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March 10, 2026

Vicki Kramer, Director
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Director Kramer:

FHWA Approval of Amendment 5 to the Nebraska FY 2026-2029 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 projects contained in Amendment 5 to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) FY 2026-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), including acknowledgement of adjustments made to certain projects listed in the submitted documentation and into the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs. NDOT did not receive any comments on the proposed Amendment 5 to the FY 2026-2029 STIP during the public comment period.

The MAPA Board of Directors approved Amendments 3 and 4 on January 22, 2026, and February 26, 2026, respectively. NDOT found the Amendments to the MAPA TIP to be fiscally constrained and in accordance with the MAPA Public Participation Plan. NDOT approved MAPA's TIP Amendments 3 and 4 for inclusion into the NDOT STIP on January 30, 2026, and February 27, 2026, respectively.

The Lincoln MPO Officials Committee approved Amendment 3 on February 10, 2026. NDOT found the Amendment to the Lincoln MPO TIP to be fiscally constrained and in accordance with the Lincoln MPO Public Participation Plan. NDOT approved Lincoln MPO's TIP Amendment 3 for inclusion into the NDOT STIP on February 24, 2026.

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.220 (b), FHWA and FTA have determined that the projects included in Amendment 5 to the FY 2026-2029 STIP are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements. Based on the FHWA review of the FY 2026-2029 STIP, monitoring activities throughout the year, the MPO's self-certifications, and the planning finding, Amendment 5 to the FY 2026-2029 STIP is hereby approved.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Justin Luther at (402) 742-8464 or Gerri Doyle at (816) 329-3928 of our staff.

Sincerely,



James R. Simerl
Acting Division Administrator
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Carrie Butler
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Jim Pillen, Governor

February 24, 2026

The Honorable Leirion Gaylor Baird
Mayor of Lincoln
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Ms. Gaylor Baird:

SUBJECT: State Concurrence of Lincoln MPO FY2026 – FY2029 TIP Amendment 3

As the Governor's designee, I am providing concurrence with the Lincoln MPO FY2026 – FY2029 TIP Amendment 3 as approved by the Lincoln MPO Technical Advisory Committee and approved by the Lincoln MPO Officials Committee by Resolution 2026-1 on February 10, 2026.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation finds the amendment to be part of a fiscally constrained TIP consistent with the MPO LRTP and in accordance with Lincoln MPO's public participation process as outlined in their public participation plan.

The Lincoln MPO's TIP is included in Nebraska's STIP by reference. The changes found in TIP Amendment 2 will be incorporated when NDOT submits its next STIP revision to FHWA for final approval. If you have any questions, please call Jarrod Walker at 402-540-0493.

Sincerely,

Ryan Huff, P.E.
Chief Strategy Officer
Strategic Planning Division
Nebraska Dept. of Transportation

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February 11, 2026

Mr. Jarrod Walker
Highway Planning Manager
Nebraska Department of Transportation
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RE: Amendment No. 3 to the Lincoln MPO FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Walker:

Enclosed is a revised Resolution 2026-1 approved by the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Officials Committee at the February 10, 2026 meeting. This resolution is for the 3rd amendment to the Lincoln MPO FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Exhibit A of the resolution reflects one new project in the Lancaster County Engineering program, revisions to two projects and removal of two projects in the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310/5311 program, and revisions to two projects in the Pedestrian, Bike and Trails program.

We are requesting State concurrence of this amendment for inclusion in the Nebraska Department of Transportation Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Christopher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Christopher, AICP
Transportation Planner

Enclosure

cc: David Cary, Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Department
Paul Barnes, Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Department



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Lincoln MPO Resolution: 2026-1 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (Lincoln MPO) is the designated organization responsible for undertaking the transportation planning process for the Lincoln Metropolitan Transportation Management Area (TMA), in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln MPO, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.326, adopted on May 2, 2025 a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2026 through 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln MPO has prepared an amendment to the FY 2026-2029 TIP that reflects revisions to two projects and removal of two projects in the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310/5311 program, one new project in the Lancaster County Engineering program, and revisions to two projects in the Pedestrian, Bike and Trails program as identified in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the projects included in the amendment are consistent with the currently adopted Long Range Transportation Plan, *2050 Long Range Transportation Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the amendment has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Technical Committee of the Lincoln MPO, and now requires adoption from the Officials Committee of the Lincoln MPO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Officials Committee adopts the amendment to the Lincoln MPO FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to include the revisions as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Approved by a vote of the Lincoln MPO Officials Committee and signed this 10th day of February, 2026.



Lincoln MPO Officials Committee Chair

ATTEST


David Cary, Planning and Development Services Director
Lincoln MPO Technical Advisory Committee Chair



Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Lancaster County Engineering Program:

[Link to TIP Program Page](#)

The following changes are proposed:

| Lead Agency | Project | Project No. | Control No. | Description of Revisions |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Lancaster County Engineering | Saltillo Intersection Improvements | N/A | N/A | Add new project and program federal funds. This project would create a new second phase project for improvement of Saltillo Road for construction of roundabouts at 38 th , 47 th and 65 th Streets. Proposed funding is in FY 2026 in the amounts of \$300,000 Lancaster County funds (CO) for Preliminary Engineering, Lincoln MPO Surface Transportation Block Grant funds (LC) of \$80,000 and \$20,000 CO for ROW/Utilities, and in FY 2027 \$2,400,000 LC and \$600,000 CO for Construction/Construction Engineering for a total project cost of \$3,400,000. Project miles 0.7. |

Federal Transit Administration Section 5310/5311 Program:[Link to TIP Program Page](#)

The following changes are proposed:

| Lead Agency | Project | Project No. | Control No. | Description of Revisions |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| NDOT | Madonna-Lincoln | N/A | N/A | Remove from TIP as funds have been awarded. |
| NDOT | Section 5310 Program: FY 2023 Allocation | N/A | N/A | Remove from TIP as funds have been awarded. |
| NDOT | Section 5310 Program: FY 2024 Allocation | N/A | N/A | Reprogram funds to FY 2026 and update funding amount to \$15,806 reflective of partial award. |
| NDOT | Section 5310 Program: FY 2025 Allocation | N/A | N/A | Reprogram funds to FY 2027 and update funding amount to \$366,076 reflective of the full year apportionment for FY 2025. |

Pedestrian, Bike and Trails Program:[Link to TIP Program Page](#)

The following changes are proposed:

| Lead Agency | Project | Project No. | Control No. | Description of Revisions |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Lincoln Transportation and Utilities | Rock Island Trail Undercrossing at Old Cheney Road | CRP-55(197) | 13581 | Reprogram Construction/Construction Engineering costs from FY 2026 to FY 2027 and increase funding amounts for the same phase from \$1,162,000 Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) and \$402,800 City of Lincoln (LN) to \$2,783,200 CMAQ and \$695,800 LN. Update project description to reflect lead agency of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities instead of Lincoln Parks and Recreation. |
| Lincoln Parks and Recreation | Rock Island Trail Widening - A Street to Boosalis Trail | CRP-55(198) | 13583 | Reprogram Construction/Construction Engineering costs from FY 2026 to FY 2027 and decrease funding amounts for the same phase from \$1,830,00 CMAQ and \$457,700 LN to \$658,880 CMAQ and \$164,720 LN. |