

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: August 3, 2023, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Elliott – Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; Paul Barnes and Stephanie Rouse – Planning Department; Gary Bergstrom – Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Roger Figard – Railroad Transportation Safety District; Stephanie Fisher – City of Waverly; Tom Goodbarn and Craig Wacker – Nebraska Department of Transportation; Chad Lay – Lincoln Airport Authority; Larry Legg and Jordan Wipf – County Engineer; Erin Sokolik – Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; Kelly Oelke – City of Hickman and Thomas Shafer – Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; (David Cary – Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department; Pam Dingman – Lancaster County Engineer; Carla Cosier – StarTran; and Maggie Stuckey-Ross – Parks and Recreation absent). Rachel Christopher and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; Michelle Lincoln – City of Bennet; and other interested parties.

Vice-Chair Elizabeth Elliott called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Elliott then requested a motion approving the minutes of the meeting held April 13, 2023. Motion for approval made by Bergstrom, seconded by Legg and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Shafer, Sokolik, Wacker and Wipf voting 'yes'; Cary, Cosier, Dingman and Stuckey-Ross absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING:

August 3, 2023

Members present: Barnes, Bergstrom, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Shafer, Sokolik, Wacker and Wipf; Cary, Cosier, Dingman and Stuckey-Ross absent.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- a. **Review and action on revisions to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
 - i. **City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities – Transportation program:**

1. **1st Street & Cornhusker – Traffic Signal Replacement – Reprogram ROW phase from FY 2024 to FY 2025, reprogram Utilities phase from FY 2025 to FY 2026, and reprogram Construction/CE phase from FY 2025 to FY 2027 with partial advanced construction and increased federal funding**
2. **A Street, 40th to 56th – Show Advanced Construction (AC) of a portion of funds in the Construction/CE phase due to rescinding of federal Coronavirus funds**
3. **US-34 and S. 84th Street/Russwood Parkway Intersection Improvements – Remove project**

ACTION:

Figard moved approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Shafer and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Shafer, Sokolik, Wacker and Wipf voting 'yes'; Cary, Cosier, Dingman and Stuckey-Ross absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO THE MPO MANAGEMENT PLAN

PUBLIC HEARING:

August 3, 2023

Members present: Barnes, Bergstrom, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Shafer, Sokolik, Wacker and Wipf; Cary, Cosier, Dingman and Stuckey-Ross absent.

Rachel Christopher stated that this is a proposal to add the City of Bennet to the MPO Technical Committee. Bennet recently moved from a village to a second class city. A request was submitted to the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) to be included. The other two second class cities are Waverly and Hickman. They were added a few years ago. The Bennet representative would be Michele Lincoln who is the Clerk/Treasurer for Bennet.

Elliott inquired if there were certain requirements for communities to be part of the MPO. Christopher believes the Technical Committee membership is at the discretion of staff and the committee. She believes it makes sense to include Bennet. Barnes concurred. He believes it is a MPO decision.

ACTION:

Legg moved approval on the amendment to the MPO Management Plan as recommended by staff, seconded by Fisher and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Shafer, Sokolik, Wacker and Wipf voting 'yes'; Cary, Cosier, Dingman and Stuckey-Ross absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE FY 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

PUBLIC HEARING:

August 3, 2023

Members present: Barnes, Bergstrom, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Shafer, Sokolik, Wacker and Wipf; Cary, Cosier, Dingman and Stuckey-Ross absent.

Christopher stated that this is the work program of the MPO. It describes the fiscal year funded transportation activities and budget. This amendment is to add carry over funds from the last fiscal year to the current fiscal year. The amount is \$233,912.00. That is the 80% federal share of the grant. She showed the breakdown of the funds. This amount will be added to the activity for Metropolitan Transportation Planning. This includes work on the Long Range Transportation Plan and coordination with the Comprehensive Plan. She doesn't believe this process of adding in the carryover funds has been commonly done. Going forward, MPO staff have discussed that it could be done more often. Otherwise, any money not spent in a fiscal year must wait two years before becoming available in the budget again following NDOT's audit of the PL fund. This will make the funding available and more flexible. Any funds that don't get used in 2024 will be carried over to next year.

Barnes added that a lot of this is in anticipation of the next LRTP update. The next consulting contract is estimated to cost around \$500,000.00. This approval will help fund that future contract.

ACTION:

Shafer moved approval to revisions to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program as recommended by staff, seconded by Legg and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Shafer, Sokolik, Wacker and Wipf voting 'yes'; Cary, Cosier, Dingman and Stuckey-Ross absent.

OTHER:

Goodbarn stated that he is moving to NDOT (Nebraska Dept. of Transportation) District 2 in Omaha. He still lives there and used to work there for many years. Brandon Varilek will be taking over District 1 and replacing Goodbarn on the Technical Committee. He stated that Brandon is very sharp and he believes that this committee will be in good hands. Many have worked with him already. He lives near Raymond, Nebraska. He will be a great asset. He stated that it's been great working with everyone.

Shafer offered Goodbarn his appreciation for his work in District 1. All committee members offered their congratulations and thanks for his service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one appeared.

Shafer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Figard and carried 14-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Elliott, Figard, Fisher, Goodbarn, Lay, Legg, Oelke, Rouse, Shafer, Sokolik, Wacker and Wipf voting 'yes'; Cary, Cosier, Dingman and Stuckey-Ross absent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.