

Comments

REVISED MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 1:05 p.m., Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE Tom Beckius, Tracy Corr, Tracy Edgerton, Deane Finnegan, Maja V. Harris, Chris Hove, Dennis Scheer, Sändra Washington and Ken Weber; David Cary, Steve Henrichsen, Andrew Thierolf, George Wesselhoft, Brian Will, Collin Christopher, Tom Cajka, Geri Rorabaugh and Amy Huffman of the Planning Department; media and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Planning Commission meeting

MISCELLANEOUS NO. 17002 REVIEW OF THE LINCOLN METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION (MPO) FY 17/18 - FY 20/21 TIP AS TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE MPO 2040 LRTP: **May 24, 2017**

Members present: Beckius, Corr, Edgerton, Finnegan, Harris, Hove, Scheer, and Washington; Weber absent.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the 2040 LRTP.

Washington disclosed that she attended the MPO meeting.

Staff Presentation: **Mike Brienzo of the Planning Department** said this is the implementation element of the LRTP. This programs four years worth of projects and studies. This document programs any projects that require funding or oversight from Federal or State, County, and City agencies. There is significant emphasis on projects that seek fderal funds since this is the document that is reviewed when considering how to allocate funds. We ask for review and comments from the public, from MPO advisors and Officials Committees which include two City Council members, two County Board members, State Director of Transit, the Mayor, among others. Our recommendation is compliance subject to the adjustment for the South Beltway amendment. This is a good combination and product, and we feel we can move forward with the rest of design of all projects listed to receive federal funding. This requires support from the public and this body.

Washington asked generally about the process. Brienzo said Notice was published on May 15, 2017. It was posted in several public buildings and an email blast went out to our library of around 1,800 individuals. Those emails are then forwarded on. Neighborhoods and businesses are notified and it is published in the Lincoln Journal Star. All input received is included in the document.

MISCELLANEOUS NO. 17002

ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:

May 24, 2017

Beckius moved Approval; seconded by Finnegan and carried 8-0: Beckius, Corr, Edgerton, Finnegan, Harris, Scheer, Washington, and Hove voting 'yes'; Weber absent.

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: June 1, 2017, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pam Dingman – Lancaster County Engineer, Miki Esposito - Director of Public Works & Utilities, Paul Barnes and Kellee Van Bruggen - Planning Dept., Brian Praeuner - StarTran, Roger Figard – Railroad Transportation Safety District and Randy Hoskins - Public Works & Utilities, Sara Hartzell - Parks & Recreation, Wynn Hjermstad - Urban Development, Brendan Lilley - County Engineer, Noel Salac and Tom Goodbarn - Nebraska Dept. of Roads; (David Cary – Planning Dept., David Haring – Lincoln Airport Authority and Chris Schroeder – Health Dept. absent). Brendon Schmidt of Nebraska Dept. of Roads; Matthew Shimerdla of Schemmer Associates; Tony Dirks of Benesch; Kyle Fischer of Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; Bayley Bischof of KLKN TV Channel 8; Nancy Hicks of the Lincoln Journal Star; and other interested parties.

REVIEW AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Brienzo stated that we have been working on putting together the TIP. We started by gathering the program of projects for the MPO planning area. At that time, we had a number of negotiations taking place on how projects would be funded and that has slowed us down a little. On May 11, 2017 the programming committee did a complete review of the draft TIP and recommended it to the Planning Commission for review. May 24, 2017 was the review by Planning Commission. No substantial comments were received at that meeting. All Planning Commissioners recommended it moving forward. We are adding the allocation for Section 5310 funds. As we get a program of projects developed, they will be taken to the subcommittee for review. Administrative modifications to the TIP have to be checked off by the Planning Director. All three chairs of the Technical Committee are notified. If anyone feels a full Technical Committee meeting is required, that would be undertaken. We work with the Federal Transit Administration on this process. We make modifications based upon how projects develop. Funds have to be programmed at this time.

Brienzo noted that there is a second item under the State section. The South Beltway program is included. He assumes if there are any changes, a modification will have to be made. If the scope doesn't change, he would assume it could be done administratively. If any of the chairs

would like to see these go through the Technical Committee, that can be done. The same applies to the State. He believes as it stands right now, it is programmed in a way that is manageable.

Esposito noted we will continue to discuss any changes to the budget process and TIP amendment on the South Beltway and could potentially be bringing those forward to the Technical Committee in the future.

ACTION:

Motion for approval of the proposed FY 2018-2020 Transportation Improvement Program made by Salac, seconded by Dingman and carried 12-0: Barnes, Dingman, Esposito, Figard, Praeuner, Goodbarn, Hartzell, Hjermstad, Hoskins, Lilley, Salac and Van Bruggen voting 'yes'; Cary, Haring and Schroeder absent.

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: June 22, 2017, 1:00 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Avery, Mayor Chris Beutler, Roy Christensen, Ryan Huff and Jane Raybould; (Todd Wiltgen absent). David Cary, Paul Barnes, Mike Brienzo and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept.; Pam Dingman, County Engineer; Miki Esposito and Randy Hoskins of Public Works & Utilities.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDED DRAFT 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Brienzo stated that the TIP is the funding programming document for our projects. This moves a project into a funding mode. It is required for any project that uses Federal funds. We have identified local funds, as well as Federal funds. This is all summarized at the end. There are other projects that the County programs into their County program that aren't listed here. These are projects that are supported with Federal funds that are regionally significant enough to require review. The State section was initially placed in the TIP in 2007. The amendment just passed will be included in this proposed TIP.

ACTION:

Raybould moved approval of the 2018-2021 TIP, seconded by Avery and carried 5-0: Avery, Mayor Beutler, Christensen, Huff and Raybould voting 'yes'; Wiltgen absent.



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October 11, 2017

Kyle Schneweis, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Schneweis:

**FHWA/FTA Approval of the Nebraska FY 2018 – 2021
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program**

This letter is to inform you of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review and approval of the highway and transit projects contained in the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) FY 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as well as the projects from the incorporated metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for Lincoln and South Sioux City (SIMPCO), Omaha (MAPA), and Grand Island (GIAMPO).

The Draft FY 2018-2021 STIP was available for public comment starting August 15, 2017 running thru August 30, 2017. During this period, NDOT received 2 comments on the proposed STIP during the public outreach period and responded to those commenters directly. After this period, it was recognized that MAPA's TIP was inadvertently excluded from this initial public comment period. As such, a second public comment period was provided to allow the public and other interested parties the opportunity to review the STIP in totality (inclusive of the MAPA TIP). The public comment period was extended from September 4, 2017 to September 19, 2017.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Agency's (MAPA) Board of Directors approved the TIP on June 29, 2017 and NDOT approval for inclusion in the STIP was given on September 5, 2017. The Lincoln MPO TIP was approved by the Officials Committee on June 22, 2017 and NDOT approval for inclusion into the NDOT STIP was given on June 30, 2017. The Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) TIP Policy board approved the TIP on July 13, 2017, and on July 17, 2017, NDOT approved the TIP for inclusion into the STIP. The Grand Island TIP was approved by the Board of Directors on May 23, 2017, and NDOT approval for inclusion into the STIP was given on June 26, 2017. All the MPO TIPs included self-certifications.

Throughout the year, FHWA and FTA have had ongoing communication with NDOT, the metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and the state's transit agencies. In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.218(b) and 23 CFR Part 450.334(a), we have determined that the highway and

transit projects in the STIP and the metropolitan TIPs are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements.

The enclosed planning finding was prepared to demonstrate how the NDOT planning process meets the planning requirements. We would like to highlight that this planning finding contains recommendations which NDOT should ensure are implemented so the transportation planning process continues to be substantially compliant with the regulatory requirements.

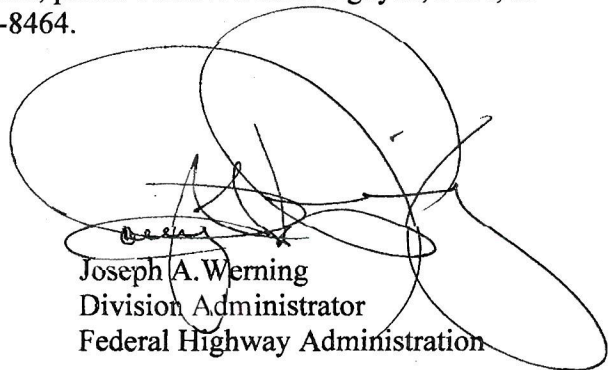
Based on the FHWA review of the FY 2018 -2021 STIP, the aforementioned monitoring activities throughout the year, the MPO's self-certifications, and the enclosed planning finding, the FY 2018-2021 STIP is hereby approved.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Daniel Nguyen, FTA, at (816)329-3938, or Justin Luther, FHWA, at (402)742-8464.

Sincerely yours,



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