

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

November 17, 2016 at 10:00 am

Grand Island City Hall – Community Meeting Room

100 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

**Voting Members in Attendance:**

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| 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                        | Absent  |
| Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda                                    | Absent  |

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance:**

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| 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             | Absent  |
| 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  |

**Call to Order**

Nabity called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

## **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

## **Approval of Minutes from the August 8, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee**

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting, seconded by Brown. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment No. 1**

Zafft informed TAC of the reasons for Amendment No. 1 to the LRTP, which are to account for the significant estimate increase on the US Highway 281 NB project (latest estimate has increased from \$12M to \$18M – an increase of \$3.5M or 42% change) and adjust the fiscal constraint of the plan to include additional anticipated federal revenue for the US Highway 281 NB project, which results in revisions to the funding tables in Chapters 7 & 9 of the LRTP. The four (4) criteria to determine whether a project change rises to the level of an amendment are:

- Project costs: determination will be made based on the percentage change or dollar amount of change in federal aid. Projects in which the federal aid has been changed by 20% or \$2M, which is greater, will require an LRTP amendment. Anything less can be processed with an administrative modification. For projects financed with non-federal funds. NDOR suggests the MPO's use the same 20%/\$2M threshold in order to provide transparency to the public;
- Adding a Regionally Significant Project which requires FHWA or FTA funding or approval;
- Funding sources: Adding federal funding sources or changing from one federal funding category to another (including converting advanced construction) will require an amendment; or
- Scope and termini changes: Substantial changes to project scope shown in the approved STIP or project termini changes greater than 0.25 mile will require an amendment.

Nabity inquired on the consequences of not approving this amendment, to which Zafft stated the US Highway 281 NB project letting would be held up. Wahlgren pointed out pavement repairs are needed along US Highway 281 NB as this is a major roadway through the City. Collins noted the State would more than likely reallocate the dollars elsewhere.

A thirty (30) day comment period is required, which is scheduled to begin October 18, 2016.

Motion by Collins to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment No. 1, seconded by Ferguson. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 2**

Zafft notified TAC of the inconsistency from the LRTP and the TIP regarding the cost estimate for the US Highway 281 NB project. This amendment will allow for a correction to the TIP to match the LRTP

cost estimate. A fifteen (15) day comment period is required, however to match the LRTP comment period a thirty (30) comment period is scheduled to begin on October 18, 2016.

Motion by Sherlock to approve the recommendation of Final Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 2, seconded by Brown. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

### **Approval Recommendation of Final Draft ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan**

Zafft informed TAC that ADA compliance is currently not being met; however this plan will address this Federal requirement and the deficiencies. TAC committed to complete the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan by November 22, 2016. One area of concern is the counter height at the GIAMPO suite, which doesn't currently allow access for an individual in a wheelchair. Such evaluation and plan requires a fifteen (15) comment period, which is scheduled to begin October 19, 2016.

Motion by Collins to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

### **2017 GIAMPO Meeting Schedule**

Nabity presented the 2017 GIAMPO meeting schedule for both TAC and Policy Board, and stated the Public Participation Plan will be amended to match the established meeting schedule, which is based on the approved By-Laws for both.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the 2017 GIAMPO Meeting Schedule, seconded by Ferguson. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

The Transit Needs RFQ has been released for a submittal deadline of 4pm on November 17, 2016.

Dustin Butler's last day with Senior Industries will be October 19, 2016.

The Hike/Bike/Pedestrian Walkability Study has been submitted to the NDOR for comments.

Highway Commission meeting will be held at City Hall on October 21, 2016 beginning at 8:30am.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next Meeting of the TAC will be a Special Meeting on November 21, 2016 at 10:00 am.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.