City of Lincoln
CITY COUNCIL

Directors' Meeting Agenda

2 p.m. Monday, November 2, 2026
555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE
Bill Luxford Studio

I. Open Meetings Law Announcement
II. Approval of Directors' Meeting Minutes from October 19
III. City Clerk Advisories
IV. City Council Advisories
V. Director Advisories
VI. Councilmember Commission, Committee, and Event Updates
VII. Public Comment
VIII. Post-Meeting Council Members' Calls to City Directors
IX. Adjournment

Next Directors' Meeting – 2 p.m. Monday, November 16

City Correspondence

City Clerk	City Council Action 10/26/26
Planning & Development	Administrative Approvals
	BP261027 - 1 MPO Technical Commitee
	BPC261028 - 1 PC Final Action Notice
	BPC261028 - 1 PC Action
LNM	October Nebraska Municipal Review
Parks & Recreation	Waterford Group Meetings

Constituent Correspondence

Kumar Shah for iPronto	iPronto Response Letter
"	Our response to your October 23 letter — and a decision request by 10:00 AM Tuesday, October 27
"	The rate schedule, and three sets of records — Husker game days, October 31 and November 21
"	Pronto media release, 29 October — and our request for November 21
Jen Poff for Verizon	WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ATTACHED - COMMENCE RENT Site Name : LIN TOMATO SOUP - A Package Id : 2090413 Contract # : 300330
Dylan Kitchen for Leadership Lincoln	Invitation for City Council Participation - Youth Government Seminar
Shawna Hurley	Waterford Trail [Support]
Bob Reeves	Campaign Signage Violations
Wesley Newton	Waterford Trail Public Engagement Meeting Failure
Taylor Wyatt	Waterford Trail Concerns
Regan Anson	Re: Waterford Trail Public Engagement Meeting Failure

From:	Chris A. Sison
To:	KOLN/KGIN; Aishah S. Witte; Angela S. Quinn; Anthony J. Leetch; Barb D. McIntyre; Benjamin A. Sobel; Bennie R. Shobe; Brenda J. Thomas; Brodey B. Weber; Carl J. Steffen; Chad D. Mohr; Cheri L. Howard; Chris J. Connolly; Chris S. Jones; City Clerk All; Claire Y. Oglesby; Daley C. ElDorado; Daniel K. Marvin; David R. Cary; David T. Engler; Elizabeth D. Elliott; Hallie E. Salem; Holly L. Lewis; James M. Bowers; Jamie L. Reyes; Jamie Phillips; Jenni R. Ryan; Jessica Loos; Jocelyn W. Golden; Jon D. Carlson; Joseph P. Dondlinger; Justin P. Carlson; Kasey L. Simonson; Katie N. Herrunzie; Kerry L. Kernen; Kristi K. Nydahl; Laura A. Tinnerstet; Lauren S. Triplett; Liza A. Alderman; Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross; Marcia L. Huenink; Mary E. Lowe; Mayor; Melissa M. Ramos-Lammli; Michele M. Abendroth; Michon Morrow; Nina J. Anderson-Trumble; Peter A. Kroll; Philip L. Dush; Randall S. Jones; Rhonda M. Haas; Ron L. Cane; Ryan S. Wieber; Sandra J. Washington; Sara J. Hoyle; Scott Parker; Sharon R. Mulder; Shelli K. Reid; Shelly L. Dostal; Sherry Wolf; ssahling; ssprackling; Steve R. Owen; Tammy B. Wissing; Thomas A Schaffer; Tim L. Byrne; Tom Duden; Tom J. Beckius; Vanessa A. Cruz
Subject:	City Council Action 10/26/26
Date:	Tuesday, October 27, 2026 10:06:07 AM
Attachments:	Action102626.docx Action102626.pdf

Good morning - Action from the City Council meeting held on 10/26/26.

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ACTION FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026 5:30 PM

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

DUE TO THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY, CITY COUNCIL WILL NOT MEET ON NOVEMBER 9, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSENT AGENDA

Anyone wishing to address an item on the Consent Agenda may do so at this time.

1. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

1.a. 26R-502
Appointing Seth Derner to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission for a term to expire August 24, 2029. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-96003)**

1.b. 26R-503
Reappointing Erin Chambers and Ann Powers to the Community Forestry Board for terms to expire August 14, 2029. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-96004)**

1.c. 26R-504
Reappointing Brian Munk to the Community Forestry Advisory Board for a term to expire August 14, 2028. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-96005)**

1.d. 26R-505
Approving the Program Agreement between the City of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation, to allow the use of Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program funds for the Downtown Lincoln Bike Network Project, Project No. DPS-5221(4), Control No. 13666. **(ADOPTED, 5-1; A-96006)**

1.e. Lincoln Electric Financial and Operating Statement for September 2026. **(PLACED ON FILE)**

2. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

2.a. PLACED ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:
Administrative Amendment 26054, to Change of Zone 05061G, Southwest Village Planned Unit Development (PUD), was approved by the Planning and Development Services Director on October 12, 2026, to show private RV parking for horse owners, trainers and riders during racing season, generally located at S 1st Street and W Denton Road.
Administrative Amendment 26055, to Special Permit 2045A, Hartland's Cardinal Heights 2nd Addition Community Unit Plan (CUP), was approved by the Planning and Development Services Director on October 13, 2026, to remove the western portion of the development, generally located at NW 56th Street and W Partridge Lane.

MISCELLANEOUS REFERRALS – NONE.

- VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS -

4. PUBLIC HEARING - LIQUOR RESOLUTIONS

4.a. 26R-512
Application of Variedades El Quetzal, LLC dba Variedades El Quetzal for a Class D Liquor License located at 930 South 13th Street. **(ADOPTED FOR DENIAL, 6-0; A-96007)**

4.b. 26R-513
Manager Application of Bryan Gonzalez for Variedades El Quetzal, LLC dba Variedades El Quetzal located at 930 South 13th Street. **(ADOPTED FOR DENIAL, 6-0; A-96008)**

- VOTE ON LIQUORS -

5. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTIONS

5.a. 26R-506
Approving an Agreement between the City of Lincoln and Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Company, through intergovernmental purchasing under the State of Montana Master Contract/Agreement SPSD26-0563LS_HPE on behalf of RFxPremier, State of Nebraska Participating Addendum Contract No. 16319 OC, to provide Data Communication under MOU 10130 O4, for a four (4) year term, from September 3, 2026 to September 2, 2030, with the option to renew for one (1) additional three (3) year term. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-96009)**

5.b. 26R-507
Accepting and approving the report of new and pending claims against the City for October 1 through October 15, 2026. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-96010)**

5.c. 26R-508
Special Permit 1786C - Application of Black Forest Partners, Inc. for the Black Forest Estates Community Unit Plan (CUP), to amend the lot area requirements, generally located at South 62nd Street and Old Cheney Road. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-96011)**

5.d. 26R-509
Comprehensive Plan Amendment 26001- Application of South Beltway Coalition to amend the Lincoln- Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan, on properties spanning between S 27th Street and S 70th Street near Highway 2 (South Beltway). **(Related Items: 26R-509, 26R-510, 26R-511) (ADOPTED, 6-0; A-96012)**

5.e. 26R-510

South Beltway Coalition Development Agreement between the City of Lincoln and the South Beltway Coalition, comprised of multiple Property Owners, involving the development of approximately 971 acres of property near Highway 2 (the South Beltway) between South 27th Street and South 68th Street. **(Related Items: 26R-509, 26R-510, 26R-511) (ADOPTED, 6-0; A-96013)**

5.f. 26R-511

Approving Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lincoln and the County of Lancaster, Nebraska involving the cooperative design and construction of certain intersection improvements on Saltillo Road. **(Related Items: 26R-509, 26R-510, 26R-511) (ADOPTED, 6-0; A-96014)**

- VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS –

6. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES 2ND READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.c. HAD 2ND READING)

6.a. 26-112

Text Amendment 26009 - Application of Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning and Development Services Department to amend Lincoln Municipal Code Section 27.60.060 to remove an obsolete reference; to amend Section 27.62.080 to remove the residency requirements for early childhood care facilities; to amend Sections 27.72.030, 27.72.040, 27.72.050 to provide clarification for application of side and rear yard setbacks and outdoor dining areas; and to amend Section 27.72.060 to clarify that both outdoor dining and drinking are permitted in the required front yard.

6.b. 26-113

Change of Zone 26018 - Application of Eric Hasselbalch for a change of zone to add Landmark status and a Historic Overlay to the property located at 1116 Goodhue Boulevard.

6.c. 26-114

Creating Wastewater Special Assessment District #1190 Hillcrest Heights for the purpose of constructing an 8-inch diameter wastewater main along Anthony Lane and E. Hillcrest Drive between O Street and Malaga Drive/Hillcrest Trail.

- END PUBLIC HEARING –

7. ORDINANCES - 3RD READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS

7.a. 26-108

Change of Zone 07060F - Application of Lincoln Federal Bancorp, Inc., to amend the existing Wilderness Heights PUD (Planned Unit Development), generally located at South 40th Street and Wilderness Hills Boulevard, to revise the lot layout for additional townhome lots with waivers to the Lot & Height requirements and increase the total allowed dwelling units within the PUD. **(10/5/26 – Verbal motion to delay for 2 weeks to 10/19/26 with continued public hearing.) (PASSED, 6-0; ABSTAINED: BECKIUS; #21939)**

7.b. 26-110

Amending the pay schedule for a certain employee group by adjusting the schedules of annual, monthly, biweekly and hourly pay range equivalents for employees of the City of Lincoln whose classifications are assigned to pay ranges prefixed by 'N'. **(Related Items: 26-110, 26R-488) (PASSED, 7-0; #21940)**

7.c. 26R-488

Approving the labor contract between the City of Lincoln and the Public Association of Government Employees (PAGE) for a term effective August 13, 2026 through August 31, 2028. **(Related Items: 26-110, 26R-488) (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-96015)**

7.d. 26-111

Street and Alley Vacation 26008 - Application of the City of Lincoln to vacate a portion of the east-west alley generally located between L and M Streets and west of South 7th Street. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21941)**

8. RESOLUTIONS - 1ST READING (ITEMS 8.a. THROUGH 8.j. HAD 1ST READING)

8.a. 26R-514

Approving the Construction Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the signal project at Cotner & Adams Street, LCLC-5245(2), CN13438, Project No. 705295.

8.b. 26R-515

Approving the Professional Services Agreement Supplement No. 4 agreement between the City of Lincoln and Schemmer Associates, Inc. to amend the preliminary engineering services for the 1st Street & Cornhusker Hwy. Intersection Improvement Project, LCLC-5213(3), CN 13435, Project No. 702938.

8.c. 26R-516

Approving the Construction Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the 9th & 10th Street Signal Project at A and D Streets), LCLC-5261(1); CN13436; Project No. 702144.

8.d. 26R-517
Approving the On-Call Professional Services Task Order Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between the City of Lincoln and Felsburg Holt and Ullevig (FHU) to perform NEPA Services for the South 27th Street Bridge, South of Rokeby Road, LCLC-55(199), CN 13621, Project No. 705712.

8.e. 26R-518
Approving the Qualified Transportation Plan 2026.

8.f. 26R-519
Miscellaneous 26008- Application of Urban Development to declare the Azalealand Redevelopment area generally located at 3701 Prescott Avenue, blighted and substandard.

8.g. 26R-520
Miscellaneous 26010 - Application of the Director of Urban Development to declare the area generally bounded by Northwest 27th Street and Highway 34, blighted and substandard.

8.h. 26R-521
Adopting Lincoln Electric System Annual Budget for 2027 to become effective January 1, 2027.

8.i. 26R-522
Adopting Lincoln Electric System Rate Schedules to become effective January 1, 2027.

8.j. 26R-523
Approving the Parking Management Agreement between the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln and the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission to provide parking management for the Public Building Parking Garage located at 10th and K Streets.

9. ORDINANCES - 1ST READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEMS 9.a. THROUGH 9.h. HAD 1ST READING)

9.a. 26-115
Amending the pay schedule for the employee group whose classifications are assigned to the pay range prefixed by the letter "M" by creating the classification 3152 - Crime Analysis Unit Head.

9.b. 26-116
Amending the pay schedule for the employee group whose classifications are assigned to the pay range prefixed by the letter "A" by creating the classification 3674 - Public Health Laboratory Technologist.

9.c. 26-117

Amending the pay schedule for the employee group whose classifications are assigned to the pay range prefixed by the letter "N" by creating the classification 5231 Transportation Equipment Operator III.

9.d. 26-118

Amending the pay schedule for employee group whose classifications are assigned to the pay range which is prefixed by "N" by changing the pay range of the following classifications: 5229 - Transportation Equipment Operator I from N13 to N15 and 5230 - Transportation Equipment Operator II from N16 to N17.

9.e. 26-120

Street Name Change 26001 - Application of Planning and Development Services to rename a portion of 89th Street to Bay Hill Drive, between Himark Lane on the north and Numark Lane on the south.

9.f. 26-121

Text Amendment 26012 - Request of Upsilon of Phi Kappa Tau to amend Lincoln Municipal Code Section 27.72.060 to allow an open, unenclosed porch within a corner front yard no closer than 10 feet from the street line.

9.g. 26-122

Change of Zone 05068J - Application of Krueger Development Company to amend and revise the layout of Block 3 of the Woodlands at Yankee Hill PUD, generally located at Mohave Drive and Nicole Lane, to add a commercial use and an additional 24 multi- family dwelling units, and remove a pedestrian way between Nicole Lane and Yankee Hill Road.

9.h. 26-123

Authorizing the issuance of Lincoln Electric System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, in an amount not to exceed $500,000,000.

10. PENDING LIST (EXTENDED ONE WEEK)

10.a. 24-130

Change of Zone 24018 - Application of Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., to change the zoning designation from AG Agricultural District to H-4 Highway Commercial District, on approximately 15 acres on the property generally located north of the O Street and Anthony Lane intersection. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (11/18/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain**

10.b. 24R-526

Special Permit 24030 - Application of Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., to allow a planned service commercial development with associated waivers on the property generally located north of the O Street and Anthony Lane intersection. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (Action Date: 12/2/24) (11/18/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

10.c. 24R-527

Approving the Conditional Zoning Agreement between the City and Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., for the property generally located at 95th and O Street. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (Action Date: 12/2/24) (11/18/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the council on a matter not on this agenda, and not planned to appear on a future agenda, may do so at the open microphone session. Individuals are allowed a total of 5 minutes to speak regardless of the number of topics. For the month of October, open microphone sessions will be held on October 19 & October 26, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT 7:51 P.M.

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From: Laura A. Tinnerstet
To: Benjamin A. Sobel
Cc: Steve S. Henrichsen; David R. Cary
Subject: Administrative Approvals
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 11:43:44 AM

Good morning,

There were no Administrative Approvals this week.

Thank you,

Laura Tinnerstet
Administrative Aide II
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From:	Shelli K. Reid
To:	Benjamin A. Sobel
Cc:	David R. Cary; Steve S. Henrichsen; Laura A. Tinnerstet
Subject:	BP261027 - 1 MPO Technical Commitee
Date:	Tuesday, October 27, 2026 2:37:12 PM
Attachments:	BP261027-1 MPO Technical Committee Meeting.pdf

Please see attached.

Thank you,

Shelli Reid
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Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

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To: Technical Committee Members
From: David Cary, Technical Committee Chair
Subject: Technical Committee Meeting

Date: November 4, 2026
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Room 113 – Bill Luxford Studio, County-City Building

Meeting Agenda:

Roll call and acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the August 12, 2026 and August 25, 2026 Technical Committee meetings
2. Consent Agenda (Public Hearing and Action)
    a. Review and action on revisions to the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
        i. City of Waverly – Add program
            1. Oldfield Street, Cannongate Road to N 141st Street – Add project and program federal funds
        ii. Lancaster County Engineering program:
            1. Saltillo Road, 27th Street to 68th Street – Reprogram Construction/CE phase from Historical years to FY 2027
        iii. Lincoln Transportation and Utilities-StarTran program:
            1. Revenue Vehicles – Remove/reprogram funds from Historical years to FY 2027
        iv. Lincoln Transportation and Utilities-Transportation program:
            1. Randolph Street, Capitol Parkway to 40th Street – Reprogram ROW phase from Historical years to FY 2027 and reprogram Construction/CE phase from FY 2027 to FY 2028

2. 84th St. and US-6 (Cornhusker Hwy.) - Intersection Improvements – Reprogram Utilities phase from Historical years to FY 2027

v. Railroad Transportation Safety District program:

1. 33rd and Cornhusker/BNSF Rail Corridor - Phase A – Reprogram Construction/Construction Engineering phase from Historical years to FY 2027

vi. State of Nebraska Department of Transportation program:

1. N-2, Lincoln-Syracuse – Reprogram all funds from FY 2027 to Historical years

3. Items removed from Consent Agenda
4. Review and action on MPO endorsement of the updated National Functional Classification maps as included in the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update
5. Review and action on the Lincoln MPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update
6. Review and action on revisions to the Group Project Listing Administrative Modification Process
7. Review and action on the Lincoln MPO Mobility Plan (Lincoln Mobility Plan)
8. Other topics for discussion
9. Public Comment

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From: Shelli K. Reid
To: Benjamin A. Sobel
Cc: David R. Cary; Steve S. Henrichsen
Subject: BPC261028 - 1 PC Final Action Notice
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 3:19:18 PM
Attachments: BPC261028 - 1 PC Final Action.pdf

Please see attached.

Thank you,

Shelli Reid
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PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Shelli Reid, Planning and Development Services

DATE: October 28, 2026

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: October 28, 2026

Please be advised that on October 28, 2026, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution PC-02005 approving **Preliminary Plat 26002,** Hennessey Heights, to plat 207 single family lots and six outlots with associated waivers, generally located at NW 57th Street and W Thatcher Lane.

The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the Lincoln City Council. The Planning Commission's action on this application is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning and Development Services Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (search for "PATS"). Click on "Planning Application Tracking Service (PATS)" at the top of the page, click "Selection Screen" under "PATS Tools" on the right side of the screen, type in the application number (i.e., PP26002), click on "Search," then "Select," and go to "Related Documents".

From:	Shelli K. Reid
To:	Planning_ALL; Benjamin A. Sobel; Commish; Abigail F. Littrell; Danielle K. Vachal; Elizabeth D. Elliott; Jon D. Carlson; Morgan R. Sanchez; Nicholas T. Bussey; Pamela L. Dingman; Rick D. Hoppe; Ron E. Rehtus; Sarah J. Rada; Shelli K. Reid; Terry A. Kathe
Subject:	BPC261028 - 1 PC Action
Date:	Wednesday, October 28, 2026 3:27:52 PM
Attachments:	BPC261028 - 1 PC Action.pdf

Please see attached.

Thank you,

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ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

__PLEASE NOTE:__ The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of *FINAL ACTION*. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.**

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

[All Commissioners present; one vacant seat]

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held October 14, 2026. **__**APPROVED: 8-0 (one vacant seat)*__**

1. __CONSENT AGENDA:__
__(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)__

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:

1.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 26007, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to add the Fire Station Renovations / Expansions project, including acquisition of 5021 S 48th Street to allow for enhancements to Station 6.
Staff recommendation: In General Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov
__Planning Commission recommendation: IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 8-0 (one vacant seat). Planning Commission recommendation will be forwarded to the Finance Department.__

1.2 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 26008, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, an amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan, the Central Hotel / 13th & O Redevelopment Project, to amend the Proposed Costs and Financing section of the project plan, generally located on the south side of O Street between 13th and 14th Streets.
Staff recommendation: In General Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov
__Planning Commission recommendation: IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 8-0 (one vacant seat). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m.__

CHANGE OF ZONE:

1.3 CHANGE OF ZONE 26023 to locally landmark property described as Lots 1-3, Block 29, Havelock, commonly known as 6433 Havelock Avenue.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Jill Dolberg, 402-441-6373, jdolberg@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat) Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

SPECIAL PERMIT:

1.4 SPECIAL PERMIT 26039, to allow the Parkline Community Unit Plan (CUP) over approximately 5.5 acres for 33 single-family attached and townhome lots, on property located at 6430 S 56th St, with associated waivers.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Jacob Schlange, 402-441-6362, jschlange@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITONAL APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated October 15, 2026. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT:

4.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 26002, for adoption of the 2026 update to PlanForward 2050, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat) Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m. Public hearing before the County Board is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS:

4.2 MISCELLANEOUS 26011, for adoption of the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. The Planning Commission recommendation will be forwarded to the Lincoln MPO for final action.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Rachel Christopher, 402-441-7603, rchristopher@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat). This item will appear before the next scheduled MPO Officials Committee for final action.

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS 26012, for adoption of the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Lincoln Mobility Plan. The Planning Commission recommendation will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council and Lincoln MPO for final action.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Mia Haschenburger, 402-441-6334, Mia.Haschenburger@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m. This item will also appear before the next scheduled MPO Officials Committee for final action.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND ASSOCIATED ITEMS:

4.4a COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 26003, to amend the updated Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan for Hennessey Heights to change approximately 47 acres from Tier III to Tier I Priority A on the Priority Growth Areas map and revise the 2050 Future Service Limit to match the new Tier I boundary, and to amend the Future Land Use Map from Agricultural to Residential - Urban Density for the same property, generally located at NW 57th Street and W Thatcher Lane.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat), Public hearing before the City Council is currently pending until further notice.

4.4b ANNEXATION 26010, to annex approximately 47 acres generally located at NW 57th Street and W Thatcher Lane.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated October 15, 2026. Public hearing before the City Council is currently pending until further notice.

4.4c CHANGE OF ZONE 26024, Hennessey Heights, for a change of zone on approximately 5.13 acres from AG Agricultural to R-3 Residential on property generally located at NW 57th Street and W Thatcher Lane.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated October 15, 2026. Public hearing before the City Council is currently pending until further notice.

4.4d PRELIMINARY PLAT 26002, Hennessey Heights, to plat 207 single family lots and six outlots with associated waivers, generally located at NW 57th Street and W Thatcher Lane. **FINAL ACTION**
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated October 15, 2026. Resolution No. PC-02005.

TEXT AMENDMENT:

4.5 TEXT AMENDMENT 26014, to amend five (5) sections of the Lincoln Municipal Code to address identified issues and improve the development process.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tanner Hiemer, 402-441-6369, thiemer@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat) Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

ANNEXATION:

4.6 ANNEXATION 26005, to annex approximately 67 acres generally located along S 98th Street between South Street and A Street and along A Street between S 93rd Street and S 98th Street.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (one vacant seat) Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION: None

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO.

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Adjournment: 2:00 p.m.

From: noreply@lonm.org on behalf of Ashley Wolfe
To: Benjamin A. Sobel
Subject: October Nebraska Municipal Review
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 10:02:39 AM

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The October issue of the *Nebraska Municipal Review* is now live on the League website.

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Enjoy the autumn weather and keep up the good work in your municipalities! And please, keep sharing your great news with me for the magazine!

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From:	Alexander E. Duryea
To:	Benjamin A. Sobel
Cc:	Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross
Subject:	Waterford Group Meetings
Date:	Friday, October 30, 2026 1:21:27 PM
Attachments:	13554 Waterford Trail Fact Sheet 10-6-26.docx

Greetings,

Following up with the group meeting information. Our second group meeting will be held at 5pm this evening, Oct 30th, at the Lincoln Parks and Recreation office 3131 O St. Suite 300. The third group meeting will also be at 5pm on Monday November 2nd , at the Lincoln Parks and Recreation office 3131 O St. Suite 300. I attached the fact sheet which was mailed out earlier this month for the project. Let me know if any more information is needed.

Happy Trails,

Alex Duryea
Planning and Construction Trail Manager
City of Lincoln
Parks and Recreation | Planning and Construction
Office: 402-441-1652
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PROJECT FACT SHEET

October 2026

Waterford Trail
Trail Construction Project
TAP-55(192); C.N. 13554

LOCATION: Identified as ***Waterford Trail,*** the proposed project would construct a new 10-foot-wide, approximately 2.57-mile paved multi-use trail from North 84th Street and College Park Road to North 104th Street and Holdrege Street in Lincoln, Nebraska. The trail would start at the southeast corner of North 84th Street and College Park Road and extend east on College Park Road until reaching Southeast Community College. The trail would then travel north, follow along the west side of Southeast Community College for approximately 0.20 miles to the northwest corner of the north parking lot, after which it would travel east and south through the developed campus and then gradually meander southeast adjacent to a wooded drainage area where it would cross North 98th Street by Lincoln Fire and Rescue Station #16. The trail would then parallel Boathouse Road and Shore Front Drive until reaching North 104th Street where it would turn north between the Waterford Lake and single-family dwellings on Waterside Way/North 104th Street until crossing Shoreline Drive. The trail would then parallel North 104th Street north to the proposed terminus at Holdrege Street. Portions of the project along this alignment have been completed with prior development.

PURPOSE AND NEED: The purpose of the Waterford Trail project is to expand alternative transportation options and recreational connectivity across Lincoln and work toward plans outlined in the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Project is needed to fill the gaps between the existing segments of the Waterford Trail and to increase the connectivity of Southeast Community College and Ada Robinson Elementary School to their existing neighborhoods as well as the existing and future planned trail systems.

SCOPE OF WORK: The improvements on this project consist of a new 10-foot-wide concrete trail with earth shoulders. Pavement removal and replacement would occur for adjacent sidewalks, driveways along College Park Road, and curbs and gutters.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: The proposed project is currently in the preliminary design phase. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in spring 2028 and be completed by fall 2028.

RIGHT-OF-WAY: This project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right of-way (ROW), permanent easements (PE), and temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to construction phasing requirements.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS: The trail corridor would have minor impacts on wetland resources along the project, but mitigation is not anticipated. Use of the 84th Street Commuter Trail as well as existing segments of the Waterford Trail may be temporarily restricted at times to connect the new trail.

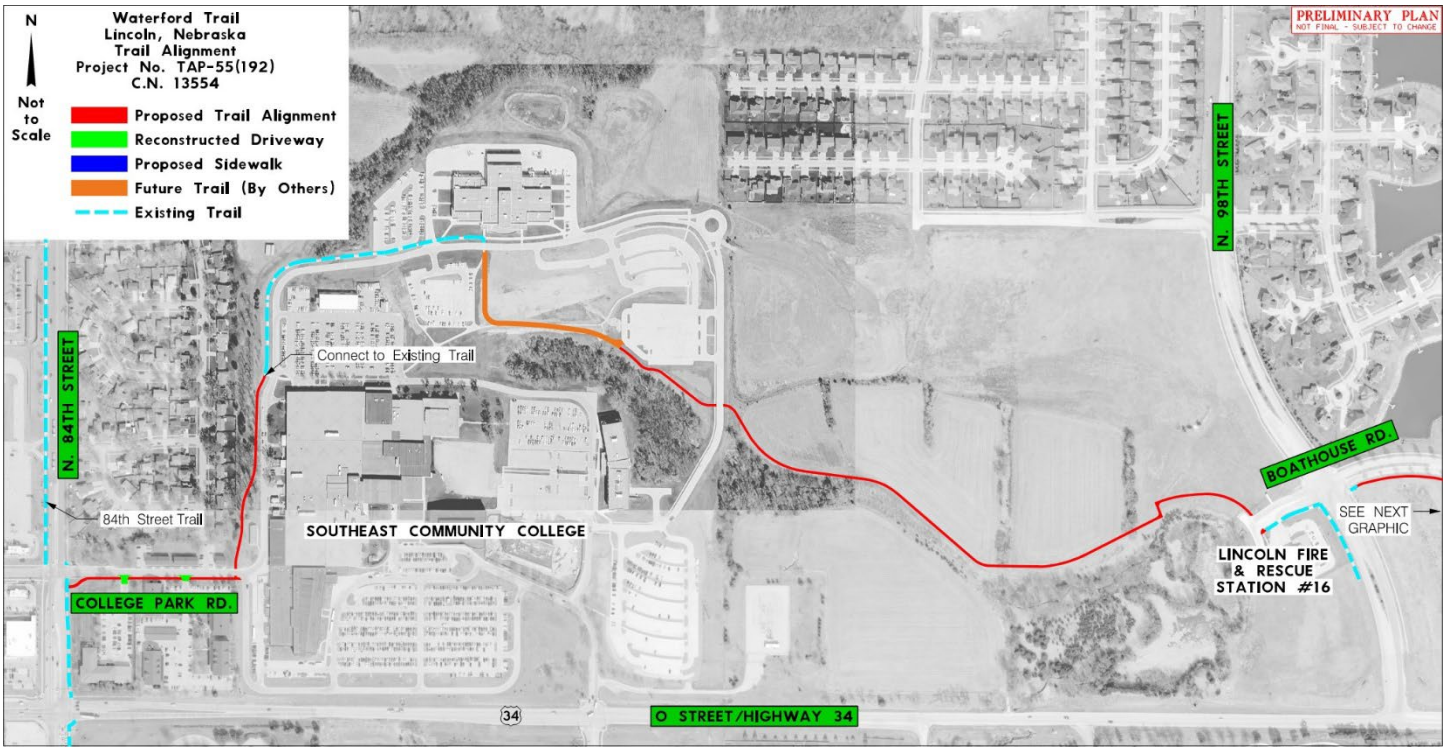
ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC: This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Details will be determined during final design.

ESTMATED COST: The project is estimated to cost $3 million, which includes design, inspection, additional ROW, and construction costs. The project would be funded with 80% Federal Transportation funds and 20% local funds provided by the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by NDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated February 23, 2026 executed by FHWA and NDOT.

City of Lincoln
PARKS AND RECREATION

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From:	Kumar Shah
To:	Mayor
Cc:	Elizabeth D. Elliott; Rick D. Hoppe; Jon D. Carlson; Tony M. Bisesi; Spencer M. Lauber; Carla M. Cosier; Bennie R. Shobe; Brodey B. Weber; Council Packet; James M. Bowers; Justin P. Carlson; Sandra J. Washington; Tom Duden; Tom J. Beckius; Public Relations; Brandon Meier; John Backer; Davidson, Matt
Subject:	Our response to your October 23 letter — and a decision request by 10:00 AM Tuesday, October 27
Date:	Sunday, October 25, 2026 8:07:39 AM
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Importance:	High

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Mayor Gaylor Baird,

Thank you for replying, and for doing so on the record. Our response is attached. We are publishing it on our Newsroom alongside your letter, which we are publishing in full and unedited.

Three things, briefly.

1. **The $118 per hour in your letter is not our figure.** We have never proposed a rate. Since September 15 we have offered to pay StarTran's fully burdened rate — whatever the City sets it at — and have asked repeatedly for the schedule. We have not received it.

2. **The Charter Service Rule was not triggered by Pronto.** FTA advised the City of that in Advisory Opinion 10-01 in May 2010, on the City's own request, and the City has filed the charter notice every year since.

3. **October 31 is still reachable.** Capacity enters our schedules departure by departure, within hours of supply being confirmed. A StarTran bus would be added exactly as a motorcoach or school bus is.

We are asking for a meeting, the rate, and the operating record — and for an agreement, or a plain no, by **10:00 AM Central on Tuesday, October 27**. We asked for Monday the 26th in our note of October 22; this is an extension of that, not a new demand.

I am available at any hour, on [redacted]

Kumar



From: Mayor <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2026 14:02
To: Kumar Shah <[redacted]>
Cc: Elizabeth D. Elliott <Elizabeth.Elliott@lincoln.ne.gov>; Rick D. Hoppe <RHoppe@lincoln.ne.gov>; Jon D. Carlson <jcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov>; Tony M. Bisesi <TBisesi@lincoln.ne.gov>; Spencer M. Lauber <SLauber@lincoln.ne.gov>; Carla M. Cosier <CCosier@lincoln.ne.gov>; Bennie R. Shobe <BShobe@lincoln.ne.gov>; Brodey B. Weber <BWeber@lincoln.ne.gov>; Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>; James M. Bowers <JBowers@lincoln.ne.gov>; Justin P. Carlson <JPCarlson@lincoln.ne.gov>; Sandra J. Washington <SWashington@lincoln.ne.gov>; Tom Duden <TDuden@lincoln.ne.gov>; Tom J. Beckius <TBeckius@lincoln.ne.gov>; Public Relations <pr@prontocorporation.com>; Brandon Meier <bmeier@huskers.com>; John Backer <john.backer@unl.edu>; Davidson, Matt <mdavidson@huskers.com>
Subject: iPronto Response Letter

October 23, 2026

Kumar Shah
President and Chief Executive Officer
Pronto Corporation
[redacted]

Dear Mr. Shah,

Thank you for your October 20, 2026, correspondence regarding iPronto's request to

lease Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU)-StarTran buses and operators for upcoming University of Nebraska football games.

After reviewing your request and considering LTU-StarTran's operational responsibilities, staffing levels, financial position, and the information iPronto has provided, the City is maintaining its decision not to lease LTU-StarTran buses or provide operators for iPronto's game-day shuttle service. Providing buses to iPronto is not in the best interests of Star Tran ridership nor Lincoln taxpayers.

The City of Lincoln was proud to provide the Big Red Express service to the Lincoln community. iPronto's decision to provide game day service triggered a federal law that requires the City to step aside if a private sector provider is capable and willing to provide the service.

StarTran provided the data to iPronto showing that the Big Red Express averaged 1,200 one-way trips each football Saturday equaling 2,400 total trips on a game day. iPronto represented it was "ready, willing and able" to assume game day transportation, and it was never stated that Star Tran would be needed for iPronto to fulfill its commitment.

Now iPronto is saying they must have StarTran resources even though the company's numbers show they are serving an estimated 1,000 of the 2,400 total trips they promised to assume.

With StarTran removed from the picture, the City cannot generate the revenues collected from game day riders. The City cannot cover the driver overtime, bus maintenance, liability costs, and long-term wear and tear without those revenues, forcing the City cover a private sector transport service with taxpayer dollars. iPronto's offer to pay StarTran costs at the National Transit Database cost of $118 per hour does not solve the problem and still leaves Lincoln taxpayers with financial liability for a private sector service.

We recognize that game day service may need public subsidy some years. The Big Red Express broke even some years and required minor amounts of City assistance in other years. Now the City is being asked to greatly increase its subsidy for game day transportation at taxpayer expense not for the benefit of the community, but for the benefit of a private for-profit business.

It is not in the best interests of the Lincoln community to disrupt Star Tran operations to subsidize a private, for-profit service. I stand by Star Tran's original decision to deny iPronto's request.

Sincerely,

Leirion Gaylor Baird
Mayor
City of Lincoln
Office: 402-441-7511

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Mayor@lincoln.ne.gov

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From:	Kumar Shah
To:	Elizabeth D. Elliott; Carla M. Cosier
Cc:	Mayor; Council Packet
Subject:	The rate schedule, and three sets of records — Husker game days, October 31 and November 21
Date:	Sunday, October 25, 2026 8:14:58 AM
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Importance:	High

Ms. Elliott, Ms. Cosier,

Attached is a short letter setting out what we are asking the City to provide. **None of it asks you to reopen Friday's decision.**

1. The equipment and driver lease rate schedule — or, if none is maintained, the fully burdened hourly rate for a bus and a qualified operator.
2. The Big Red Express operating records for the past three seasons.
3. The § 604.12 quarterly filings for that service.
4. Where any of those is not maintained, a line saying so — so nobody waits on documents that do not exist.

The commercial question is one sentence: **name the fully burdened rate and we will pay it.** If the answer is that no rate is acceptable, we would rather be told that plainly.

We have asked the Mayor and the Council for a decision by 10:00 AM Central on Tuesday, October 27, because that is the last point at which vehicles can be assigned and seats opened in time for October 31. Our response to the Mayor's letter dated October 23, 2026, is attached for your reference. A call is faster than a letter — I am on [redacted] at any hour.

Kumar



From: Kumar Shah <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2026 12:19 PM
To: Elizabeth D. Elliott <elizabeth.elliott@lincoln.ne.gov>; Carla M. Cosier <CCosier@lincoln.ne.gov> <CCosier@lincoln.ne.gov>
Cc: Customer Service <cs@ipronto.com>
Subject: Fw: Decision Requested by Monday, October 26 on Husker Shuttle Pilot

Elizabeth / Carla,
Following up on the email below - we realized that we have not yet received the hourly vehicle and staff rate filed with the City and FTA as part of your transit service operation. For our planning purposes, we need these rates asap. We looked for your filing online but were unable to find them. Kindly respond at the earliest as this has been pending for quite some time.
Best regards,
Kumar

From: Kumar Shah <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2026 11:58
To: mayor@lincoln.ne.gov <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Cc: Elizabeth D. Elliott <elizabeth.elliott@lincoln.ne.gov>; Carla M. Cosier <CCosier@lincoln.ne.gov> <CCosier@lincoln.ne.gov>; councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov <councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov>; bweber@lincoln.ne.gov <bweber@lincoln.ne.gov>; tduden@lincoln.ne.gov <tduden@lincoln.ne.gov>; jbowers@lincoln.ne.gov <jbowers@lincoln.ne.gov>; jpcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov <jpcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov>;

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Subject: Decision Requested by Monday, October 26 on Husker Shuttle Pilot

Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird and Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I am following up on our open letter proposing a public–private shuttle pilot for the remaining Husker home games. I have also attached Pronto's response to the recent Nebraska Public Media article, which provides additional context.

We submit respectfully that to make the pilot work for the October 31 game for the residents and Husker fans, we - the City, LTU and Pronto - should reach a closure on the necessary operating details and reach a decision no later than Monday, October 26.

We have talked to a few of our regular riders and have learned that they are holding off on reserving their shuttle seats for the Oct 31 and Nov 21 games pending clarity on whether transit buses will be added to the mix as an option for them - which will be viewed positively by them and by other fans. We - Pronto Corporation - want to make sure they have complete clarity on the plan for the remaining two games so they can finalize their game-day transportation plans.

I have copied Nebraska Athletics team and Chief of Police and City personnel because if we are able to move forward with the proposal, we are projecting an increase in the ridership by 2x to 3x compared to Oct 10 game. We want to make sure that all of us are ready and prepared for it.

My apologies for the short notice for the City to give this proposal full consideration, but we wanted to make this option available to the fans if we could come to an understanding with the City. We know we can execute and deliver for the Oct 31st game - if we reach a closure by October 26th.

We will stand by for your response.

Respectfully,

Kumar Shah
President and Chief Executive Officer
Pronto Corporation

[redacted]

From: Kumar Shah [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 12:07 PM
To: mayor@lincoln.ne.gov <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Cc: Elizabeth D. Elliott <elizabeth.elliott@lincoln.ne.gov>; Carla M. Cosier <CCosier@lincoln.ne.gov> <CCosier@lincoln.ne.gov>; councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov <councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov>; bweber@lincoln.ne.gov <bweber@lincoln.ne.gov>; tduden@lincoln.ne.gov <tduden@lincoln.ne.gov>; jbowers@lincoln.ne.gov <jbowers@lincoln.ne.gov>; jpcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov <jpcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov>; swashington@lincoln.ne.gov <swashington@lincoln.ne.gov>; tbeckius@lincoln.ne.gov <tbeckius@lincoln.ne.gov>; bshobe@lincoln.ne.gov <bshobe@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Open Letter & Request for Pilot program for Huskers games on Oct 31 and Nov 21

Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird,

Enclosed is an open letter to Mayor Gaylor Baird from Pronto Corporation, together with the four documents it references.

We are requesting an Administrative review of Pronto's September 15 request under 49 CFR § 604.8, and convene a meeting with Pronto, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities and StarTran, to implement pilot lease of available StarTran equipment and qualified operators for the Huskers games on Oct 31 and Nov 21.

October 31 is the first of those games. An availability determination is needed in sufficient time for Pronto to add vehicles to the published schedule and open the additional seats for reservation — a matter of hours once supply is confirmed, but it cannot begin before then.

What the proposal is not. It is not a request for public funds, for a subsidy, or for StarTran to operate charter service. Pronto would pay StarTran's published fully allocated rate, or another mutually agreed lawful rate, and the service would be carried entirely on passenger fares and private revenue. StarTran's regular service, maintenance, workforce and contingency obligations come first; the lease is of whatever is available after those are met.

What is enclosed

1. **Open letter to Mayor Gaylor Baird**, October 20, 2026 — 4 pages
2. ***iPronto — Platform and Innovation Overview*** — 12 pages
3. ***Husker Game-Day Shuttle — Season Summary, Games 1–5***, September 5 to October 10, 2026 — 5 pages
4. **City of Lincoln media release**, August 26, 2026 — 2 pages

5. **Pronto media release**, August 31, 2026 — 2 pages

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Provider-outreach records; reservation and demand data by location and departure; proposed vehicle requirements for each game; insurance and indemnification terms; operating controls and the on-the-ground staffing plan; and the documentation § 604.8(b) requires the City to hold on file — provider details, vehicle numbers, types and identification numbers, and the record supporting each of the four regulatory conditions. We will assemble all of it in the form the FTA would expect to see, so that it reaches your team as a completed record rather than a research project.

Sincerely,

Kumar



From:	Kumar Shah
To:	Mayor
Cc:	Elizabeth D. Elliott; Rick D. Hoppe; Jon D. Carlson; Tony M. Bisesi; Spencer M. Lauber; Carla M. Cosier; Bennie R. Shobe; Brodey B. Weber; Council Packet; James M. Bowers; Justin P. Carlson; Sandra J. Washington; Tom Duden; Tom J. Beckius; Public Relations; Brandon Meier; John Backer; Davidson, Matt
Subject:	Pronto media release, 29 October — and our request for November 21
Date:	Thursday, October 29, 2026 12:13:09 PM
Attachments:	image.png image.png
Importance:	High

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Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird, Chair Weber and Members of the Council,

This morning Pronto Corporation issued a media release on the City's decision not to lease StarTran buses and operators for Husker game-day shuttle service. You should have it from us before you see it anywhere else:

[redacted]

The release reports three things:

1. The Mayor's letter of October 23 and the reason it gave.
2. That our response of October 25, and our request for an answer by October 27, went unanswered, and
3. We will be returning 20% of the Economy fares to the Husker riders for not being able to make available to them the taxpayer funded StarTran buses for the Husker Services. That return of those fares is funded entirely by Pronto. It costs the City nothing.

We have not at any point asked the City for a subsidy, a discount or a concession. We asked to pay the City's own fully allocated rate for equipment and operators that are not in service on a football Saturday — and we have still not been given that rate.

The request remains open for November 21. Nebraska plays Ohio State, which will draw the largest home crowd of the season, and the shortage of available motorcoaches in this market has not changed. There is time to plan it properly. All we need is the rate at which StarTran has been operating private charter services. The Private Transit Services industry and school bus industry are working together collaboratively .

We urge the City and the Mayor - as elected representatives of the residents and husker fans - to consider how the decision to add transit buses to supplement the available

supply would immediately resolve the supply shortage.

Based on Mayor's representation in the Oct 23 response, we understand that LTU feels the Husker shuttle service has been taken away from them. We just want to reiterate that it has not belonged to LTU since 2010 when the FTA issued its ruling against LTU.

We sincerely hope and respectfully request the Mayor and the City Council to move forward with the resolution to lease LTU buses and staff for the benefit of the City, the residents and Husker fans. We'd be delighted to have all of us - Private Transit Services, Public Transit Services (LTU), working together for the benefit of the City, its residents and Husker Fans. We owe it to the Huskers to bring as many of the fans to the Memorial Stadium to spur them on to victory and for the showdown with OSU on Nov 21st.

The full correspondence — the City's August 26 announcement, our open letter of October 20, the Mayor's letter of October 23 and our response of October 25 — is published at iPronto.com/newsroom.

Sincerely,

Kumar



From: Kumar Shah <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2026 06:06
To: Mayor <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject: Our response to your October 23 letter — and a decision request by 10:00 AM Tuesday, October 27

Mayor Gaylor Baird,

Thank you for replying, and for doing so on the record. Our response is attached. We are publishing it on our Newsroom alongside your letter, which we are publishing in full and unedited.

Three things, briefly.

1. **The $118 per hour in your letter is not our figure.** We have never proposed a rate. Since September 15 we have offered to pay StarTran's fully burdened rate — whatever the City sets it at — and have asked repeatedly for the schedule. We have not received it.

2. **The Charter Service Rule was not triggered by Pronto.** FTA advised the City of that in Advisory Opinion 10-01 in May 2010, on the City's own request, and the City has filed the charter notice every year since.

3. **October 31 is still reachable.** Capacity enters our schedules departure by departure, within hours of supply being confirmed. A StarTran bus would be added exactly as a motorcoach or school bus is.

We are asking for a meeting, the rate, and the operating record — and for an agreement, or a plain no, by **10:00 AM Central on Tuesday, October 27**. We asked for Monday the 26th in our note of October 22; this is an extension of that, not a new demand.

I am available at any hour, on [redacted]

Kumar



From: Mayor <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2026 14:02
To: Kumar Shah <[redacted]
Cc: Elizabeth D. Elliott <Elizabeth.Elliott@lincoln.ne.gov>; Rick D. Hoppe <RHoppe@lincoln.ne.gov>; Jon D. Carlson <jcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov>; Tony M. Bisesi <TBisesi@lincoln.ne.gov>; Spencer M. Lauber <SLauber@lincoln.ne.gov>; Carla M. Cosier <CCosier@lincoln.ne.gov>; Bennie R. Shobe <BShobe@lincoln.ne.gov>; Brodey B. Weber <BWeber@lincoln.ne.gov>; Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>; James M. Bowers <JBowers@lincoln.ne.gov>; Justin P. Carlson <JPCarlson@lincoln.ne.gov>; Sandra J. Washington <SWashington@lincoln.ne.gov>; Tom Duden <TDuden@lincoln.ne.gov>; Tom J. Beckius <TBeckius@lincoln.ne.gov>; Public Relations <pr@prontocorporation.com>; Brandon Meier <bmeier@huskers.com>; John Backer <john.backer@unl.edu>; Davidson, Matt <mdavidson@huskers.com>
Subject: iPronto Response Letter

October 23, 2026

Kumar Shah
President and Chief Executive Officer
Pronto Corporation
[redacted]

Dear Mr. Shah,

Thank you for your October 20, 2026, correspondence regarding iPronto's request to

lease Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU)-StarTran buses and operators for upcoming University of Nebraska football games.

After reviewing your request and considering LTU-StarTran's operational responsibilities, staffing levels, financial position, and the information iPronto has provided, the City is maintaining its decision not to lease LTU-StarTran buses or provide operators for iPronto's game-day shuttle service. Providing buses to iPronto is not in the best interests of Star Tran ridership nor Lincoln taxpayers.

The City of Lincoln was proud to provide the Big Red Express service to the Lincoln community. iPronto's decision to provide game day service triggered a federal law that requires the City to step aside if a private sector provider is capable and willing to provide the service.

StarTran provided the data to iPronto showing that the Big Red Express averaged 1,200 one-way trips each football Saturday equaling 2,400 total trips on a game day. iPronto represented it was "ready, willing and able" to assume game day transportation, and it was never stated that Star Tran would be needed for iPronto to fulfill its commitment.

Now iPronto is saying they must have StarTran resources even though the company's numbers show they are serving an estimated 1,000 of the 2,400 total trips they promised to assume.

With StarTran removed from the picture, the City cannot generate the revenues collected from game day riders. The City cannot cover the driver overtime, bus maintenance, liability costs, and long-term wear and tear without those revenues, forcing the City cover a private sector transport service with taxpayer dollars. iPronto's offer to pay StarTran costs at the National Transit Database cost of $118 per hour does not solve the problem and still leaves Lincoln taxpayers with financial liability for a private sector service.

We recognize that game day service may need public subsidy some years. The Big Red Express broke even some years and required minor amounts of City assistance in other years. Now the City is being asked to greatly increase its subsidy for game day transportation at taxpayer expense not for the benefit of the community, but for the benefit of a private for-profit business.

It is not in the best interests of the Lincoln community to disrupt Star Tran operations to subsidize a private, for-profit service. I stand by Star Tran's original decision to deny iPronto's request.

Sincerely,

Leirion Gaylor Baird
Mayor
City of Lincoln
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From:	Poff, Jen
To:	Council Packet
Cc:	GPRealEstate
Subject:	WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ATTACHED - COMMENCE RENT Site Name : LIN TOMATO SOUP - A Package Id : 2090413 Contract # : 300330
Date:	Tuesday, October 27, 2026 3:42:40 PM
Attachments:	LIN TOMATO SOUP C 300330 PACKAGE 2090413 Written Ack Form For Commencement.pdf

Hello,

We have begun installation on the site mentioned below. As stated in section 2 of the agreement, the lease will commence the month following the start of installation. Our records indicate that we began installation on 5/12/2025; therefore, the commencement date is 6/1/2025.
Per the agreement terms, a written acknowledgement is required. I have attached a form for your review.

Please sign the form and email it back to me as soon as possible.

2. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of execution by both Parties ("Effective Date"). The primary term ("Primary Term") of this Agreement will be for ten years and will **commence on the first day of the month after VERIZON begins installation of communications equipment on the Premises (the "Commencement Date"). CITY and VERIZON agree that they shall acknowledge in writing the Commencement Date in the event the Commencement Date is based upon the date VERIZON commences installation of the equipment on the Premises.**

Site Name : LIN TOMATO SOUP - A
Package Id : 2090413
Contract # : 300330

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Jen Poff

Real Estate Specialist/Developer III
Great Plains Real Estate

M [redacted]

From: Dylan Kitchen
To: Council Packet
Cc: Brodey B. Weber
Subject: Invitation for City Council Participation - Youth Government Seminar
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 11:07:17 AM
Attachments: image.png

Hi there,

I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out on behalf of Leadership Lincoln as we prepare for our upcoming Youth Government Seminar on Thursday, November 19. As part of the morning session, we would love to invite members of the Lincoln City Council to speak with our youth participants.

We are hoping to have council members join us from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the basement of the Governor's Residence (1425 H Street). This session would give students the chance to hear directly from local policymakers about the work the City Council does for Lincoln and how young citizens can be engaged in local policy and civic life.

If any members of the Council are available and interested, we would be grateful for the opportunity to include them. I'm happy to provide any additional context or details you might need.

Thank you so much for your help coordinating, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

LEADERSHIP LINCOLN

DYLAN KITCHEN
Director of Programming and Youth Engagement

211 N 14th St, Lincoln, NE 68508
[redacted]

From: Shawna Hurley
To: Council Packet
Subject: Waterford Trail
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 4:40:11 AM

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Dear City Council Members and Project Planners,

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the proposed Waterford Estates trail project. Expanding Lincoln's trail network through this area is a vital step forward for our community's infrastructure and long-term health.

~Shawna Hurley~
Waterford resident.

From: Forms & Workflow
To: Benjamin A. Sobel
Subject: Council Comment - Bob Reeves
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 4:10:30 PM
Attachments: SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-396.pdf

Council Comment - Bob Reeves

Bob Reeves has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Bob Reeves
Phone number	[redacted]
Email address	[redacted]
Your comment	I came along 33rd street today and between Normal and D street I saw 3 large cardboard posters with a negative message about President Trump and Congressman Flood. They were attached to telephone pole or light poles—all in the city right of way. I have no objection to their message, but I believe it's illegal to put advertising of any kind in the right of way. I think whoever put them there should be required to remove them and be fined.

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From:	Wesley Newton
To:	Tom Duden; James M. Bowers; Tom J. Beckius; Bennie R. Shobe; Brodey B. Weber; Sandra J. Washington; Justin P. Carlson; Council Packet
Cc:	Mayor; Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross; JJ Yost; Alexander E. Duryea; Roth, Alexander; Doug Holle; jeffrey.soula@nebraska.gov; karen.majerus@nebraska.gov; jodi.gibson@nebraska.gov; Luke Pitts; alison.koch@dot.gov; Nebraska FHWA; Sam Futterman; Taylor Wyatt; NDOT.LocalProjects@nebraska.gov; anson.regan@gmail.com; Rebekah Anne; Fazijm18@gmail.com; Katy Fazi; lawkatt@nebholdings.com; Local Projects NDOT; benowen94@gmail.com; Amanda Woodward; jilbriggs69@gmail.com; LSOMedia_pbreen@journalstar.com
Subject:	Waterford Trail Public Engagement Meeting Failure
Date:	Friday, October 30, 2026 10:05:22 AM

Dear City Council Members, NDOT Representatives, and Other Concerned Parties,

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To the Lincoln City Council:

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Additionally, I formally request that this correspondence be included in the official public comment and public-involvement record for the Waterford Trail project (TAP-55(192), C.N. 13554), including the documentation provided to NDOT as part of the project's environmental review process.

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Meaningful public involvement requires more than holding meetings. It requires listening, documenting concerns, providing answers, and demonstrating that public input genuinely influences the decision-making process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Wes Newton
Waterford Estates Homeowner

From:	Taylor Wyatt
To:	Tom Duden; James M. Bowers; Tom J. Beckius; Bennie R. Shobe; Brodey B. Weber; Sandra J. Washington; Justin P. Carlson; Council Packet
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Subject:	Waterford Trail Concerns
Date:	Friday, October 30, 2026 10:40:15 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my disappointment with last night's "public involvement" meeting regarding waterford trail.

I was only able to attend half the meeting, unfortunately. In a time busy with kids activities and work responsibilities, less than two weeks' notice did not allow for me to clear my schedule enough for the full meeting.

However, in the hour I was able to spend at the meeting, more questions than answers were offered. It became clear that none of the questions I have sent in to the parks department or city had been researched or resolved by those in charge. I have been submitting and asking for answers for months if not over a year regarding this process.

I was met with responses of "I don't know" and "that's a good question. I was not alone, as many residents brought up valid questions that had no answers. Many of those questions seemed to have common sense responses or at minimum responses that, those in charge or a project of this amount of money, should have quick and easy answers to.

The questions were met without documentation by those running the meeting, with a suggestion that there was another process to submit questions or concerns officially (this shift in where to take questions to be officially recorded has happened on multiple occasions now), and confirmation that there may not be responses to the questions and the questions that did get responses would have no follow up.

That is not public involvement, it is checking a box and forcing something through in a dictatorial manner.

I would formally ask that the city pause this project until alternatives are fully reviewed and all questions are answered. I would additionally ask that the actual decision makers on this issue join the conversation. I am confident that those who are representing you are not doing so in a way that would make you feel comfortable that your constituents are being heard.

Questions include but are not limited to:
1) How will the loss in property value be compensated if this trail is installed?
2) Is the proposed alternate route being considered and what are the cost comparisons?
3) What safety protocols have been considered for accidents on this trail?
4) What safety measures are being taken to assure there won't be loitering, speeding, vandalism, and other problems with this trail?
5) What steps are being taken to make sure that the trail and the lots are meshed in a way that is compliant with codes and safety standards both now and at resale of the properties?
6) What is the overall goal of this trail that is not achieved by the alternative route?
7) What are the operation hours of the trail and how is that enforced?
8) Who's responsibility is it to maintain the trail?

9) If there is injury on personal property near the trail, who is liable?

There are many more questions. Frankly, I can't remember them all. None of these had answers. which creates even more questions and concerns.

This email and note is incomplete but highlights enough to show the lack of preparedness of those in charge of a project that is estimated to be over 3 million dollars (already well over the proposed budget). As incomplete as the thoughts of this email are, those in charge of this process proved to be even less complete and informed.

Please know that those that this impacts will not stand idly by and have this forced through in the manner that seems like is being used.

Thank you,



From: Regan Anson
To: Wesley Newton
Cc: Tom Duden; James M. Bowers; Tom J. Beckius; Bennie R. Shobe; Brodey B. Weber; Sandra J. Washington; Justin P. Carlson; Council Packet; Mayor; Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross; JJ Yost; Alexander E. Duryea; Roth, Alexander; Doug Holle; jeffrey.soula@nebraska.gov; karen.majerus@nebraska.gov; jodi.gibson@nebraska.gov; Luke Pitts; alison.koch@dot.gov; Nebraska FHWA; Sam Futterman; Taylor Wyatt; NDOT.LocalProjects@nebraska.gov; Rebekah Anne; Fazijm18@gmail.com; Katy Fazi; lawkatt@nebholdings.com; Local Projects NDOT; benowen94@gmail.com; Amanda Woodward; jilbriggs69@gmail.com; LSOMedia_pbreen@journalstar.com
Subject: Re: Waterford Trail Public Engagement Meeting Failure
Date: Friday, October 30, 2026 12:57:53 PM

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I want to echo Mr. Newton's concerns regarding the handling of the Waterford Trail project and the increasingly frustrating public engagement process.

Despite months of questions and concerns raised by directly affected homeowners, we continue to receive no meaningful answers or indication that our input is being seriously considered. The lack of follow-through, accountability, and willingness to evaluate reasonable alternatives is particularly troubling given the significant taxpayer dollars already invested in this project.

At this point, I believe we need to move beyond meetings that generate more questions than answers.

I appreciate Councilman Bowers taking the time to visit Waterford Estates and see the proposed trail alignment firsthand. I would encourage other City Council members, Mayor Gaylor-Barid, NDOT representatives, and others to do the same. I would be happy to personally guide a tour of the area and provide an opportunity to speak directly with the homeowners whose properties will be affected.

Seeing the area firsthand offers a perspective that maps, engineering drawings, and meeting room discussions simply cannot. It would provide valuable context for understanding the impacts on our properties, the lake, and surrounding infrastructure, as well as the merits of the alternative route we've proposed along 98th Street and Holdrege.

I support Lincoln's trail system and recognize its value to our community. However, I am deeply concerned with how this project and the public engagement process have been handled. Meaningful engagement requires more than providing residents an opportunity to speak and ask questions. It requires listening, following through, and demonstrating that their concerns have a genuine place in the decision-making process.

I hope those involved will accept this invitation before further decisions are made. If homeowners are expected to live with the lasting impacts of this project, it's reasonable to expect those responsible for its planning and approval to take the time to see those impacts firsthand and meet personally with those impacted.

Thank you for your consideration. You can reach me at this email address or by phone at [redacted]

Regan Anson

[redacted]

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