



# Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**To:** Officials Committee Members  
**From:** Pam Dingman, Technical Committee Chair  
**Subject:** Officials Committee Meeting

**Date:** March 7, 2022

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Place:** City Council Chambers, County-City Building

## Meeting Agenda:

*Roll call and acknowledge the “Nebraska Open Meeting Act”*

1. [Review and action](#) on the draft minutes of the December 15, 2021 Officials Committee meeting
2. [Election](#) of the Officials Committee Officers
3. [Review and action](#) on revisions to the [FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program](#)
  - a. Nebraska Department of Transportation, I-80, Milford to Lincoln: Remove the project
4. [Report](#) on the development and review schedule for FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
5. [Report](#) on the FHWA/FTA MPO Certification Report
6. Other topics for discussion

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## 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:** December 15, 2021, 2:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, Ryan Huff, Richard Meginnis, Deb Schorr, Rick Vest and Tammy Ward. David Cary, Allan Zafft, Paul Barnes and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; Jesse Poore from Felsburg Holt & Ullevig; and other interested parties.

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

Vest then called for a motion approving the minutes of the regular meeting held September 16, 2021. Motion for approval made by Mayor Gaylor Baird, seconded by Ward and carried 5-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Huff, Schorr, Vest and Ward voting 'yes'; Meginnis abstaining.

### **REVIEW AND ACTION ON MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA) TARGETS FOR FHWA SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Allan Zafft stated this is related to the Safety Performance Measures. This is proposing to adopt targets for the five safety performance measures in the Nebraska Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program. They are: Number of Fatalities, Fatality Rate, Number of Serious Injuries, Serious Injury Rate and Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. Staff recommends that the MPO support the State targets for these performance measures. Since 2018, the Lincoln MPO has been supporting the State Safety Targets. These were approved by the Technical Committee at their meeting in November 2021.

### **ACTION:**

Meginnis moved to approve to support the State targets as the MPO 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets for the Lincoln MPO, seconded by Mayor Gaylor Baird and carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Huff, Meginnis, Schorr, Vest and Ward voting 'yes'.

**REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE FY 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): A) NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT), I-80, PLEASANT DALE TO N.W. 56<sup>TH</sup> STREET – ADD PROJECT AND PROGRAM FEDERAL FUNDS; B) LINCOLN TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, STANDARDIZE INTEGRATED E-CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN – ADD PROJECT AND PROGRAM FEDERAL FUNDS; C) LANCASTER COUNTY, 148<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND HOLDREGE STREET INTERSECTION – REVISE THE PROGRAMMING FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE:**

Zafft stated that this is regarding revisions to the TIP. There are three projects. The first project is adding a new NDOT project, the widening on I-80 from N.W. 56<sup>th</sup> St. to Pleasant Dale. The second project is adding a Lincoln Transportation and Utilities project that they received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for Standardized Integrated e-Construction. The third project is to amend an existing project at the 148<sup>th</sup> St. and Holdrege St. intersection. This is revising the programming for the preliminary engineering phase.

**ACTION:**

Meginnis moved to approve the revisions to the FY 2022-2025 TIP: a) Nebraska Department of Transportation, I-80, Pleasant Dale to NW. 56<sup>th</sup> Street – add project and program Federal funds; b) Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Department, Standardize Integrated e-Construction in the City of Lincoln – add project and program Federal funds; c) Lancaster County, 148<sup>th</sup> Street and Holdrege Street intersection – revise the programming for preliminary engineering phase, seconded by Ward.

Meginnis asked if reviews and additions to the TIP are on an annual or quarterly basis and what the process is. Zafft responded that we typically do these quarterly or at the request of an agency. Meginnis inquired if these revisions go before the Planning Commission. Zafft replied they go before the MPO Technical Committee.

Vest noted these are generally revisions due to something that happened with an outside agency. Zafft agreed that he was correct.

Motion for approval carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Huff, Meginnis, Schorr, Vest and Ward voting ‘yes’.

**REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE LINCOLN MPO 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP):**

Zafft stated that the consultant is here today to present on the 2050 LRTP. The importance of the LRTP is compliance with Federal requirement to receive federal funding. The LRTP sets a vision and transportation goals for us to strive to. It also establishes a plan for the region.

Jesse Poore from Felsburg Holt & Ullevig appeared. He stated it is a pleasure to work with the Lincoln MPO. This has been an 18 month process. We have been making sure it is current and correct with Federal requirements. It has been fun to work alongside City staff. The LRTP is required to be in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan. When you update growth projections, it has an impact on the traffic projections. There were three distinct phases of public input. Phase 1 Outreach was focused on listening to the community. There were virtual meetings and Google Translate was used to make the information more

accessible. There were two rounds of focus groups. In the second phase, we had them talk with each other. The Bike and Pedestrian group talked to the Downtown group, and so on. He believes there was a benefit to seeing different perspectives. This is a very comprehensive LRTP. He provided an Executive Summary. There are eight chapters in the document itself. There is also eight appendices with more information. It comes down to what do we have and what can we build. We looked at funding and revenue. \$4.74 billion in revenue was identified. Any project that couldn't be funded went on to the Illustrative Plan. There were eight goals. All projects were evaluated against those. We want to know at the end of the day, which projects add the most to the plan. He made the point that it also lends to the benefit that if more funds are identified over time, you can go down the list. He showed the Urban Roadway Capital Projects identified on a map. 40 projects in the urban area are identified, 8 are funded. There are 26 county projects and 3 are committed. Trail projects were shown. \$28 million is allocated for trails. Phase 3 public events is where we heard if we got this right. We were able to combine the outreach for the Comprehensive Plan and the LRTP. He believes it is very innovative and moving into a digital format will keep it more accessible to more people. There were displays at public libraries. There were three in-person public meetings. There were about 34 people in total who attended. We heard some good positive conversations. We reviewed the comments. A summary of the comments received was provided to the committee members. Lastly, there was a lot of additional outreach with a social media, an email blast and a newspaper ad. The Comprehensive Plan and the LRTP were presented to numerous groups and organizations. There was a social media community conversation that was summarized in the document as well. The need to maintain the existing roads was a consistent concern that we heard. Also noted by the community was that efficient north/south and east/west corridors were also prioritized. Also noted was inclusive design for all transportation uses and the need and desire for the East Beltway. Regarding public comments, each of the themes are addressed in the document. The new transportation equity goal is in the document.

Zafft stated that Planning Commission reviewed the LRTP on October 27, 2021 and the Technical Committee reviewed it on November 29, 2021. After adoption by the Officials Committee, this is forwarded to the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transportation Administration for their information (not approval).

Vest acknowledged that a lot of work has been put into this document by many people. There were a lot of concerns that were addressed.

Meginnis believes this plan was developed along with the Comprehensive Plan. Zafft responded he was correct. Meginnis asked if this is approved, is it easy to amend the LRTP and change the projects? He inquired about the process. Zafft stated there is a set process to amend the LRTP. Any proposed amendments would go to Planning Commission, Technical Committee and Officials Committee for review and approval.

Vest noted that the LRTP can always be modified.

Meginnis asked if an amendment would go through the Comprehensive Plan amendment process at the same time. Paul Barnes responded that it depends on what the change was. Staff lifts nearly all the content from the LRTP to the Comprehensive Plan for the Transportation Chapter. If you want to change

the list of fiscally constrained projects, it is just the LRTP. Something that affects a program or such would most likely affect the Comprehensive Plan.

Vest wondered about modifying the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Barnes stated that those would typically go with the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), but amendments to the TIP would come before Officials Committee.

Meginnis just wanted to be a little more agile. Barnes stated that hopefully with funds that are coming from the federal government, there could be amendments to do more projects.

Meginnis believes the plan is to go down the list of projects. Barnes agreed. Vest added that if the plan changes, the list can change.

**ACTION:**

Mayor Gaylor Baird moved approval of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, seconded by Ward and carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Huff, Meginnis, Schorr, Vest and Ward voting 'yes'.

**OTHER:**

Meginnis moved adjournment, seconded by Mayor Gaylor Baird and carried 6-0: Mayor Gaylor Baird, Huff, Meginnis, Schorr, Vest and Ward voting 'yes'.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

<https://linclanc.sharepoint.com/sites/PlanningDept-MPO/Shared Documents/MPO/Officials Committee/Minutes/2021-2022/121521.docx>

**ISSUE**

VOTE: Election of the Officials Committee Officers

**BACKGROUND**

The Chair and Vice-Chair serve as the officers of the Officials Committee for the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Article II of the Officials Committee bylaws specifies that the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected annually from the members of the Officials Committee with one officer position filled by a representative from the City of Lincoln and one officer position filled by a representative from Lancaster County.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Nominate and elect the Officials Committee Officers.

**STAFF CONTACT**

David Cary  
Paul Barnes

**ISSUE**

VOTE: Revision (Amendment No. 3) to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program

**BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the region's short-range program, identifying projects to receive federal funds and projects of regional significance to be implemented over the next four year period. The Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) amends the TIP to accommodate changes to projects in the TIP. The [FY 2022-2025 TIP](#) was adopted by the MPO Officials Committee on May 17, 2021.

The proposed Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2022-2025 TIP includes the following revision:

- Nebraska Department of Transportation, I-80, Milford to Lincoln: Remove the project. This project is being removed from the MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) because the project limits have been reduced, and the modified project limits are located outside of Lancaster County.

Details of the above revision are available for review on the Internet at:

<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/planning/mpo/tip/2022-2025/proposed-amendment-no.-3.pdf>.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

The Technical Committee recommended approval of the proposed Amendment No. 3 on January 31, 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

**STAFF CONTACT**

Paul Barnes



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### **Lincoln MPO Resolution: 2022-1 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (Lincoln MPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for undertaking the transportation planning process for the Lincoln Metropolitan Transportation Management Area (TMA), in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and 23 CFR Part 450; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln MPO, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.326, adopted on May 17, 2021 a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2022 through 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln MPO has prepared an amendment to the MPO FY 2022-2025 TIP that removes one Nebraska Department of Transportation project as identified in Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the project included in the amendment is consistent with the currently adopted MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, *2050 Long Range Transportation Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Technical Committee of the MPO, and now requires adoption from the Officials Committee of the MPO.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Officials Committee adopts the amendment to the MPO FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Approved by a vote of the MPO Officials Committee and signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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Lincoln MPO Officials Committee Chair

ATTEST

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David Cary, Planning Director and MPO Administrator  
Lincoln MPO Officials Committee Secretary





**ISSUE**

REPORT: Development of and review schedule for FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

**BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the region's short-range program, identifying projects to receive federal funds and projects of regional significance to be implemented over the next four year period. The current TIP of the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the [FY 2022-2025 TIP](#), which was adopted by the MPO Officials Committee on May 17, 2021.

In Nebraska, metropolitan planning organizations are required to update their TIPs annually to add projects, reflect changes to current projects such as adjustments to project cost, and make administrative changes. The Lincoln MPO will be developing and adopting a TIP for FY 2023-2026. Enclosed is the development and review schedule for the Lincoln MPO FY 2023-2026 TIP.

Lincoln MPO staff will provide a report on the FY 2023-2026 TIP schedule at the March Officials Committee meeting.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

None. Information only.

**STAFF CONTACT**

Paul Barnes

## Lincoln MPO Transportation Improvement Program

### Working Schedule for the FY 2023-26 Program

Date	Task
December 13	<b>MPO sets schedule and requests input for TIP report</b>
January 17	Agencies submit draft TIP project data to MPO
January 18-28	MPO compiles agency review of draft TIP
February 3	<b>MPO Project Selection and Coordination Committee*</b> reviews and coordinates proposed TIP projects and resolves programming conflicts
February 11	<b>MPO Project Selection and Coordination Committee</b> (follow up if needed)
February 14-24	Draft TIP is finalized for public review (MPO staff works with individual agencies to finalize input)
February 25	Technical Committee draft TIP printed & posted for interagency review
March 3	<b>MPO Project Selection and Coordination Committee finalizes the proposed TIP and forward to Technical Committee for review/action and Planning Commission for public hearing</b>
April 13	<b>Planning Commission briefing on the proposed TIP</b>
April 14	<b>MPO Technical Committee Finalizes Draft TIP and forward to the MPO Officials Committee for Review/Adoption</b>
April 18	Technical Committee findings documented for Officials Committee
April 27	<b>Planning Commission holds a Public Hearing on the TIP</b>
April 28-May 4	TIP public review documented for Officials Committee
May 12	<b>Officials Committee Reviews/Adopts TIP</b>
May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> week	<b>TIP sent to NDOT to be included in STIP</b>
August	NDOT public comment period for TIP/STIP
September	TIP/STIP submitted to FTA/FHWA

\* This committee is also known as the MPO Programming and Funding Committee (a subcommittee to the MPO Technical Committee) as specified in the Lincoln MPO Management Plan.

January 18, 2022

[https://linclanc.sharepoint.com/sites/PlanningDept-MPO/Shared Documents/MPO/TIP/TIP Schedule\\_2023-26 \(3\).docx](https://linclanc.sharepoint.com/sites/PlanningDept-MPO/Shared Documents/MPO/TIP/TIP Schedule_2023-26 (3).docx)

**ISSUE**

REPORT: FHWA/FTA MPO Certification Report

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with 23 CFR part 450.336 (b), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are required to jointly review and evaluate the transportation planning process for each urbanized area over 200,000 in population (Transportation Management Area) at least every four years to determine if the process meets the Federal planning requirements.

The City of Lincoln is the federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lincoln Metropolitan Area serving Lincoln and Lancaster County to carry out transportation planning and decision-making. The Lincoln MPO works with the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) as well as StarTran, the region's public transit operator to implement the federally required planning process.

In May 2021, FHWA and FTA conducted the certification review of the transportation planning process for the Lincoln, NE urbanized area. Based on this review, and ongoing oversight by FHWA and FTA, the transportation planning process, carried out in the Lincoln, Nebraska Transportation Management Area, is certified as meeting the requirements as described in 23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613 through September 30, 2025.

FHWA and FTA prepared a final certification review report of the Lincoln MPO transportation planning process which describes their observations and findings and includes recommendations for improvement along with commendations of the local planning process. This report is located at

<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/planning/mpo/projects-amp-reports/final-2021-lincoln-certification-report.pdf>.

FHWA staff will report on the FHWA/FTA MPO Certification Report at the March Officials Committee meeting.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

None. Information only.

**STAFF CONTACT**

Paul Barnes