



Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

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To: Technical Committee Members
From: Elizabeth Elliot, Technical Committee Chair
Subject: Technical Committee Meeting

Date: August 24, 2021
Time: 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Place: 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 [July 9, 2021](#) Technical Committee meeting
2. [Review and action](#) on revisions to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program
 - a. Nebraska Department of Transportation, I-80, Airpark - I-180: Add project and program federal funds
 - b. Nebraska Department of Transportation, I-80, Milford - Lincoln: Add project and program federal funds
3. [Report](#) on the StarTran 2021-22 Transit Development Plan
4. [Report](#) on the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan
5. Other topics for discussion

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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: July 9, 2021, 2:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: David Cary – Planning Department; Pam Dingman – Lancaster County Engineer; Elizabeth Elliott – Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; Paul Barnes – Planning Department; Gary Bergstrom – Health Dept.; Erin Sokolik – Lincoln Transportation and Utilities; Michael Davis – StarTran; Thomas Shaefer – Railroad Transportation Safety District; Stephanie Fisher – City of Waverly; Craig Wacker and Bob Rankin – Nebraska Dept. of Transportation; Chad Lay – Lincoln Airport Authority; Sara Hartzell – Parks & Recreation; Larry Legg – Lancaster County Engineer; Dan Marvin – Urban Development Dept.; Kellee Van Bruggen – Planning Dept.; Kelly Oelke absent. Allan Zafft and Teresa McKinstry - Planning Dept.; and Roma Amundson – County Commissioner.

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 June 21, 2021. Motion for approval made by Shaeffer, seconded by Hartzell and carried 13-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Cary, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Fisher, Hartzell, Legg, Shaefer, Sokolik, Van Bruggen and Wacker voting 'yes'; Marvin and Rankin abstaining; Lay absent at time of vote; Oelke absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; A) N-2 & US-77 PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT-REVISE THE PROGRAMMING FOR CONSTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PHASE TO ADD A FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCE AND CHANGE US-75 TO US 77:

Members present: Barnes, Bergstrom, Cary, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Fisher, Hartzell, Lay, Legg, Marvin, Rankin, Shaefer, Sokolik, Van Bruggen and Wacker; Oelke absent.

Allan Zafft stated that this is an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amends a current project in the current TIP on U.S. Highway 2 and U.S. Highway 77. In June, the Federal Highway Administration brought to our attention that federal funds must be obligated by September 2021. This will add a federal funding source on the project to occur before the end of the federal fiscal year 2021 and prevent a lapse of federal funds. It also corrects a typo from US-75 to US-77. The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is working on an agreement with the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the City of Lincoln regarding the federal funds.

Elliott stated that it is nice to have a partnership with the City, County and State without a lapse. This will benefit our area and allow for much needed improvement.

ACTION:

Motion for approval of revisions to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program; a) N-2 & US-77 pavement marking project-revise the programming for construction/construction engineering phase to add a federal funding source and change US-75 to US-77 made by Cary, seconded by Shaefer and carried 16-0: Barnes, Bergstrom, Cary, Davis, Dingman, Elliott, Fisher, Hartzell, Lay, Legg, Marvin, Rankin, Shaefer, Sokolik, Van Bruggen and Wacker voting 'yes'; Oelke absent.

OTHER:

- Zafft stated that the next Technical Committee meeting will be sometime in the fall. The Long Range Transportation Program (LRTP) will be ready to take to the public. He would like this committee to meet prior to that for a review of the document before it goes out to the public.
- Mike Davis stated that StarTran is starting the Transit Development Plan process. The first meeting will be on July 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

ISSUE

VOTE: Revision (Amendment No. 1) 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 2021-2025 TIP](#) was adopted by the MPO Officials Committee on May 17, 2021.

The proposed Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2022-2025 TIP includes the following revision:

- Nebraska Department of Transportation, I-80, Airpark - I-180: Add project and program federal funds
- Nebraska Department of Transportation, I-80, Milford - Lincoln: Add project and program federal funds

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/amendment-no.-1_ndot.pdf

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

STAFF CONTACT

Allan Zafft

ISSUE

REPORT: StarTran 2021-22 Transit Development Plan

BACKGROUND

StarTran initiated the [2021-2022 Transit Development Plan \(TDP\)](#) in the summer of 2021. The purpose of the TDP is to assess the existing transit services in the City of Lincoln and explore ways to improve the transit system. A comprehensive review of transit services is completed by StarTran about every five years. The TDP is scheduled to be completed in the winter/spring of 2022.

The 2021-22 TDP will help the City's transit system plan for a better future and has several primary goals:

- Build on the success of service changes implemented after the last TDP completed in 2016
- Ensure transit services are allocated equitably
- Explore options for serving new growth areas in the community
- Develop options for improving access to jobs
- Evaluate route alignments to serve the future downtown Multimodal Transit Center
- Explore alternative service options, like new transit hubs outside of downtown, commuter/express buses, or enhanced bus service in certain corridors

The TDP will be a data driven, community informed process with multiple opportunities for the public to provide input on the study. A virtual open house was held on July 29, 2021 for citizens to learn more about the TDP and offer suggestions for improvements to the transit system. In July 2021, a survey was made to the public that provides an opportunity to give input to make StarTran's bus service more convenient, reliable, efficient, and safer.

Nelson\Nygaard staff will report on the 2021-22 TDP at the August Technical Committee meeting.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

After the completion of the 2021-22 TDP, the Lincoln MPO will amend the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan to reflect the TDP recommendations.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT

Allan Zafft

August 24, 2021

ISSUE

REPORT: 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

BACKGROUND

As the Lincoln region's federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO), the Lincoln MPO is required to develop and maintain a long range transportation plan (LRTP) for transportation investments with a minimum 20-year plan horizon. The LRTP serves as a blueprint for managing the area's transportation system. The current LRTP, [2040 Long Range Transportation Plan - 2016 Update](#), was adopted in January of 2017.

In accordance with federal law, the Lincoln MPO is required to update the LRTP every five years. The next LRTP will be due by January of 2022 and will be known as the [2050 Long Range Transportation Plan \(2050 LRTP\)](#).

In the fall of 2019, the Lincoln MPO initiated the process to develop the 2050 LRTP by preparing and releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to retain a consultant firm to provide professional services for updating the MPO Travel Demand Model and LRTP. A Notice to Proceed was issued to Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (FHU) in late March 2020.

Lincoln MPO staff will provide a report on the 2050 LRTP at the August Technical Committee meeting. This report includes a presentation of the upcoming Phase 3 Public Engagement for the draft LRTP document. This document will include the Fiscally Constrained Plan and will come forward for review and approval later this year after community input.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The plan identifies needs and transportation revenues that the metropolitan region expects to receive for approximately three decades. The current LRTP contains:

- **Vision and goals:** a set of goals to represent the community's vision for Lincoln and Lancaster County's transportation system.
- **Needs assessment:** a snapshot of the existing transportation system.
- **Transportation programs and projects:** regional transportation investments that help accomplish the goals.

Once adopted, goals and strategies identified in the 2050 LRTP will guide transportation investments within our region in future years.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The MPO Project Oversight Planning Committee, a subcommittee of the MPO Technical Committee providing technical expertise and input during the LRTP planning process, has met in April, May, July, September, and November in 2020 and January, March, and April in 2021.

Technical Committee last received an update on the 2050 LRTP in June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT

Allan Zafft