	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Zachary James	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rick Krueger	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Landis	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Russell Miller	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vish Reddi	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alynn Sampson	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robert Suarez	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shea Svoboda	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hunter Traynor	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Liz Elliott	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danae Garfield	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erika Hill	LTU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kris Humphrey	LTU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lucas Nelsen	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Paeglis	LTU	<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"/>
Steve Henrichsen	Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA

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

1. Getting Started
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Charge Statement / Ballot Language – read by Thomas Shafer
2. Around the Community
 - a. Frustrations and Citizen comments – more arterials in construction than many recent years
 - b. Common comment is “Why don’t I see people working?” Responses can include:
 - i. Recent rain events necessitated a temporary pause in construction.
 - ii. Concrete must cure before asphalt can be laid. The concrete must be hard enough to support heavy construction equipment, trucks, and buses.
 - iii. LTU is not allowing eastbound vehicles to travel to a location where turnarounds are not available and this poses risks to the traveling public and the contractor crews.
 - iv. Work may be paused if the contractor is awaiting concrete delivery or has temporarily assigned crews to other emergency repairs or unexpected needs on other projects.
 - v. Sidewalks cannot be restored until the old foundations are removed to avoid damaging any sidewalks that are restored prematurely.
 - vi. The contractor was working away from the intersection. Unfortunately, this activity is not visible from the vantage point of where the road closure is.
 - c. Closures and speeders – I-80 was closed three times in 2 days and troopers caught three dozen speeders in three hours on I-80 west of Lincoln. I-80 closures impact Lincoln streets as the closed interstate traffic utilizes Lincoln’s streets and then local traffic is going in different directions from their usual patterns.
 - d. Detours – LTU Transportation is one of the first responders assisting with providing closure support, making signal timing changes, answering phone calls, and being flexible.
 - e. Accidents affecting workers – LTU staff left a current job in progress to assist LFR to rescue an individual that was trapped when a hole caved in.

- f. Water Main breaks – emergency situations (like 48th St between Sumner and South that was a future project) pull staff from existing projects for immediate needs.
- g. Multiple traffic signals were recently hit at 16th & Old Cheney and Nebraska Pkwy & Old Cheney.
- h. Temporary maintenance work done on A Street and Randolph St that will buy two to three years. A St from 40th to 52nd was completed in 32 hours and Randolph St from 29th to 37th was completed in 47 hours.
- i. We're improving today to protect tomorrow and we're working to minimize impacts.
- j. The City urges safe driving in work zones. Several construction workers on Lincoln streets were hit in the last few weeks. Tips to assist with driving during construction:
 - i. Consider leaving to get to your destination earlier and slow down in zone.
 - ii. Download the WAZE app as it will reroute drives around full closures in Lincoln.
 - iii. Check out LTU's Projects webpage at lincoln.ne.gov/projects.
 - iv. Review the LTU Street Closures map at lincoln.ne.gov/closures to help make a route plan before you leave.
 - v. Obey the directions from workers of signs.
- k. Drivers share their frustrations on Illegal left turns in construction zones – Reddit comments. Multiple construction projects have do not allow left turns currently. Traffic can backup behind vehicles attempting to turn left.

The ACT committee discussed what they are hearing from the public. Topics included frustrations from drivers, comparing construction in Lincoln to other cities, the short construction season in Lincoln, additional funding with LOTM, how construction works around school schedules, football, and other utilities, lots of progress and dollars at work, TikTok comments and City policy that does not allow a TikTok account, public comments ranging from not doing enough work to doing too much and all at once, perception of a smooth street when it is black versus a great ride of different pavement types, and an article about toilet paper use when crack sealing.

3. General LOTM Program Updates
 - a. Revenues

- i. The FY24/25 LOTM projection for collections is \$18.0 million. Through July 2025, collections exceed projections by \$736K.
- ii. The LOTM funding is split between Existing Streets (73.5%), Growth (25.0%), and the Joint Project at N. 33rd & Cornhusker (1.5%).
- b. Project Updates
 - i. 2025 Street Construction – LOTM
 - (1) Arterials
 - (a) 17th St, A St to S St – O to S in 2024; A to O in 2025 – opened three weeks early
 - (b) 48th St, Leighton Ave to Superior St, Warranty repairs – picture included in slides and the contractor is updating it at their cost – frustrating to redo it but it would not last as long and wouldn't have spent the taxpayer's money wisely – was within tolerance but may have been too dry – also possible that vibrators were not working properly and did not consolidate materials properly
 - (c) Normal Blvd, 33rd St to 70th St – continuing 2025
 - (d) NW 12th St, Adams St to Highlands Blvd (bid 12/4/24); UBAS overlay (bid 3/26/24)
 - (e) N 33rd St/Fletcher Ave, Superior St to 27th St (Fall bid)
 - (f) Pine Lake Rd, 14th St to 32nd St (bid 3/27/2025)
 - (g) 40th St, A St to O St (bid 3/21/2025)
 - (h) S 14th St, Yankee Hill to Pine Lake, UBAS overlay for northbound lanes (bid 3/26/25)
 - (2) Residential
 - (a) Eastridge Neighborhood (bid 10/23/24)
 - ii. 2025 Construction – non-LOTM – multiple projects listed for arterials, residential, signal replacement, bridge, intersection improvements, sidewalks, and watermains – the 1st & Oak Creek Bridge opened three weeks early
 - iii. Potential 2026 Street Construction – LOTM
 - (1) Vine St, 66th St to 70th St – paving and drainage work in 1956, paving and rebuild 70th St intersection in 1962, 66th & Vine St intersection improvements in 1994
 - (2) S 70th St, Pioneers Blvd to Van Dorn St – widening from South St to Pioneers in 1986, widening from LaSalle to Pioneer Woods Dr in 2001
 - (3) S 27th St, Nebraska Pkwy to South St – not widening or adding roundabouts with this project – paved in 1960, resurfacing from Calvert

to Sewell in 1986, resurfacing from Woods to Calvert in 1991, resurfacing Calvert to South in 1998

- (4) S 48th St, Normal Blvd to Cotner Blvd – paving district in 1927, widening from Newton to Pawnee in 1983, resurfacing in 1999
- (5) Project O Street (previously Downtown Corridors – late 2025 bid) – resurfacing in 1991

- iv. LOTM Existing Streets Programming
 - (1) District 1 is at the projected total
 - (2) Slight contingency remaining in Districts 2 & 4
 - (3) District 3 is slightly overprogrammed. Will need to balance this out.
 - (4) \$18.7M per district is projected through November 2025 collections
 - (5) Variance of 2% by districts

4. Public Engagement

- i. New Community Engagement Specialist – Lucas Nelsen – Welcome! – over 13 years of community engagement experience
- ii. New efforts to engage more
 - (1) Reviewed past engagement data and discussed areas of opportunity – significant difference between on-line and in-person engagement with nearly four times greater participation on-line – show the total transportation program with LOTM projects and all LTU projects – demonstrate all funding sources – clear understanding of how funding is used and limitations on funding types – show all transportation activities and assets that are needed/desired
 - (2) Currently developing new public engagement plan based on previous experience and data. Will work together with the MPO's LRTP update and Lincoln Mobility Plan.
- iii. LOTM Public Engagement History
 - (1) Five meetings in 2019 with 230 people signed in
 - (a) Displays
 - (b) Coin Exercise – top three criteria chosen by public were pavement condition, traffic volume, and safety
 - (c) GIS street selection on map used to create heat map
 - (d) Comment forms
 - (2) Virtual GIS Online Presence
 - (a) 857 participants online
 - (b) Same ability to provide feedback as in-person meetings

(c) One survey per IP address

5. Goal to keep good streets good – Laura Paeglis presenting
 - a. Maintain current conditions by adding treatments to asphalt and to new concrete
 - b. Pavement deterioration curve – cost of performing appropriate maintenance treatments while pavements are still in very good condition is significantly less expensive than the cost of performing rehab or reconstruction once reaching very poor condition
 - c. Potential options include:
 - i. Concrete sealants – thin liquid sprayed on the concrete surface with some penetrating qualities to seal against moisture infiltration
 - ii. Asphalt rejuvenators – restore asphalt components to improve flexibility and ductility to the top of the pavement
 - iii. Surface treatments – asphalt emulsions applied to the pavement surface as a protective coating – require pavement marking replacement
 - iv. Rehabilitations – more expensive and extensive, mill and overlays, concrete panel replacement
6. Future Topics
 - a. Growth Program Criteria
 - b. N 33rd & Cornhusker Project Update
 - c. Vision Zero
 - d. “Balancing” 2019 LOTM initiative funds
 - e. Other topics?
7. ACT Business
 - a. Term Expirations – Thank you to the members that have served on the ACT Committee for their insight and dedication in shaping the future of Lincoln – members since 2019: Russell Miller, Rick Krueger, member since 2021: Robert Suarez, members since 2023: Melissa Landis, Vish Reddi
 - b. Future Meeting Times: discussion held regarding keeping the 3:00 p.m. meeting time or moving to 4:00 p.m. A change in time may require a change in location. Decision to poll all members when new members begin. If new membership is not ready for the August meeting, then it may be cancelled. Liz will work with the Mayor’s office.

- c. Next Meeting: **Thursday, August 28, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, at the **Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, 1128 Lincoln Mall, Ste 100** unless notified otherwise regarding new membership.
- d. Future 2025 meeting dates (4th Thursdays monthly thru Oct., plus mid-Dec.):
Sept 25 Oct 23 Dec 11

Meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.