



Date/Time: August 24, 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"/>
Katie Bohlmeyer	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nick Ebert	ACT Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
Erika Hill	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kris Humphrey	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"/>
Nicole Ramirez	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Shafer	LTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erin Sokolik	LTU	<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 Kris Humphrey

2. Public Awareness and Education
 - a. Around the Community
 - i. Social Media Posts
 - (1) West A Street – drone flights monthly to show side by side progress of the project
 - (2) Safety awareness now that school is back in session
 - (3) General education on mill and overlay projects
 - (4) Construction updates and project highlights

3. General LOTM Program Updates
 - a. Revenues
 - i. Revenue continues above projected. Through June 2023, collections exceed projections by about \$2.4 M. This is through the end of the fiscal year.
 - ii. Rick brought up a question of whether we should move budget estimates up as revenues are up and move projects forward sooner. Thomas noted that we are making future projections soon and starting the budget process.
 - b. Program Updates
 - i. Project Schedule Considerations
 - (1) Unanticipated Incidences – Several vehicles have driven into fresh concrete which has the potential to delay construction. Thomas noted that some projects have additional traffic cones to prevent vehicles from turning across a project at locations where safety is a concern.
 - (2) Rain Events and Frequency of Rain Events – The amount of rain and the number of days with rain have created challenges. Contractors needed to drain areas before pouring concrete and sometimes they had to redo the subgrade.
 - (3) High temperatures (pavement, air, heat index) – Contractors are starting as early as possible in the morning and some days have not been able to work in the afternoons. Some materials have temperature maximums (similar to temperature minimums) that must be maintained.
 - (4) Kyle asked about the treatment of the Big X bridge epoxy. The goal is to keep the bridge good for as long as possible. Some portions include pavement repairs and others have coating/treatment.
 - (5) Russell inquired on the temperatures required to pour concrete. While definitely not poured when too cold, Thomas noted that heat also affects whether

concrete can be poured. LTU will provide the specifics on concrete, pavement markings, and temperatures for a future meeting.

- ii. N 48th St, Leighton to Superior
 - (1) Currently open Superior to Fremont; closed Fremont to Adams and one lane open southbound from Adams to Leighton which provides good circulation for Huntington Elementary school.
 - (2) Postcards were mailed to area businesses.
 - (3) Businesses have project manager contact information.
- iii. S 27th St, Coronado to Old Cheney
 - (1) Quickly completed and opened ahead of schedule.
 - (2) With no driveways and only side streets, coordination was simpler.
- iv. S 48th St, Old Cheney to Nebraska Pkwy
 - (1) Moving along with expected completion before the end of year.
 - (2) Lots of pieces to this project.
- v. 84th St, Sandalwood to Elizabeth
 - (1) One last section to complete with concrete and some asphalt work.
 - (2) Substantial completion is scheduled for next Friday, September 1st.
- vi. Piedmont Neighborhood
 - (1) Nearing substantial completion. Expect two to three more weeks.
 - (2) The Contractor worked with the neighbors to move equipment from the streets to allow parking for graduation parties. This effort was appreciated by neighbors.

4. Other Topics

- a. Arterial Programming (future LOTM project candidates)
 - i. Erin discussed how future bidding will impact what project may be proposed for the future. Candidates include projects in all city council districts as funds need to be spent equally.
 - ii. LTU will need to know more about current prices before can determine which projects to propose.
 - iii. Erin showed multiple projects that could be potential candidates along with images of their conditions.
 - (1) N 33rd St/Fletcher Ave, Superior to 27th (District 1)
 - (2) S 70th Street, Pioneers to Van Dorn (District 2)
 - (3) S 48th Street, Normal to Cotner (Districts 2 and 3)
 - (4) Pine Lake Road, 14th to 27th (Districts 2 and 3)
 - (5) S 27th Street, Nebraska Pkwy to South (District 3)
 - (6) 10th Street, 'A' to 'Q' (District 4)
 - iv. Russell inquired what the colored image of the pavement shows on slide 20. Erin described that the streets were driven streets in 2021 to analyze the street condition

and give each a score. The image shows the camera pointed downward at the pavement with the various colored lines denoting different distresses.

- v. The street condition map will be updated with 2022 project data.
 - vi. Katie asked what projects are picked. Erin said we will need to determine what our funding is before projects can be decided.
 - vii. Kyle began a discussion on informing the public of non-LOTM projects that are in the design process. For example, A Street and So. 56th Street are active design projects, but are federally funded. Thomas stated that it is a challenge on how to inform the public about federal funding in addition to LOTM. Erika mentioned that they talked at the recent 84th St project open house about future 84th St projects. Shea suggested that as projects are promoted in districts that we also show what will be done in the future. Kris also noted it's always a challenge and that 33rd & Cornhusker is a great example. She has people still say they know nothing of the project and yet it's been in process for over seven years. We learn more each time, use social media and conduct open houses. Kyle stated that commuters do not know about the projects since they don't live in the construction area but travel through it. Kris added that we consistently tell people to go to the project website for the most recent info and that LTU tries to mitigate incorrect information.
 - viii. Shea inquired about the potential 10th St project and asked if there was anything that LTU would do differently than was done for 9th St. Thomas stated 9th St was one of Bauer's first city projects. There were a number of challenges. For example, a large piece of concrete was found underground over a utility conduit that needed to be relocated but no one knew what it was or whose it was and we needed to try to figure it out. Kris added that this was specifically at 9th & Q St where there were drainage issues and they found asphalt at the bottom of the inlet covering the conduit. Kris stated they needed to get the Law Department involved because of the unknown nature of it. Turned out it was old excess asphalt that was placed at the bottom of the inlet. The 9th St project affected sidewalks, foot traffic, and football traffic. 9th St had less base repair than expected, multiple lane closures along with lane closures for new developments. Coordination is a big challenge. Worked with DLA (Downtown Lincoln Association) and used them to get information to businesses. Thomas noted that there were still challenges with who drives the areas, the new building at 9th & Q needed a lane for their building construction, and LTU recently wedged the new asphalt with the existing pavement. This was more for two-wheel access rather than four. LTU tried to get the lane paved but could not get a contractor to complete the work in a timely manner. With developer coordination, the paving construction at 9th & M St is completed and lanes were opened.
- b. CIPP Watermain Lining Process
 - i. The N 48th St project is not just a road project but also a watermain lining project.
 - ii. As an older area of town, it is intrusive to open up the area fully.

- iii. The Water Department determined that the pipe could be lined.
 - iv. Ferpal is the company doing the lining and Kris showed video coverage from their website of a project in Detroit.
 - v. Lining projects minimize traffic generally, but due to complexity in N 48th St lane closures were required because of the service line and cross pipe connections.
 - vi. Kyle inquired about what the limits are on big versus small mains with the possible use of liners. LTU will find out what the limits are for liners.
 - vii. Discussion continued on various pipe sizes and linings.
 - viii. Kris noted that N 48th St is a nearly 100-year-old main and when water was shut off, there were residual water main breaks near the project. As Kris showed project images, she noted that the City wanted to disinfect the line once and run all tests rather than conducting tests multiple times to be more efficient.
- c. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) (aka 'Drone') Program
- i. Troy Griffin is LTU's drone pilot.
 - ii. It is newer technology, and we are still learning what we can do with the drone.
 - iii. Able to map out areas of projects and use imagery for quantities.
 - iv. Other drone uses where Troy has conducted flights:
 - (1) Able to fly ahead of where fires were headed and look for hotspots with imagery.
 - (2) The 56-inch water main from Greenwood to Lincoln needs to be inspected annually. It is 7 miles long and required crews to walk it. With a drone flight, staff did not need to access property and much time and labor was saved as they finished in one day as opposed to two weeks.
 - v. Can save the data and make comparisons across done flights.
 - vi. Benefits:
 - (1) Historical records
 - (2) Saves time & money
 - (3) Increases safety for staff
5. Wrapping Up – Anything else?
- a. Have openings on the committee. Members are appointed by the mayor's office. LTU can forward information along for anyone interested.
 - b. Annual Report
 - i. Erika is starting conversations for the next annual LOTM report. She is asking committee members to review the report and offer suggestions/feedback. Katie volunteers to review the report and Kris will reach out to her schedule time to meet.
 - ii. Kris demonstrated how to access the annual report by going to the City of Lincoln website (www.lincoln.ne.gov), then search 'LOTM' and then click Annual Report.
 - c. Shea had a question on LOTM funding and whether it will be extended or if there are talks of it. Thomas stated that current revenue through 9/30/25 includes LOTM funds and he is not sure what the current status is of future similar funding.

- d. The current project page does not include information on state projects and Kyle wondered if it is possible to add links that would take one to other sites.
- e. Shea inquired if there are any packets that could be used by city council districts or neighborhood areas that have bigger social media presences and give them info on future projects.
- f. Erika will look into adding additional links to the annual report for access to the projects page (interactive with multiple years of data).
- g. Kyle brought up bids and how he would like to see all bids for a project. Kris demonstrated where information is found on the purchasing bids website (search 'bids' from www.lincoln.ne.gov). Kyle suggested adding bid info as a link near the bottom of each project webpage along with meeting materials.
- h. In addition, Kyle asked about the timing of projects. Kris noted that when projects are in close proximity to each other, special provisions are added to specify coordination efforts and when project milestones need to be completed. LTU transfers a bit of flexibility to the contractor when they begin projects as long as they are completed within the time frame. Thomas added that some projects cannot start until school is out and must be done before school begins. Each package stands on its own typically. For example, K2 has both the N. 48th St and the 84th St projects. K2 had the flexibility to choose to construct one project and then move to the next project or they could have constructed them simultaneously [K2 constructed them simultaneously].
- i. Thomas wants to be transparent about bidding but also does not want to confuse folks. Erika suggested the possibility of more links on project pages.
- j. Shea stated that showing a basic timeline may be helpful, perhaps on a FAQ page. This could show how we bid projects, when they are bid, how the process works in general. For example, in October LTU does this, in February LTU does this, etc. and perhaps making it interactive.

NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, October 26, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, 555 S. 10th Street, LTU Conference Room 210 with virtual option**

The last meeting of the year will be held on December 7, 2023.

Meeting locations/dates for 2024 to be discussed at the October 26th meeting.