

BRIEFING NOTES

Advanced public notice of the Planning Commission briefing was posted on the County-City bulletin board and the Planning Department's website.

NAME OF GROUP: PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 12:00 pm, City Council Chambers,
County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Maribel Cruz, Gloria Eddins, Bailey Feit, Christy Joy, Rich Rodenburg and Cindy Ryman Yost

ATTENDANCE: Lorenzo Ball, Dick Campbell and Brett Ebert absent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Barnes, Andrew Thierolf, Rachel Christopher, Mia Haschenburger and Kristi Merfeld of the Planning and Development Services Department, and other interested parties.

ATTENDANCE

STATED PURPOSE: Briefing on **Capitol Improvement Program (CIP) FY 2026-27 – 2031-32, MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), FY 2027-2030**

Andrew Thierolf Planning and Development Services Department, 555 So 10th Street, Lincoln, NE came forward and stated he was going to talk about the feedback from the open house and conservation design.

Mia , LPO

This was done at the open house and there are 11 jars and 5 marbles to come up and help prioritize conservation funding. Mobility node is set up for multi transportation, nodes. ride, walk, bike and different levels. There may be shelter, sidewalk, charging stations, bus routes, show examples of these in other cities. The Nebraska union is a good location for something like this. There is already a transit route and set up for multi modal options.

Christy what is technology solution?

Rachel- green light lincoln has been implemented and traffic signals that can change with size.

Funding :

Technology solutions

Improve intersections

Maintain streets and bridges

Construct new trails

Expand transit service

Build new streets highways

Improve sidewalks

Safety improvements

Done at uni union-

Safety improvements

Sidewalks

Modality modes

Mahoney park

New trails

Sidewalk
Maintain bridges

Open house
Add bike facilities
Other were even scores
Bridges
Safety improvements

Christy asked if uni mobility nodes were popular because of type of transportation they use

Mia- mostly drove solo

Lorenzo- sidewalks bike lanes, numbers not aligned to street improvements
People drive cars. Is there a trend with public transportation

Mia- more leaning towards bicycle and sidewalk

Paul- don't have dedicated funding source, have for roads,

Mia- every comment in phase 2 will be posted and lots of comments for trials
etc

Lorenzo- how do we start pushing people to public transportation

Andrew- virtual event.

Rachel – real time results

High marks –
Transit service
Sidewalks and tech solutions

The other activity at open house is for priority projects, needs based projects

City roadways, county, trails, mobility network
Showed photos from open house and discussed the
Virturla open house through June 7 everything is what was at open house.

Video

Points to allocate items

Christy has seen people encouraging to go online and do this

Explore projects- love i

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t or like it

Lorenzo- is it intentional the real time recording can influence people decisions

Played video

Rachel – marble activity will help with how they can be allocated.

Christy – how do you determine funding

Rachel- did not to discretionary funds and now some are earmarked that are getting from HUD.

Christy seems successful

Rachel – yes they have been.

Andrew-

Conservation design these are big new implementation and how going to do this. Develop site while reducing impact on environment

Benetis – protect habitat, improve mental health, stormwater runoff

Have heard a lot from groups

Prairie pines, wilderness park, Stevens creek, floodplains and wetlands

Protecting land for local food production

Finding space for community gardens

What other areas in county should be considered as sensitive natural or culture environments.

Nine mile prairie

Prairie pines

Wilderness park

Stevens creek

Gloria on 27th wetlands, marshland,

Christy – there are areas, when looking at map- growing fast now with prison going in

Gloria – on 14th

Christy data center – this is small area.

Christy – on 14th especially. N 1st – arbor road

Gloria- 27th and alba or arbor.

Paul- northcity park- new city park.

Paul- jamacian north trail

Andrew- prairie green ring around the city

Cindy are there other projects going in from county

Paul- no new trails, maintaining

Cindy – these are outside of growth area

Andrew – looking beyond 2050 this is what is in the comp plan no this was shown at the open house. One of challenges, is the low density and urban

sprail. we want to make sur emeeting 4-5 and looking a those can imcortran open house.

Andrew have some zoning cup- community and need a couole o waivers
Ag zoning district cup- 20percent density.

Showed community examples

Boise- idensity they can have same number of units.

And has worked well in boise.

Omaha- allows cluster subdivision

Kc- conservation developemnts

Increased density, internal setbacks

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Stream buffer requirements

Key factors to be considered

Natural resource protection

Comp plan focused on maximizing density in growth areas.

Larger growth foodprint to reduce envrionmetnal impact.

Partnerships

How can we encourage in our growth areas

Density bonuses- s

Setback reducitons

Increased building heights

Incentives vs requiremments.

Require conservation design if requesting waivers

Wanting to get your thoughts

Make requirement to conservce landscape in areas

Lorenzo- comp plan for concersvation – climate require ments

Andrew- plan of action- some of early things will be in comp plan
Climate action plan in 2027 may do comp plan

Bailey- why are developners not doing this to
Andrew- maket demand, selling what is in demnd

Bailey – plans and waivers is intersintg

Anderew- very open to waivers.

Rachel Christopher, Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Planning and Development Services Department, 555 So 10th Street, Lincoln, NE came forward and stated she would be talking about the Transportation Improvement Program or TIP. It was created by the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization. The MPO is a federally required

Paul Barnes, Planning and Development Services Department, 555 So 10th Street, Lincoln, NE, stated that Long Range Planning and Lincoln MPO staff

have been working the past few months on putting together these documents to present today.

There being no further questions, the briefing was adjourned at 12: p.m.

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