

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:	May 12, 2022, 2:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10 th Street, Lincoln, NE
MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Ryan Huff, Deb Schorr, Tammy Ward and Christa Yoakum; (Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Richard Meginnis absent). David Cary, Paul Barnes, Rachel Christopher and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; Tom Beckius, City Council; Pam Dingman, County Engineer; and other interested parties.

Chair Tammy 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 March 7, 2022. Motion for approval made by Yoakum, seconded by Schorr and carried 4-0: Huff, Schorr, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'; Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Meginnis absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE LINCOLN MPO 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP); A) S. 68TH STREET, FIRTH ROAD TO STAGECOACH ROAD – MOVE PROJECT FROM ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN TO FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN, B) PROJECT 107 (W. VAN DORN STREET, SW 140TH TO SW 112TH) – MOVE PROJECT FROM FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN TO ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN, C) PROJECT 213 (SW 42ND STREET, W. HALLAM ROAD TO W. PELLA ROAD) – REMOVE PROJECT FROM THE FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN AND D) PROJECT 102 (N. 98TH STREET, HOLDREGE TO US-6) – ADJUST COST ALLOCATION FOR PROJECT IN 2050

Paul Barnes appeared and stated these are amendments to the LRTP. The LRTP was approved in 2021. Amendments happen from time to time. These were coordinated with the Lancaster County Engineering Dept. Since the adoption of the LRTP, County Engineering has successfully obtained funds from the State of Nebraska. The 68th St. project is being added. There are also a couple of other impacts to the fiscally constrained list. Project 107 is being moved to the Illustrative Plan. This could still be a potential project, but staff needs to continue looking for funding. Project 213 is moving forward but without Federal funds. Project 102 had an adjustment to the cost allocation. 68th St. was also identified in previous Lancaster county studies. This action item has gone to the Technical Committee and they recommended approval. This was also before Planning Commission and they recommended approval as well.

Pam Dingman stated this is the culmination of a number of studies and a lot of work her department has done since 2018. These projects take a significant amount of time to study and move forward, especially when Federal dollars are involved. The project in its entirety is a little over \$10 million. A portion will be paid for with MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) funds and a portion with safety funds. This is action based on 98th Street which has had some unfortunate delays with funding. It seemed like the perfect time to move the 68th St. project up.

Ward indicated her appreciation for all Dingman's work.

Yoakum expressed her thanks for keeping the Committee apprised.

ACTION:

Yoakum moved approval of revisions to the Lincoln MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; a) S. 6th Street, Firth Road to Stagecoach Road – move project from Illustrative Plan to Fiscally Constrained Plan, b) Project 107 (W. Van Dorn Street, SW 140th to SW 112th) – move project from Fiscally Constrained Plan to Illustrative Plan, c) Project 213 (SW 42nd Street, W. Hallam Road to W. Pella Road) – remove project from the Fiscally Constrained Plan and d) Project 102 (N. 98th Street, Holdrege to US-6) – adjust cost allocation for project in 2050, seconded by Schorr and carried 4-0: Huff, Schorr, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'; Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Meginnis absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE FY 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP); A) S. 68TH STREET, FIRTH ROAD TO STAGECOACH ROAD – ADD PROJECT AND PROGRAM FEDERAL FUNDS, B) S. 98TH STREET, A STREET TO O STREET – REVISE THE PROGRAMMING FOR ROW/UTILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PHASES AND UPDATE BUDGET TO REFLECT THE LATEST ESTIMATE AND C) 148TH STREET AND HOLDREGE STREET – REVISE THE PROGRAMMING FOR CONSTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PHASES

Barnes stated the current TIP is for fiscal years 2022-2025. Staff has received several requests from County Engineering for revisions. S. 68th St. is to add the project and program Federal funds. Regarding 9th St., there are two segments in the TIP. The stretch from A St. to O St. is being modified due to construction activities and moving it to cost beyond programs. This is more of a 2027 construction year. The next project for S. 148th St. is for the addition of turn lanes. This is moving it to 2023-2024 for construction. Lastly is 68th St. and moving it forward with all necessary phases.

Dingman stated S. 68th St. will be completed with a number of different types of funds. This is a large and complex project. She thanked Larry Legg and Alison Koch who have done a lot of work on this and are dedicated to the safety of our citizens. These are fiscally constrained. You will see 98th St. push out. She would ask Council members and County Commissioners to wait on S. 98th St. They have been asked to go through a full environmental assessment. It will probably need a three year time period. There is a Commons meeting scheduled to discuss this. She wouldn't be able to do any of this without Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT). They are happy to have the partnership. There will be a presentation to City/County Commons this coming Monday. She will have more details then.

Ward thanked NDOT for their participation in this. Huff noted that it has all been due to Dingmans hard work. She has done her homework and put together the information to show the most effective use of the funds. She has worked hard and demonstrated a need in the community.

Ward thanked Dingman on behalf of the community

ACTION:

Yoakum moved approval of revisions to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program; a) S. 68th Street, Firth Road to Stagecoach Road – add project and program Federal funds, b) S. 98th Street, A Street to O Street – revise the programming for ROW/Utilities and Construction/Construction Engineering phases and update budget to reflect the latest estimate and c) 148th Street and Holdrege Street – revise the programming for Construction/Construction Engineering phases, seconded by Schorr and carried 4-0: Huff, Schorr, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'; Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Meginnis absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FY 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Barnes stated that this is the proposed UPWP for the upcoming fiscal years. This is the budget document for the MPO and programs various planning activities that we plan to take on during that time period. City staff works closely with the administrative committee. The proposed budget for PL dollars is in the agenda along with a summary sheet that notes the highlights. It is broken down into various activity areas, the first being administrative. An example is developing the work program. This area is being increased slightly and we will be doing additional training. When the opportunity comes up, we will be coordinating on State planning and research dollars. He noted it is an 80/20 program with 80 being Federal and 20 local. There are interagency and local outreach activities we will be undertaking. Staff will also be looking at website enhancements and updates. In terms of data development, this area remains largely the same. We maintain various datasets. We monitor and track Short Range Planning and Programming activities. We are increasing this area on the hopeful possibility we can add funds to the TIP. Under the Metropolitan Transportation Planning, we are increasing this for the possibility of the TIP. We also moved the Complete Streets activities here. We have added some Climate Action Plan areas. This was a suggestion from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In Transportation System Planning, this area includes the model and any changes that may occur over time. This area has been made a little more flexible when we are training staff. We want to see the Transit Planning Work Program here. For Environmental Studies, this includes air monitoring that is done by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Dept. We also include work that is done in Floodplain Management. Last is Lincoln Municipal Airport Planning Activities. They will continue to work on their Master Plan.

ACTION:

Schorr moved approval of the FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Yoakum and carried 4-0: Huff, Schorr, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'; Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Meginnis absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE 2022 SELF-CERTIFICATION REVIEW

Barnes stated this is an annual item for review. It is the Self -Certification with the Executive Director of the MPO stating that the MPO is in compliance with all applicable Federal codes and regulations. The last certification is coming to an end and we are due for a new one.

ACTION:

Schorr moved approval of the 2022 Self-Certification, seconded by Yoakum and carried 4-0: Huff, Schorr, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'; Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Meginnis absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Barnes stated this is for the new TIP. This is inclusive of all transportation agencies within the County. They are planning for four years. The State has many projects. They are all considered to be in general conformance. The Lancaster County program has eight projects. He noted that the S. 68th St. project is being included in the TIP. The Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) program focuses on traffic management, signals and timing amongst other items. He noted that in the four year program, there is a reduced amount in year four for reduced funds. That would be the local sales tax that will sunset. All projects are in general conformance with the 2050 LRTP. The StarTran program includes operational funds. They have couple of new projects. They are all in conformance.

Schorr asked what would happen if the City should receive grant funds for the Multi-Modal Transit Facility. Barnes stated there would be an amendment and it would be rolled into the plan.

Barnes continued the Pedestrian, Bike and Trails section is generally funded with a combination of Federal and local funds. Most of these projects are listed in the current TIP. There are a couple of new projects in Waterford. They are all found to be in conformance. Next is the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD). Included is their grade separation project at 33rd St. and Cornhusker Hwy. This is found to be in conformance. The Lincoln Airport Authority includes operational Capital Improvement Programs. These are mostly funded through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and are found to be in conformance. Last is Federal Transit Administration funds. These are separate from what StarTran receives. They are Section 5310 and 5311 funds.

Ward wondered about any potential future amendments to the TIP. Barnes responded that staff works with all their partners and lets them know if there are any upcoming items. He would like MPO Committees to meet quarterly.

ACTION:

Yoakum moved approval of the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Schorr and carried 4-0: Huff, Schorr, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'; Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Meginnis absent.

OTHER:

Barnes stated that Rachel Christopher has been hired as the new transportation planner. Rachel Christopher stated that for the past six plus years, she has been with the Planning Dept. in the Development Review section. Prior to that she worked in the area of airport planning in the private sector. She is looking forward to working with everyone. She noted if there was anything she could do, the Committee members shouldn't hesitate to ask.

Ward stated she was looking forward to having Rachel aboard.

Schorr made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Yoakum and carried 4-0: Huff, Schorr, Ward and Yoakum voting 'yes'; Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Meginnis absent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.