

MEETING RECORD

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

NAME OF GROUP: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: April 14, 2022, 1:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pam Dingman – Lancaster County Engineer; Elizabeth Elliott – Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; Paul Barnes and Stephanie Rouse – Planning Department; Gary Bergstrom – Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Dept.; Bob Simmering and Erin Sokolik – Lincoln Transportation & Utilities (LTU); Michael Davis – StarTran; Roger Figard – Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD); Stephanie Fisher – City of Waverly; Tom Goodbarn – Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT); Chad Lay – Lincoln Airport Authority; Larry Legg – Lancaster County Engineer; and Kelly Oelke – City Hickman; (David Cary – Planning Dept.; Lynn Johnson – Parks and Recreation; Dan Marvin – Urban Development Dept.; and Craig Wacker – Nebraska Department of Transportation absent). Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept.; and other interested parties.

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

Dingman then requested a motion approving the minutes of the meeting held January 31, 2022. Motion for approval made by Legg, seconded by Elliott and carried 13-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Figard absent at time of vote; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE LINCOLN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (LRTP): A) MOVE PROJECT 234 (S. 68TH STREET, FIRTH ROAD TO STAGECOACH ROAD) FROM THE LANCASTER COUNTY ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN TO LANCASTER COUNTY FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN; B) MOVE PROJECT 107 (W. VAN DORN, SW 140TH TO SW 112TH) FROM THE LANCASTER COUNTY FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN TO LANCASTER COUNTY ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN; C) REMOVE PROJECT 213 (SW 42ND FROM W. HALLAM ROAD TO W. PELLA ROAD) FROM THE LANCASTER COUNTY FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN

Members present: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

Paul Barnes stated that this item is an amendment to the recently adopted LRTP. It was approved by the Officials Committee in December 2021. Staff is bringing forward an amendment at the request of the Lancaster County Engineer to add a project for S. 68th St. from Firth Rd. to Stagecoach Rd. This was a project that was in the Illustrative list. The County has been working with the State to obtain safety funds. That has happened. Some adjustments are being made. There is a series of changes that are impacted in order to add a project. That amendment process is laid out in the LRTP. Other changes include removing project 107 which is west Van Dorn Street. That will go to the Illustrative list. SW. 42nd Street is also being removed.

Dingman stated that S. 68th Street is very important to the residents of Lancaster county. They started doing studies on this in 2018. She is grateful to have Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) as a partner along with having safety funds to move it forward. This will be one of the largest projects that Lancaster County has done. She knows there is a representative from Hickman present today.

Kelly Oelke expressed gratitude for the support of this project. She is happy to move this forward. The safety is important to everyone, especially Norris School attendees.

Barnes added that this will be reviewed by Planning Commission on April 27, 2022 and then will go on to a public hearing and final action at Officials Committee on May 12, 2022.

ACTION:

Legg moved approval of revisions to the Lincoln MPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan: a) move project 2345 (S. 68th Street, Firth Road to Stagecoach Road) from the Lancaster County Illustrative Plan to Lancaster County Fiscally Constrained Plan; b) move project 107 (W. Van Dorn, SW 140th to SW 112th) from the Lancaster County Fiscally Constrained Plan to Lancaster County Illustrative Plan; and c) remove project 213 (SW 42nd from W. Hallam Road to W. Pella Road) from the Lancaster County Fiscally Constrained Plan), seconded by Goodbarn and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE FY 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): A) S. 69TH STREET, FIRTH ROAD TO STAGECOACH ROAD – ADD PROJECT AND PROGRAM FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE LANCASTER COUNTY PROGRAM; B) S. 98TH STREET, A STREET TO O STREET – REVISE THE PROGRAMMING FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW)/UTILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION /CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PHASES AND UPDATE BUDGET TO REFLECT THE LATEST ESTIMATES IN THE LANCASTER COUNTY PROGRAM; C) 148TH AND HOLDREGE STREET – REVISE THE PROGRAMMING FOR CONSTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PHASES FOR THE PROJECT AT 148TH STREET AND HOLDREGE STREET IN THE LANCASTER COUNTY PROGRAM

Members present: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

Barnes stated this is an amendment to add the S. 68th Street project. There were a couple of other changes as well. There is some rearranging of the 98th Street project, and funding for the 148th St. and Holdrege is being moved out one year.

Dingman stated that the S. 68th St. project is being added. 98th and O St. will need to go to a full environmental action. 148th St. and Holdrege are intersection improvements being done with safety funds. This was studied starting in 2018.

ACTION:

Legg moved approval of revisions to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program: a) S. 69th Street, Firth Road to Stagecoach Road – add project and program Federal funds to the Lancaster County program; 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 estimates in the Lancaster County program; and c) 148th and Holdrege Street – revise the programming for construction/construction engineering phases for the project at 148th Street and Holdrege Street in the Lancaster County program, seconded by Sokolik and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

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

Members present: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

Barnes stated this is for the budget. It is done annually to plan the PL funds through the State and NDOT. The full review was sent out to the administrative committee. He highlighted some of the comments. For this work program, the big difference is the LRTP has been done and the contract for the consultant has been closed. We received dollar amounts from the State earlier this week. We also made some updates to the Bike Share text that was received from LTU staff. The amount to be programmed is a little more than stated earlier. There is some reorganization of MPO staff duties being done. The committee believed additional funding for this area was appropriate. Rachel Christopher is a new staff member to the MPO. She is from the Development Review section of the Planning Dept. We have also added an item to coordinate with the State on their plans. This was a recommendation from the last audit. The next area is interagency and public outreach. We will be developing the public participation plan and updating it. A lot of this comes from the pandemic and the need for virtual meetings and open houses. We will also look at various website updates and enhancements. Regarding data development, that section largely stays the same. We are slightly increasing Short Range Planning in the area of TIP development. He is aware there is a lot going on at the Federal level. He anticipates having more TIP amendments. The MPO is doing the same on the TIP side. They have also added a climate action section. We are doing that locally. We have adjusted the amounts as listed. Transportation System Planning includes model development and maintenance. Training for staff can be provided if needed. The Transit Planning program, environmental studies and planning, floodplain area and master plan and airport planning are other items mentioned.

Elliott asked if the increase in funds is standard. Barnes answered that we typically develop work program off the estimates. We rely on the State to give accurate numbers. In past years, we had to do amendments to the work program.

ACTION:

Bergstrom moved approval of the FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Figard and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE 2022 SELF-CERTIFICATION REVIEW

Members present: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

Barnes stated this is a review of the Self-Certification. This makes sure we are following Federal regulations. This will be a recommendation to the Officials Committee where the Executive Officer, Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, will sign the self-certification and forward it to the State for their signature as well. This is bundled in with the annual Transportation Improvement Program.

ACTION:

Elliott moved approval of the 2022 Self-Certification Review, seconded by Legg and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

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

Members present: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

Barnes stated this is the annual TIP. Staff has been working on this since 2021. This is carrying forward the recommended projects as they were developed in the LRTP. We coordinate with all member agencies and incorporate their programs into the TIP. There is a subcommittee that meets separately to discuss those project. That committee met in February and March 2022 to communicate needs and projects. That subcommittee recommended approval. We need to see if the list of projects are in conformance, which they were determined to be. The TIP is available online for further review at:

<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Planning-Department/MPO/TIP>.

Staff works in coordination with Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT). The State has identified 16 projects. Lancaster County has projects. The S. 68th St. project was included and the changes voted on earlier were reflected. We work with LTU to program their group of projects. Appendices show separate projects. He wanted to recognize that this TIP in year four shows a dramatic drop in 'Lincoln On The Move' funds. That is the year it will sunset. That has been a nice additional funding source. We would like to continue the conversation. StarTran projects are included. There is the additional purchase of 13 buses and a maintenance garage project being added. Lincoln Airport Authority has a listing of projects. For FTA, these are the funds that get awarded to the State and come to the MPO through a competitive process, otherwise known as 5310 projects. We will be coming forward in the future to add projects that are currently under review. Ped, Bike and Trails has a variety of projects. He noted that Wilderness Trail is shown in two phases. Lastly is the RTSD project for grade separation project at 33rd and Cornhusker along with a lot of other improvements.

ACTION:

Figard moved approval of the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Davis and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

REPORT ON THE UPDATE OF THE LINCOLN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Barnes stated that this item will be moved to the next meeting with more information.

OTHER

Barnes stated that Rachel Christopher has been hired for the Planning Dept. position of Transportation Planner. She has been in Development Review for about six years. Before that, she was in the private sector in airport planning.

Elliott stated it will be exciting to have her join us.

Legg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Goodbarn and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Simmering and Sokolik voting 'yes'; Cary, Johnson, Marvin and Wacker absent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.