



Date/Time: April 27, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 555 S. 10th Street, LTU Conference Room 210 and
Zoom Conference (remote): <https://lincolnne.zoom.us/j/2583049530>

Topic: ACT Business Meeting

MINUTES

Attendance:

Name	Entity	In person	Zoom	Absent
Amy Eidenmiller, Co-Chair	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shannon Harner, Co-Chair	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Frantz Antoine	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nick Ebert	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kyle Fischer	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rick Krueger	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Landis	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne McClure	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Russell Miller	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genelle Moore	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Riley Slezak	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robert Suarez	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shea Svoboda	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth Elliott	LTU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Shafer	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erin Sokolik	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kris Humphrey	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandon Bugarin	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Paeglis	LTU (taking minutes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erika Hill	LTU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ramirez	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Henrichsen	Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA

PowerPoint slides were provided to ACT Committee members in advance of the meeting and slides were shown during the meeting.

1. Getting Started
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Charge Statement / Ballot Language – Read by Kris Humphrey

2. Public Awareness and Education
 - a. Around the Community
 - i. Work Zone Awareness Week April 17 – 21 – reminder to all to be cognizant and aware of speed limits and signage around construction zones
 - ii. Recent Open Houses in advance of construction projects
 - (1) S 56th St Spruce to Van Dorn – approximately 150 people in attendance and interested in the project; project to begin in 2024 or 2025
 - (2) N & S 84th St Sandalwood to Elizabeth – around 40 people and K2 Construction in attendance
 - (3) N 48th St Leighton to Superior – three projects represented for street, water main and residential rehab – approximately 35 in attendance
 - (4) S 40th Rokeby to Yankee Hill Road – approximately 30 in attendance
 - (5) Scheduled for May 23rd, W A St, City limits to SW 24th St – awarded to Hawkins and currently in contract process
 - iii. Program Information for Public Meetings – multiple boards to show to the public and talk to them – reminder of what LOTM is and the funding aspects of it
 - iv. Social Media Posts – Erika Hill & Nicole Ramirez – social media posts include highlights of past projects, LOTM in general, and project website
 - v. Projects Webpage www.lincoln.ne.gov/projects - easy to search for types of projects and can easily point public to it

3. General LOTM Program Updates
 - a. Revenues
 - i. Revenue still above projected. February 2023 collected was \$1,325,768. Thus far, \$15.4 M for FY 22/23, which exceeds projections by \$1.6M.
 - ii. Kyle Fischer asked about when money needs to be available. Thomas Shafer replied that LTU needs to have the cash available when contracting on a project. None of the current projects are multi-year projects.
 - b. Recent Bids
 - i. Capitol View – \$61K under estimate
 - ii. N 48th St – \$1.1M over estimate
 - iii. S 48th St – \$200K over estimate
 - iv. S 40th St – \$700K under estimate

- v. Rick Krueger asked a question on Cather and whether they were bidding on projects. Thomas Shafer noted that Cather generally does not bid projects but is a subcontractor on projects
- vi. Trying to grow competition – Thomas Shafer
 - (1) Kansas DOT delayed large project
 - (2) Koss Construction from Kansas took bid in Nebraska from Hawkins
 - (3) Hawkins ends up bidding two City of Lincoln Projects including one for \$700k under estimate.
 - (4) It's important to all of the project delivery team (owner, consultant, contractors) to keep projects on track for their scheduling/bidding and it helps with pricing of bids
- c. Bid Trends
- d. 2023 Street Construction
 - i. S 14th & Old Cheney connector – potentially bid later in 2023
 - ii. Country Club – additional water main project added to rehab – moved forward to 2024 construction
 - iii. S 48th St – full closure for portions of the project
 - iv. S 27th St – moved to middle of May – full closure for portions of the project
- e. Programming update based on current estimates
 - i. Delayed projects are primarily occurring due to water main project coordination

Kyle Fischer inquired if there will be more projects to approve in the future. Thomas Shafer noted that we will need to wait and see. He stated that street conditions may not be what was expected once the project is in construction and thus additional funding would be needed for a project. Future bids received may also impact the amount of money available for future work.

N & S 84th St project – question was asked about doing work in the right of way and on the private portions of Cherrywood Dr. Thomas Shafer responded that sidewalk, drives, and curb ramps within the right of way are done with the project. The ramps need to be ADA compliant and drives are reconstructed when warranted by curb and gutter reconstruction and are thus required as part of the project.

52nd and College View – question to confirm that LOTM funds cannot be used for sidewalks. Yes, correct, LOTM funds cannot be used for sidewalks. LTU must reconstruct the sidewalk ramp if it does not meet ADA regulations when we do a project. The City utilizes other funds (gas tax, highway allocation, other transportation funds) to construct the sidewalk with a project. The sidewalk general fund holds the funding to be used for repairs.

Shea Svoboda inquired as to how do streets get picked for projects. He has heard from folks that other streets are worse off than the ones being worked on. What are the factors for projects that come to the committee? City Council Districts? Pothole complaints? Thomas Shafer responded there are multiple factors that go into choosing projects. These include whether to choose to use federal money for some projects to get additional funding and project coordination for utilities that may delay construction. Thomas gave an example of the N 48th St project need to provide water to businesses during construction which required additional coordination and temporary service lines. He also discussed the scoring of streets isn't a perfect science and streets aren't ranked and determined solely on pavement score alone.

4. Other Topics

a. Preventative Maintenance

i. Background – Lincoln Citizens' Transportation Coalition Study – started with this study and did reviews of existing system, funding, process, and peer community

(1) Recommendations and Status – 24 cost saving recommendations, 19 were complete or in progress at beginning of LOTM

(a) Updated complete streets policy

(b) "Keep the good, good" pavement management approach – LOTM helping

(c) Increase traffic operations center – reassigned one person in the center now

(d) Simplify impact fee program – put on hold and fees are frozen

(e) ACT Committee creation

(f) Establish a more robust preventative maintenance program – funding dependent

(2) Findings

(a) Reviewed 2017 mapping of street conditions

(b) Erin Sokolik described pavement curves and as-built data input

(c) Funding dependent for projects – estimated gap of \$33M per year – still not filling the full gap today – short funding for growth areas and to keep existing streets good

(d) Hitting about one-half of needed system preservation and maintenance at approximately \$10.5M per year

(3) LTRP Language emphasizing maintenance

(a) Without additional revenue sources will not meet goals within the LTRP

ii. Preventative Maintenance by Street Maintenance

(1) Crack sealing photos of street maintenance filling cracks – three maintenance shops: north, south, and specialized shop

- (2) Graph of cracking sealing lane blocks – increased amount of crack sealing – private contractors don't do it locally – LTU contracted out the mowing work – took the previous mowing staff and invested in pothole crew and new machines with a single driver – freed up staff to crack seal – tasks are weather dependent – quantity of FY22/23 crack sealing will continue to increase as there as still four months remaining in the fiscal year
- iii. Asphalt Rejuvenation Projects – Erin Sokolik
 - (1) Goal is keeping good streets good
 - (2) Sealant placed on streets 2-3 years after resurfacing
 - (3) Keeps street at top of curve and reduces cracks
 - (4) Can be applied every 5 years – smaller investment to keep the streets good
 - (5) LTU does not own these machines
 - (6) Shea Svoboda notes that he's seeing lots of street cracking in the Haymarket
 - (7) Rejuvenator prevents the surface issues but does not fix settlement issues
- iv. PressurePave Projects
 - (1) Can be used on streets past deterioration for rejuvenator
 - (2) Street needs to have a good base to use PressurePave
 - (3) Can be used every 10 years
 - (4) First time used at LTU was last year
 - (5) Doing another project this year on residential streets with markings before test the adherence on residential before using on arterials
 - (6) Significant cost savings over a mill and overlay
 - (7) Shea Svoboda inquired if it can be used for concrete. Erin Sokolik stated that they are researching products for use on concrete. Thomas Shafer added sealers were used on O St where the purpose was primarily to slow down ASR.
 - (8) Erika Hill mentioned that a news story was done with PressurePave last year and she hopes to do another story again this time. She added the PressurePave website link to the chat.
- b. Roller Compacted Concrete

From Portland Cement Association website – it is a zero-slump concrete placed with an asphalt paver, strong and durable, but not finished to a smoothness that our streets are

May be used more for parking lots, feed lots

May not be able to sell the public on these based on the smoothness

Also used further south without freeze/thaw cycle and fewer deicing materials

Does not require expansion joints but can be installed to control cracking

Not currently any known contractors in the area
- c. Rick Krueger noted that he is satisfied with the way LTU is spreading out projects throughout the community and getting work done. Thank you for doing that.

5. Wrapping Up – Anything else?
 - a. Katie Bohlmeyer is taking Todd Wiltgen’s previous slot for the Chamber role.
 - b. Need to start working on the next annual report.

NEXT MEETING **Thursday, June 22, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**
City Hall, 555 S. 10th Street, LTU Conference Room 210 with virtual option

Future 2023 meetings will be held on August 24, October 26, and December 7.