



## Lincoln MPO Technical Committee Agenda Summary

AGENDA ITEM NO.	8
MEETING DATE	April 8, 2026
REQUEST	VOTE: Proposed FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program
ASSOCIATED MEETINGS	The MPO Programming and Funding Committee convened for development of the FY 2027-2030 TIP. The TIP falls under the work items for this committee, which reports to the MPO Technical Committee. On March 11, 2026 Programming and Funding Committee reviewed the Draft FY 2027-2030 TIP, expressed support, and forwarded it to the Technical Committee and Planning Commission for review as to conformance with the Long Range Transportation Plan. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 15, 2026.
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**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

### BACKGROUND

Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff has prepared the Draft FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public review and comment. The TIP includes surface transportation and planning projects to receive federal funds and projects of regional significance that are planned for the metropolitan area during Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2030. The TIP is based upon the Federal Fiscal Year from October 1 to September 30.

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The proposed FY 2027-2030 TIP has been developed by Lincoln MPO staff to be in compliance with regulations contained in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, the most recent legislation governing the federal transportation program.



The FY 2027-2030 TIP is available at:

<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/PDS/Planning/MPO/TIP>

Enclosed is a summary of the projects in the proposed TIP.

**CONFORMANCE WITH 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Most projects contained in the proposed 2027-2030 TIP are being carried forward from the current 2026-2029 TIP with the exception of several projects being added and removed as described below. The projects being carried forward were previously determined to be in conformance with the [Long Range Transportation Plan](#).

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed FY 2027-2030 TIP is fiscally constrained and the project funding identified within it can be accommodated within the MPO's funding allocations.



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**To:** MPO Technical Committee  
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**Date:** March 30, 2026  
**Subject:** Proposed FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

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The MPO Technical Committee will review the proposed FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at their meeting on April 8 and make a recommendation to the MPO Officials Committee. The Planning Commission will also hold a public hearing on the FY 2027-2030 TIP as to conformance with the 2050 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on April 15. A summary of the projects in the proposed TIP is provided below.

### **State of Nebraska: Department of Transportation**

The State program typically includes projects that focus on system rehab/resurfacing, maintenance, and replacement. These projects are coordinated with the State's TIP and are considered to be in general conformance with the LRTP.

- Agnew North Bridges
- Cornhusker Hwy Bridges
- D1 Camera Towers
- D1 Fiber I-80, Pleasant Dale - Lincoln
- D1 Variable Speed Advisory
- District 1 Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) Replacement
- District 1 Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) Retrofit
- District 1 Side Mount Dynamic Message Sign (DMS)
- Emerald Intersection
- I-180, Adams St Bridge, Lincoln (UNDER CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION)
- I-180, Cornhusker South (UNDER CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION)
- I-180, I-180 Bridges over I-80 (UNDER CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION)
- I-180, I-80 - Cornhusker Highway
- I-180, I-80 Interchange - Cornhusker Highway
- I-80 Bridges, NW 48th St - Waverly
- I-80, 27th St - Platte River

- I-80, Airpark - I-180
- I-80, Jct I-180 - E Jct US-77
- I-80, Pleasant Dale - NW 56th Street
- I-80, Waverly - Jct N-66
- L-55X, Link L-55X North (between Cornhusker Highway and I-80)
- Lincoln South Beltway ITS Deployment
- Lincoln West Bridges
- N-2, Lincoln South Beltway
- N-2, Lincoln-Syracuse
- N-43, N-41 to Bennet
- NW 48th St Gates & Camera
- S-55G, Hickman Spur
- State Operations & Maintenance
- Sun Valley Blvd over Union Pacific Railroad
- US-6, Emerald to Sun Valley Blvd
- US-6, O Street to 10th Street
- US-77 & S55H Restricted Crossing U-Turn
- US-77, Ceresco - south
- US-77, Lincoln West Beltway
- US-77, Pioneers Blvd Interchange
- US-77, US-77/I-80 North
- US-77, Warlick Blvd Interchange
- Operations & Maintenance

### **Lancaster County – County Engineering:**

The Lancaster County improvement program typically includes roadway and bridge capital projects. All county projects are considered to be in conformance with the LRTP.

#### **Safety Improvement Projects**

- Saltillo Road, 27th Street to 68th Street: Widening/paving earthen shoulders with safety edges and safety improvements for S. 40th Street and S. 56th Street intersections, with multiple intersection improvements for construction of roundabouts.
- 148th Street and Holdrege Street: Intersection improvements including left turn lanes on north and southbound approaches.
- S. 68th Street, Firth Road to Stagecoach Road: Grading, widening, and surfacing.
- S. 68th Street, Hickman to Roca Road: Pavement overlay, trench and shoulder widening, construction of a safety section, centerline and edgeline rumble strips, and intersection improvements at Martell Road.
- N. 14th Street, Alvo Road to Ashland Road, 10.5 miles: pavement overlay, trench and shoulder widening, construction of a safety section, and centerline and edgeline rumble strips.

### **Roadway Capital Projects**

- S. 98th Street, Old Cheney Road to A Street: Construction of a 24 foot asphalt surface with turf shoulders.
- S. 98th Street, A Street to O Street: Construction of asphalt paving and drainage structures. Since S. 98th Street from Old Cheney to O Street is within the 2050 Future Service Limit, the City and County will closely coordinate on these projects.
- Fletcher Avenue, 84th Street to 148th Street: Construction of 28 foot asphalt surface with turf shoulders. Since Fletcher Road from 84th Street to east of 98th Street is within the 2050 Future Service Limit, the City and County will closely coordinate on this project.
- NW 56th Street, I-80 to W. Holdrege Street: Grading, widening, and surfacing. Since NW 56th Street from I-80 to W. Holdrege Street is within the 2050 Future Service Limit, the City and County will closely coordinate on this project.
- N. 162nd Street, Ashland Road to US-6: Construction of 28-foot asphalt surface with turf shoulders.
- East Beltway: Preliminary design, right-of-way, and construction of a four lane freeway between Hwy 2 and I-80. Complete funding not shown.

### **Bridge Replacement Projects**

- Arbor Road Bridge over Little Salt Creek, 0.1 miles: Preliminary engineering and construction of bridge to replace existing 120' slab bridge.

### **Operations & Maintenance**

#### **City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities - Transportation:**

This program includes significant resources for projects that focus on traffic management, traffic signal timing, equipment replacement and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects that are needed to improve traffic flow. Other focus areas are for traffic safety and operations for intersection projects, sidewalk maintenance, and roadway and bridge infrastructure rehabilitation or improvements. Below are the major intersection, roadway, and bridge infrastructure improvement projects. All projects are considered to be in conformance with the LRTP.

#### **Transportation System Preservation**

This program component focuses on repair and preservation of transportation system assets including rehabilitation of streets, intersections, traffic signals, bridges, and facilities in the public street right-of-way. Projects include concrete repairs, asphalt mill & overlay, surface treatments, signal structures and equipment replacement, bridge/structure work, facility improvements, and other transportation preservation and rehabilitation efforts.

- S. 56th Street, Spruce Street to Van Dorn Street – pavement repair
- Randolph Street, Capital Parkway to 40th Street – pavement repair and intersection improvements at 33rd Street and 40th Street

- 1st Street & Cornhusker Highway – traffic signal replacement
- 9th & A St., 9th & D St., 10th & A St., 10th & D St. – traffic signal replacement
- N. 84th Street & College Park – traffic signal replacement
- 66th St./Cotner Blvd./Adams St. – traffic signal replacement
- Cornhusker Highway, 39th Street to L-55X – pavement repair, intersection improvements, mill and overlay, curb ramp reconstruction and utility adjustments
- Preventative Maintenance Bridge Package – maintenance of various bridges
- 48th St. & Calvert St. and 56th St. & Calvert St. – traffic signal replacement
- W. South Street Bridge over Salt Creek – bridge replacement
- S. 27th Street Bridge over SE Upper Salt Creek – bridge replacement

### **Transportation System Optimization**

This program component focuses on optimization of transportation system assets including program delivery, intersection improvements, signal system optimization, street capacity (widening), structures within the built environment, turn lanes, complete streets concepts and technology enhancements. Projects include new intersection modifications (turn lanes, roundabouts) new signal system hardware, adding lanes to existing streets, access improvements, bike & pedestrian improvements, signing, safety projects and transportation system management infrastructure.

- A Street, 40th Street to 56th Street – intersection improvements and widening
- Adams Street, 36th Street to 48th Street – pavement repair and widening
- 84th Street and US-6 (Cornhusker Highway) – safety project
- Cotner Boulevard, O Street to Starr Street – pavement repair and intersection improvements
- A Street, 6th Street to 17th Street – intersection improvements and widening
- Pilot – Hyperflow Software Tool – corridor performance system
- S. 70th St. and Nebraska Parkway – intersection improvements

### **Transportation System Growth**

This program component focuses on growth of new transportation system assets including new streets, right-of-way improvements, bridges/structures in new growth areas and major upgrades to the fringe area street network. Projects include new streets and right-of-way improvements, new bridges and support structures, new intersections and signal system hardware, and major upgrades to the fringe area street network.

### **Transportation Sidewalk Program**

This program is for the maintenance and repair of sidewalk infrastructure. Projects include sidewalk repair and replacement, panel leveling, and construction of ADA curb ramps.

### **Capital Roadway Projects**

- East Beltway – Corridor protection and right-of-way (as needed) for a four lane freeway between Hwy 2 and I-80. The LRTP recommends continuing corridor protection
- S. 40th Street from Yankee Hill Rd to south of Rokeby – Construction of a two lane urban facility with intersection improvements and turn lanes. This project is listed as a Developer Commitment in the LRTP
- N. 14th Street, Salt Creek to Adams Street – Bridge replacement and rehabilitation, intersection and pedestrian improvements

### **City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities - StarTran:**

The Public Transportation Element of the TIP includes operational and capital improvement programs for the City of Lincoln Public Transportation projects that are typically funded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and local funds. The primary focus of this program is to maintain StarTran services and provide for StarTran's Vehicle Replacement Program. All projects are considered to be in conformance with the LRTP.

- Service and revenue service vehicle replacements.
- Bus stop amenities such as benches, shelters, pads, signage, bicycle related equipment and landscaping.
- Security enhancements as required by FTA.
- Computer hardware and software for continued upgrade/replacement of computer services for StarTran.
- Shop tools/equipment for continued routine upgrade and replacement. Such tools and equipment typically include items like vehicle lifts, oil reels, and fall protection items.
- Improvements to buildings, ground, and land.
- Fare collection system: Funds are proposed for replacement of all bus fareboxes and adding fareboxes to paratransit vehicles.
- Fleet Infrastructure Improvements: This project includes strategic upgrades to essential fleet infrastructure to enhance operational efficiency and reliability.
- Multimodal Transportation Center: This project will enhance public transit services, support economic growth, and streamline Lincoln Transportation & Utilities' transit operations. The project includes the completion of a feasibility study, environmental & design work, and construction. This project includes completion of a feasibility study, environmental and design work, and construction.
- Maintenance Facility Construction/Relocation: Funds are proposed for a feasibility study. Future funds include FTA discretionary funds to construct a new bus maintenance and storage facility.
- Operations costs.

### **Lincoln Airport Authority:**

The Lincoln Airport Authority improvement program includes operational and capital improvement programs for the City of Lincoln Airport that are typically funded through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and local funds. All projects are considered to be in conformance with the LRTP.

- General Aviation Development
- Oak Creek Levee Improvements
- Relocate Run-up Pad
- Runway and taxiway improvements including design, construction, pavement, lighting and other equipment
- Terminal Parking Garage Solar Panel Roof Canopies
- Terminal Ramp Rehabilitation

### **Federal Transit Programs:**

Federal Transit Administration grants assist in the development and support of intercity bus transportation and enhance the access of people to employment, health care, shopping, education, public services, and recreation. Section 5310 and 5311 funds allocated to or awarded within the Lincoln Metropolitan Area are administered by NDOT. All projects are considered to be in conformance with the LRTP.

- Section 5310 Program – designed to support transportation services that meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in urbanized areas. Eligible projects include both traditional capital investment and nontraditional investment beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.
  - Lincoln Vehicle Purchases: funds for vehicle purchases for the 5310 Urban Lincoln area estimated for the outer years.
  - Capital allocations for FY 2024, FY 2025, and estimates for outer years.

### **Pedestrian, Bike & Trails:**

The projects located in this section of the TIP are generally funded with a combination of local and federal funds that comes from the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program, Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and other sources. All projects are considered to be in conformance with the LRTP.

#### **City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department**

- Beal Slough Trail Project – This is a ten-foot wide trail to extend along the Beal Slough Channel and the railroad from 56th Street & London Road connecting to 70th Street & Yankee Hill Road.
- Fletcher Landmark Trail – This is a trail project for concrete trail to follow primarily alongside Fletcher Street from N.14th Street to N. 27th Street.
- Waterford Trail – This is a trail project beginning at 84th and College Park east

across Southeast Community College to the corner of 98th and Boathouse Road and extending east and north to the corner of 104th and Holdrege.

- Rock Island Trail Widening – A Street to Boosalis Trail: This project would widen the trail from 8 feet to 11 feet in this busy section to assist with capacity, as well as replace a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Garfield Street.

#### **City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Department**

- Rock Island Trail Undercrossing at Old Cheney Road – This is a project for a grade separated crossing of the Rock Island Trail under Old Cheney Road east of S. 16th Street where there is currently an at-grade crossing.
- Active Transportation Enhancements for the Multimodal Transportation Center – Pedestrian and bicycle improvements to facilitate commuter movements to and from the new multimodal center would be constructed in conjunction with that project.
- Project O Street & Music District Streetscape – replace aging water mains, repair and resurface streets and sidewalks, and install new amenities along both “O” Street and the 14th Street Music District.

#### **City of Lincoln Urban Development Department**

- Downtown Corridors Phase 2 – Sidewalks, street and pedestrian lighting, trees, landscaping, amenities, curb, ramps, lane reductions, pavement markings and signalization changes along portions of 9th and 10th Streets.

#### **Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD):**

This project is for a Railroad Crossing Grade Separation project at the N. 33rd Street and Cornhusker/BNSF railroad crossing to eliminate at-grade vehicular-train conflicts that enhance safety, reduce delays, and improve emergency access. This project is listed as a committed project and is therefore considered to be in conformance with the LRTP. The project was recently awarded a \$66.7 million federal grant. In this annual TIP, separate phases for the project were added.

#### **Planning:**

These projects include federally funded transportation planning funds.

- Lancaster County – Local Road Safety Plan Update & Safe Mobility Supplemental Action Plan
- City of Lincoln – Safe Streets Lincoln: A Vision Zero Action Plan
- City of Waverly - Vehicular and Pedestrian Connectivity Study
- City of Hickman - Transportation Safety Action Plan