

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

August 8, 2016 at 10:00 am

Grand Island City Hall – Community Meeting Room

100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

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	Present
Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Casey Sherlock, Hall County Public Works Director	Present
Mike Meyer, Merrick County Hwy Superintendent	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer	Present
Brad Zumwalt, NDOR Highway Planning Manager	Present
Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda	Present

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Bentley Tomlin, Burling Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent
Mike Olson, Central NE Regional Airport	Absent
Allan Zafft, City of Grand Island MPO Program Manager	Present
Shannon Callahan, City of Grand Island Street Superintendent	Absent
Renae Griffiths, City of Grand Island Finance Director	Present
William Clingman, City of Grand Island Asst. Finance Director	Present
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island Public Works Admin Assistant	Present
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island Project Manager	Absent
Jerry Janulewicz, 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 in Attendance: Amy Houser – Central District Health Department

Call to Order

Nabity called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes from the April 26, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting, seconded by Brown. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Program Manager Introduction

Allan Zafft, whom began his employment on July 18, 2016, was introduced to the committee; with members present also introducing themselves. Zafft has 15 years of transportation planning in the public and private sectors and has most recently worked with a consultant. Most of his career was spent with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) managing federal fund requirements for LPA projects, serving as a liaison for the Kansas City MPO and regional planning commissions, and managing planning studies.

Approval Recommendation of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 1

Zafft informed the committee that it is necessary to amend the FY 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to allow for the addition of two (2) projects. The 5311 funds for rural areas can't be used in urban areas; therefore 5307 funds relating to transit operations for 2016, 2017 & 2018 in the urban areas is being added, as well as the use of 5311 rural funds for transit operations, which was recommended by Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). This amendment is holding up the 5307 grant application (transit operations) with FTA. A fifteen (15) day public comment period for this amendment began on August 3, 2016.

Motion by Collins to approve the recommendation of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 1, seconded by Brown. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Complete Streets Policy

Brown noted this is an informal policy & design, which has been popular with the Complete Street Committee whom has been looking at this since February. This type of policy aids in safe travel for all modes of transportation and provides consistency for developers. Brown & Nabity both stated the policy is being edited currently and will be brought to TAC, Policy Board and City Council for recommendation and approval. Zumwalt noted flexibility is good, as urban and rural areas have different needs. Amy Houser stated this is to achieve mutual safety goals, as the committee wants to improve walking and biking. It is anticipated that a policy will be in place by December of this year.

Federal-Aid Urban Area Boundary Update

Collins informed the committee that this is to update the functional classification of streets within City limits, not the MPO boundary. Boundary changes (annexations) changed the classifications, which is not always the case for an update. This boundary update is scheduled to be presented to City Council at their August 9, 2016 meeting. Brown noted that staffing changes within the Nebraska Department of Roads office prompted the update; more consistency is being sought with cleaning up the map. Collins also noted this boundary update does affect planning.

Next Meeting Date

The next Meeting of the TAC will be on October 17, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am.