

**GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MINUTES**

November 17, 2015 at 3:00 pm

City of Grand Island Public Library

211 N Washington Street, Grand Island, NE

Voting Members in Attendance:

Terry Brown, City of Grand Island, Assistant Public Works Director	Present
John Collins, City of Grand Island, Public Works Director	Present
Marlan Ferguson, City of Grand Island, City Administrator	Absent
Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Casey Sherlock, Hall County Public Works Director	Absent
Mike Meyer, Merrick County Hwy Superintendent	Present
Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer	Present
Brad Zumwalt, NDOR Highway Planning Manager	Present
Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda	Absent

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Andy Williams, Burling Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent
Mike Olson, Central NE Regional Airport	Present
John Adams, City of Grand Island MPO Manager	Present
Shannon Callahan, City of Grand Island Street Superintendent	Absent
William Clingman, City of Grand Island Interim Finance Director	Present
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island Public Works Admin Assistant	Present
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island Project Manager	Present
Robert Sivick, City of Grand Island City Attorney	Absent
Nicki Stoltenberg, City of Grand Island Assistant to the City Administrator	Present
Erich Hines, FHWA, Transportation Planner, Realty Civil Rights	Absent
Justin Luther, FHWA, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights	Absent
Mark Bechtel, FTA Community Planner	Absent
Logan Daniels, FTA – Region VII	Absent
Daniel Nguyen, FTA Community Planner	Absent
Cindy Johnson, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce	Absent
Mary Berlie, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation	Present
Larry Legg, NDOR Local Projects Engineer	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOR State Modeler	Absent
Noel Salac, NDOR Planning & Locational Studies Section Head	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOR Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Kyle Nodgaard, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent

Others Present

Clyde Prem, Matt Rief, Tom Worker-Braddock, and Joe Johnson of Olsson Associates
Triveece Penelton of Vireo

Call to Order

Nabity called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Approve Minutes of the October 13, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting, seconded by Brown. Zumwalt made mention that the update from Wahlgren in the minutes were only on State projects, not Local as listed. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Public Participation Plan – FINAL DRAFT

Adams noted that the few comments from the October 13, 2015 meeting were incorporated into the final draft of the Public Participation Plan and the 45 day comment period has been met.

Motion by Brown to approve the Public Participation Plan, seconded by Zumwalt. Upon voice vote, all voted aye.

Goals and Objectives

Clyde Prem of Olsson Associates provided a handout noting the Priority Points (Increase safety and efficiency of the transportation system, Improve vehicle mobility and connectivity, Provide accessibility to destinations for all population groups, Environmental protection and the preservation of important natural assets, and Further the health and well-being of all residents in the region) that were developed from comments provided at the workshops. Clyde noted the Environmental & Health pieces are supportive items that are important to citizens and aren't used to determine projects, however they will aid in the process.

Long Range Transportation Plan – Progress Update

Clyde gave a short PowerPoint presentation on the development of the plan and stated some fine tuning is still needed.

PowerPoint Presentation - Scenarios

Clyde pointed out a few scenarios that have come from the development of the plan

- Safety and efficiency projects
- Mobility & connectivity
 - RR-underpasses/overpasses
- Fix the need to “jog” around town – make straight runs
- Generate ideas, evaluate and move with plans for improvements

- Accessibility projects

Matt with Olsson Associates inquired on future plans to improve Capital Avenue east of Broadwell Avenue. Collins said there is interest, however no timeline.

State and Local Project Updates

Brown updated the committee on the following local projects –

- Capital Avenue Widening – Broadwell Ave intersection (N/S/E) is open – plan to open westbound before the end of the year

Wahlgren updated the committee on the following State projects –

- Hwy 30 realignment
 - Upgrade to 4 lane
 - Public informational meeting possibly January 2016
 - City comments will be submitted week of November 23, 2015

Federal Transportation Bill Update

Adams informed the committee that the House passed their version of a 6 year bill, however there isn't funding beyond the 3rd year. Hope is to have the bill to the President by end of December. Current bill is good to December 1, 2015.

Mike Olson noted the aviation portion is budgeted for 2 years.

Next Meeting Date

The next Meeting of the TAC will be on December 14, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 3:28 pm.