

MEETING RECORD

Advanced public notice of the Officials Committee meeting was posted on the County-City bulletin board and the Planning Department's website.

NAME OF GROUP:	OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:	February 24, 2023, 3:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10 th Street, Lincoln, NE
MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, Tom Beckius, Sean Flowerday, Ryan Huff, Tammy Ward and Christa Yoakum. Paul Barnes, Rachel Christopher, Stephanie Rouse and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; Brian Praeuner of StarTran; Robert Bartja with Parks & Recreation; Richard Meginnis, City Council member; and other interested parties.

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

Ward then called for a motion approving the minutes of the regular meeting held November 29, 2022. Motion for approval made by Yoakum, seconded by Flowerday and carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Beckius, Flowerday, Huff, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Members present: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Beckius, Flowerday, Huff, Ward and Yoakum.

Flowerday moved Yoakum as Chair and Beckius as Vice-Chair, seconded by Mayor Gaylor Baird and carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Beckius, Flowerday, Huff, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'.

Chair Yoakum called for the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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Members present: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Beckius, Flowerday, Huff, Ward and Yoakum.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- a. Review and action on revisions to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
 - i. State of Nebraska Department of Transportation Program:
 - 1. I-80: Pleasant Dale – NW 56th Street – Reprogram Const/CE phase from FY 2023-2024 to FY 2022-2023
 - ii. City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities program:
 - 1. Transportation System Preservation
 - i. South 56th Street, Spruce Street to Van Dorn Street – Pavement Repair Project – Reprogram PE phase from Prior Fiscal Years to FY 2022-2023 and reprogram Const/CE phase from FY 2022-2023 to FY 2023-2024
 - ii. 1st Street & Cornhusker Highway – Traffic Signal Replacement – Reprogram ROW phase from Prior Fiscal Years to FY 2022-2023 and reprogram utilities and Const/CE phases from FY 2022-2023 to FY 2023-2024
 - iii. 9th Street & 'A' Street, 9th Street & 'D' Street, 10th Street & 'A' Street, 10th Street & 'D' Street – Traffic Signal Replacement – Reprogram Const/CE phase from FY 2023-2024 to FY 2025-2026
 - iv. Preventative Maintenance Bridge Package – Reprogram Const/CE phase from FY 2022-2023 to FY 2023-2024
 - 2. Transportation System Optimization
 - i. Adams Street, 36th Street to 49th Street – Pavement Repair Project – Reprogram ROW phase from Prior Fiscal Years to FY 2022-2023 and reprogram Const/CE phase from FY 2022-2023 to FY 2023-2024
 - ii. Cotner Boulevard, 'O' Street to Starr Street – Reprogram ROW phase from FY 2022-2023 to FY 2023-2024

ACTION:

Beckius moved approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ward and carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Beckius, Flowerday, Huff, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT TO THE MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Rachel Christopher stated this is a package of amendments to the MPO Management Plan. These changes have been identified over time. The revisions range from text updates to more substantive items. Some of the more significant items are relating to the process to amend the Management Plan. Any proposed changes must go through two meetings with the Officials Committee. This seemed unnecessary. Staff is proposing to reduce this to one meeting of Officials Committee to hear and act on amendments at once.

This item today is just a report because until this is approved, the change must be voted on at the next meeting of Officials Committee. The next proposed amendment would allow non-substantive changes to the Management Plan to be made administratively. An example would be to correct or revise the title of a committee member. Another change would be to update background information and references to federal transportation bills to reflect passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in 2021. She stated that the current membership of Officials Committee includes the Chair and Vice-Chair of City Council and County Board. Planning staff is proposing that members could potentially be other members of those bodies, based on a nomination process. City Council and County Board could choose who they want to serve. It would be a minimum term of two years. This would allow for a longer minimum term, so members can become more familiar with MPO business. This will help with familiarity with items. Another proposed change is updating the title of the Technical Committee member from StarTran Manager to Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) Assistant Director of Transit. Appendix D also adds text noting that it allows for members of the committee to have someone temporarily fill in them, as needed. Another change is to note that meeting notices are sent electronically as opposed to being mailed.

Ward thanked Richard Meginnis for working with Planning Director David Cary for the committee memberships to go for two years. She believes this is a good change. Yoakum agreed. She believes longevity will be helpful for this committee.

Mayor Gaylor Baird offered from her experience, if you have a defined term, it allows for everyone to have an opportunity to serve on a body like this. She believes that is important.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) FEDERAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS: A) FHWA SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS; B) FHWA INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS; C) FHWA SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS; D) FTA TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS; AND E) FTA TRANSIT SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

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Christopher stated that this item is requesting support of targets for federal performance measures. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have both required performance measures and targets. The MPO is required periodically to adopt new measures. She noted that meeting of these targets is not tied to funding of the MPO. In addition, the MPO has the option to set their own targets of adopting the targets of their state. Historically, we have chosen to support the targets of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and StarTran. One performance measure for FHWA PM1 is about safety. NDOT sets a new target annually. PM2 is for infrastructure. Those targets are set every four years. They have an option to adopt adjust targets at the two year mark. It is the same with PM 3. Those are four year targets. StarTran recently set updated targets as part of their safety plan. Included in the agenda was a memo that was sent to the Tri-Chairs of the Technical Committee summarizing the proposed targets. The targets listed in the memo are statewide targets. The Lincoln MPO is committing to support the State. She reviewed some of the targets and information listed in the memo.

ACTION:

Beckius moved approval to support the MPO targets for the FHWA/FTA performance measures as recommended by staff and shown in the memorandum dated December 22, 2022, seconded by Ward and carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Beckius, Flowerday, Huff, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): A) PEDESTRIAN, BIKE & TRAIL PROGRAM; I. WATERFORD TRAIL – COMBINE PROJECTS 4 AND 5 FOR PHASES 1 AND 2 AND PROGRAM FEDERAL FUNDS, II. B STREET BICYCLE BOULEVARD – ADD PROJECT AND PROGRAM FEDERAL FUNDS

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Christopher stated this reflects two projects that are proposed to use Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds. They are apportioned to the MPO using a formula. Using the new transportation bill, we are receiving five years of funds for TAP. We needed to do a call for applications that can make use of the funds. Two submittals were received. Waterford Trail is a Parks and Recreation project, and the B Street Bicycle Boulevard is a Planning Dept. project. These two projects were submitted to make use of the funds. Waterford Trail is an existing project in the TIP. It is currently identified for other funds. With TAP funds being awarded, we hope to do this in one phase with a local match. It is near 84th Street and 'O' Street and goes northeast around the Southeast Community College campus and through the Waterford neighborhood. It will also pass next to the new elementary school, ending up at 102nd Street and Holdrege Street. It will connect to the future Stevens Creek Trail. It will consist of about \$2.1 million in TAP funds. The B Street Bicycle Boulevard is a new project being added to the TIP. This project appeared in the Bike Plan as an on-street facility. It is shown along B Street from 7th Street to 26th Street. There would be a side path on H Street that would connect to 27 Street. This project will also use community development block grant funds. Some bump outs will also be incorporated. It is proposed for \$130,900.00 in TAP funds. Based on the requests that were received, there was an amount that remained unrequested of about \$400,000.00. We are going to keep that in reserve. We may do another call for applications in the next few years.

ACTION:

Beckius moved approval of amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP as recommended by staff:

1. Waterford Trail – combine projects 4 and 5 for Phases 1 and 2, and program federal funds; and
2. 'B' Street Bicycle Boulevard – add project and program federal funds,

seconded by Flowerday and carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Beckius, Flowerday, Huff, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'.

REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR FY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Christopher stated that staff prepares a new TIP every year. We work on development of the draft. She showed a tentative schedule for the new program. The first step is staff requests input for the new TIP. We compile the draft and take it through several meetings of the subcommittee. Two subcommittee meetings have been held so far. As of today, she sent out the final draft for staff to review. It will go before the Technical Committee on April 13, 2023. The document will go to Planning Commission for a briefing on April 19, 2023, and they will hold public hearing on May 3, 2023. Officials Committee will review it on May 10, 2023. If this is approved, it goes on to the State of Nebraska for inclusion into the statewide TIP and ultimately gets submitted to the FTA/FHWA. The new program goes into effect October 1, 2023. A few things will be new. First is that beginning with FY 2024, it is going to be a 70/30 split of surface transportation block grant funds. In recent years, we have started going to Lancaster County. This is an agreed upon split. We are going to have a new look for the document as far as the tables, as well as an interactive project map. There will be an interactive site. Also new will be a couple of new review elements for equity, as well as congestion management. Those are stemming from recommendations we received from the four year review to better integrate those items into the TIP process. That would apply to this review and projects that are newly added to the TIP. The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) has a lot of discussion about equity. We would request applicants to submit responses to a few questions about how their projects positively impact equity.

BRIEFING ON THE 2021 MPO ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT:

Christopher stated this is an annual report that is prepared. It is a compilation of data from various City and County agencies, and also the State for performance measures that are set out in the LRTP. These aren't a requirement. This is something we voluntarily do for how we meet the transportation goals. The report this year is online and interactive. This will be sent out to everyone next week. Each of the performance measures has associated targets. There is no penalty for not meeting the targets. There are eight goals in the LRTP. Today she is going to focus on measures under transportation equity. These are new. For these performance measures, they look at various transportation aspects and also at underserved and overburdened communities. Those are defined based on census data. Those census measures were mapped and given a weighting. The first measure is equitable transit service frequency. This looks at the frequency of where the bus routes run. There are four tiers of levels of communities. It does show that the bus trips are the highest in the underserved communities. Next is equitable access to on-street bike lanes and trails. It was found we have more on-street bike and trail miles that fall within people living in lower income communities. Next is equitable travel time to work duration. Our community has been around the 20 minute commute time for a while now. Next is equitable roadway conditions. This looks at our roads that are in either poor or very poor condition. They are able to identify that compared to prior analysis. There was a reduction across all communities for roads in poor or very poor condition. This is most likely due to the Lincoln On The Move program. Going forward, these measures will all be tracked and we will be able to look at progress as time goes on. The report will be published and sent out.

OTHER:

There were no other topics for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one appeared.

Ward made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Beckius and carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Beckius, Flowerday, Huff, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.