



Date/Time: June 22, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frantz Antoine	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Katie Bohlmeyer	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne McClure	ACT Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kris Humphrey	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Paeglis	LTU (taking minutes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erika Hill	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ramirez	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Meginnis	Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 Shannon Harner

2. Public Awareness and Education
 - a. Around the Community
 - i. Kicked off construction season since the group last met
 - ii. Social Media Posts – Erika Hill & Nicole Ramirez – recent posts include upcoming street closures, suggested detour routes
 - iii. Recent Open House – May 23rd on the West A Project from the west City limits to SW 24th Street – well attended and discussed the current wastewater project and the street project that began this week – discussions on how to access the neighborhood with construction – general consensus is that the public is excited to move forward with the project and have improved streets
 - iv. Projects Webpage www.lincoln.ne.gov/projects - easy to search for types of projects and can easily point public to it – valuable resource to the community to see what is going on – have switched the page to a seasonal timeline
 - b. Anything from Committee Members
 - i. Russell asked if the LOTM S Folsom St and Foxtail Meadows project had been bid yet. Kris noted that it was just bid last week. The project on the Purchasing website has not moved to awarded bids yet it can still be viewed on the closed bids. Kris will need to check with Purchasing on how the webpage is restricted on the timing of viewing projects on the different pages. S Folsom had five contractors bid on the project.
 - ii. Question from Russell on the language on the LOTM webpage for S Folsom. What is SOFO Housing? Thomas responded that SOFO is the name of the developer and the funding identified for SOFO is their contribution to the S Folsom project.

3. General LOTM Program Updates
 - a. Revenues
 - i. Revenue still above projected. Through April 2023, collections exceed projections by about \$2.0 M.
 - ii. Rick asked about contingency percentages. Kris noted contingency is typically 5%. Thomas added that if extra base repair is anticipated in a project, contingency may be increased to 10%.
 - b. Program Updates
 - i. 2023 Street Construction

- (1) Country Club neighborhood (residential street improvements) is delayed due to a water main project and will give LTU an opportunity to discuss the project with the neighborhood before construction.
 - (2) Construction timing for 1st Street south of Denton is dependent on the developer. It likely will not be constructed in 2023.
 - (3) The 14th & Old Cheney connector road (west of the church connecting Warlick to Old Cheney) bid date is yet to be decided. The City is currently purchasing right-of-way which will be followed by utility relocations. The connector road is planned for 2024 construction.
 - (4) Russell noted that the new contractor on the Piedmont project did a very fine job and even corrected his landscaping rocks that did not get set properly after construction.
- ii. Programming update based on current estimates – no updates since we last discussed. Several projects delayed. Later this fall will discuss future projects.
 - iii. Project Updates
 - (1) N 48th St, Leighton to Superior
 - (a) A complicated project with multiple construction phases.
 - (b) Water main project and arterial rehab project with some sections involving full depth concrete rehab. This includes the underpass of the railroad with sloped panels which is labor-intensive work.
 - (c) Working with the mayor and public communications staff with business owners in the area. The first segment (Cornhusker to Superior) should be open by mid-afternoon tomorrow. Paving will work south from there. The water project will move south toward Leighton after it completes the segment between Madison and Gladstone.
 - (d) Concentrating on getting the area around the school completed before school starts. A residential rehab project is also under construction in the area.
 - (e) Water main is being lined for this project, which involves lining the existing pipe with a liner so there is not a need to reconstruct or realign the pipe. You will see lots of temporary blue hoses around in the project area to keep businesses and property owners connected for water supply while the project is going on. This adds to the complexity of the project and is part of the reason why the road needs to be closed during construction.
 - (f) Melissa inquired about the reason for lining. Thomas responded that there is no place to put new water mains. Kris noted that the recent valve closure on the water main created new breaks in the neighborhood due to age of mains being over 100 years old.

- (2) Discussion on construction funding options and how they are utilized.
 - (a) Thomas discussed the different categories the Wheel Tax.
 - (b) He showed the LTU webpage on the Wheel Tax that provides more details: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/Transportation/Wheel-Tax>.
 - (c) Thomas noted that the Wheel Tax is for construction but not necessarily new construction. When we go down to the dirt and replace curb/gutter, that is reconstruction.
 - (d) Funds are divided into three categories. The residential street rehabilitation fund can be used for non-arterial streets and for streets that have speed limits of 25 miles per hour.
 - (e) The relevant municipal code is 3.20 Street Improvement Vehicle Tax and 3.30.220 Funds Created; Use.
- (3) S 27th St, Coronado to Old Cheney
 - (a) Project went well with minimal concerns from public.
 - (b) It contains full depth concrete, new asphalt, and ADA accessible ramps.
 - (c) It was opened yesterday and may have ongoing minor lane closures for manhole and valve adjustments.
- (4) S 48th St, Old Cheney to Nebraska Pkwy
 - (a) Work to be done in multiple phases.
 - (b) Vehicle drove thru fresh concrete with cure on it that required a tow truck to remove the vehicle. Barricades are there for a reason. It is the contractors responsibility to protect their concrete. The contractor would need to recoup costs from a situation like this.
 - (c) Portion south of the railroad tracks near Nebraska Parkway is now under full closure.
- (5) 84th St, Sandalwood to Elizabeth
 - (a) All lanes open south of O St.
 - (b) Project had many components to update. For example, need to have concrete cure in one area before work on another portion of that same area can be done.
 - (c) Working north of O St currently.
 - (d) Kyle discussed issues with the detour route. Kris noted that the City detours arterial streets to other arterial streets. People do occasionally use residential for detours.
- (6) Piedmont Neighborhood
 - (a) LOTM residential with a mill and overlay.

- (b) Contractor worked with the neighborhood around graduation time to get the streets more accessible to traffic for their events.
- (7) North Lincoln Project Coordination – Kris discussed how the various North Lincoln projects are interconnected.
- (a) Started with the Huntington/Leighton project.
 - (b) Then to N 48th St and several residential projects.
 - (c) N 48th St is needed as a detour for future projects.
 - (d) Next projects include Lower Platte South NRD’s project for Dead Mans Run. This is a federal channel project. The N 48th St bridge is a locally funded component of the project. It will be bid later this year for 2024 construction. The bridge was not constructed at the same time as the N 48th St arterial rehab project due to delays. The delays included 2019 floods that kept the Army Corps of Engineers from hydraulic modeling work on this bridge, issues with a University flume model for a section of Dead Man’s Run near the railroads, along with COVID delays. The channel would be constructed beginning in late 2024 – 2025 with right-of-way purchases and utility relocations occurring prior to construction. The top width of the channel will be about 180’ and the new bridge at 48th Street will have three spans.
 - (e) Other north project coordination includes:
 - (i) Leighton St rehab 48th to 70th project scheduled for 2024.
 - (ii) Adams St from 36th to east of 48th St in 2025.
 - (iii) A Federal aid project on Cornhusker Hwy from 36th to 56th St in 2026.
 - (iv) The RTSD 33rd St and Cornhusker Hwy railroad project to close at grade crossings with a roundabout and relocation of 33rd street. This is a Federal aid project to begin construction in 2027 with sidewalk construction along N 44th Street at the railroad crossing. The environmental assessment is being done currently.
- (8) South Lincoln Project Coordination – Next Kris discussed how the various South Lincoln projects are connected.
- (a) The South Beltway is substantially complete with several connectors in construction, including Jamaica Blvd (just east of 27th St.) & 84th St.
 - (b) The LPS-led roundabout by Standing Bear High School near 77th & Saltillo is currently in construction.
 - (c) S 70th St had a delay with the water main but is now open to Carger Ln.
 - (d) The County is working on a S 56th St rehab project between Saltillo and Yankee Hill. This work will be completed with flagger operations.
 - (e) Currently on S 70th St there is a closure south of Pine Lake for turn lane construction. This is only scheduled for a few days.

- (f) Rokeby Rd from 31st to 40th St is open. The roundabout at 40th & Rokeby will open within the next week when pavement markings are complete.
- (g) S 40th St includes a bridge and two large drainage structures from Rokeby Rd to Yankee Hill Rd. This project needed to pile up dirt in the vicinity of the bridge to compress and settle the dirt before constructing the bridge or else settling would occur after construction causing issues later. It is scheduled to be done in 2024.
- (h) Yankee Hill Rd from 40th to 56th St is substantially complete and open to traffic.
- (i) Saltillo Rd has a County federal aid project and additional rehab projects in process.

4. Other Topics

- a. Erika noted that Michelle Zuhlke won an award for her design of the LTU projects website.
- b. LTU is using Facebook and Instagram to communicate with the public. We are seeing citizens post the LTU projects page on the Nextdoor app in response to questions posted by other citizens.

5. Wrapping Up – Anything else?

- a. None mentioned.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 24, 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 October 26 and December 7.