



UPCOMING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES:

- ❖ **Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 11:00a-1:00p**
- ❖ Grand Generation Center, 304 E 3rd St., Grand Island, NE

- ❖ **Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 5:00p-8:00p**
- ❖ Grand Island Public Library, 211 N Washington St., Grand Island, NE

A brief presentation will begin the meeting with an introduction to the study, along with display boards for the community to review, and comment sheets.



**ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME!!
COME AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US!**



Regional Transit Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study

April 2017



The City of Grand Island and GIAMPO launched the *Regional Transit Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study* in March 2017. Olsson Associates will lead the study efforts. The purpose of the study is to:

- ❑ Review existing transit services in Grand Island and Hall County,
- ❑ Analyze transit demand,
- ❑ Develop short-term public transportation options,
- ❑ Prepare a 3-5 year plan, budget, and implementation plan for the region

Hall County Public Transportation has provided curb-to-curb demand response transit service to the community for more than 30 years. This study focuses on the vision for public transit services:

- What are the best aspects of the existing service?
- What areas should we enhance our service within our existing budget?

Some of the public transportation needs may include employment transportation, elderly transportation, disabled transportation, park-and-ride services, carpool/vanpool services, express bus service, etc. The project team will review the transit needs, alternatives, and work with the community to select the preferred plan for the future.



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Hall County Public Transportation Vision:

Efficient Mobility for All Residents in the Grand Island Region

Goals and Objectives

The scope of this project calls for a development of a five-year plan to efficiently operate transit service inside the Grand Island Metropolitan Planning Area while understanding the constrained budgets of local partners. ¹

Goal: Efficiently provide mobility options to area residents.

- **Objective:** Improve mobility by increasing knowledge of available services to area residents and access to public transit.
- **Objective:** Provide affordable, efficient public transportation options for those with limited access to transportation.
- **Objective:** Explore options for governing structures to assist in supporting future public transportation services.

Goal: Enhance economic activity by improving access to employment for area residents.

- **Objective:** Support economic development, vitality and competitiveness by efficiently enhancing access to existing employment centers.
- **Objective:** Improve access to jobs for underemployed or low-income area residents.
- **Objective:** Examine opportunities to provide public transportation to second- and third-shift employees at area employment centers.

Goal: Coordinate with local organizations for public transportation options, while being good stewards of the public dollar.

- **Objective:** Identify partnership opportunities with local businesses, community organizations and area partners.
- **Objective:** Develop financially achievable transit alternatives to provide service to area residents who need it the most.
- **Objective:** Examine non-traditional solutions to provide after-hours transportation options for low-income employees at area employment centers.

Local Study References

- ¹ Grand Island Area Metropolitan Area Planning Organization (GIAMPO), 2040 Performance Based Long Range Transportation Plan
- <http://www.grand-island.com/home/showdocument?id=15898>
- Grow Grand Island, Implementation Plan, January 2015
- <http://files7.design-editor.com/91/9120474/UploadedFiles/663C7F99-1CF5-D924-BCF7-235F8DF48067.pdf>
- Grand Vision, Vision Plan, November 2014
- <http://files7.design-editor.com/91/9120474/UploadedFiles/7E17FD7B-FB1C-370F-B31B-DC9ABA04D225.pdf>



GRAND ISLAND – TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY

APRIL 2017 – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Rank first 3 questions (Scale of 1-5, 5 = Greatest)

1. How would you rate the importance of transit for Grand Island and Hall County today?
2. How would you rate the importance of transit as Grand Island and Hall County continue to grow?
3. How effective do you feel Hall County Public Transportation is now?
4. What is the greatest benefit of having Hall County Public Transit in our community?
5. If you are familiar with the service, what are strengths of the transit service?
6. What could Hall County Public Transportation do to enhance existing services?
7. What do you think are the most important transit challenges to be addressed in the short-term of 1-3 years?
8. What specific transit services should be considered for the near future?
9. What areas within the region are likely to need public transportation the most?



10. If you or someone you know used public transit where would you need it to go? To/From where?

11. What are some of the best ways to include our citizens into this study effort?

12. How did you first hear about the transit study?

Please return your comments to one of the project team members. Or email or mail within 10 days to:

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Study Tasks/Schedule

| Tasks | Months | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|---|---|
| | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | | |
| Project Management | On-going | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 1: Public Involvement | █ | | | | | █ | | █ | | | |
| Task 2: Transit Vision, Goals, Objectives | | █ | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 3: Existing Transit Assessment | | █ | | | | | | | | | |
| Task 4: Market Assessment / Transit Demand | | | █ | | | | | | | | |
| Task 5: Transit Alternatives | | | | █ | | | | | | | |
| Task 6: Operations Management | | | | | █ | | | | | | |
| Task 7: Preferred Transit Alternative | | | | | | █ | | | | | |
| Task 8: Draft/Final Report | | | | | | | | █ | | | |
| Public Outreach and Public Meetings | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Kickoff Meeting | ★ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Project Team | ● | | | ● | | | | | ● | | ● |
| Stakeholder Interviews | | █ | | | | █ | | █ | | | |
| Focus Groups | | | | | █ | | | █ | | | |
| Public Open House | | ★ | | | | | | | ★ | | |
| Surveys | | █ | | | | | | | | | |
| Deliverables | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Progress updates | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Project Management Plan | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Involvement Plan | | ◆ | | | | | | | | | |
| Technical Memo 1 - Existing Conditions | | | | ◆ | | | | | | | |
| Tech Memo 2 - Transit Alternatives | | | | | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Tech Memo 3 - Preferred Alternatives | | | | | | | ◆ | | | | |
| Draft Report | | | | | | | | | ◆ | | |
| Final Report | | | | | | | | | | | ◆ |

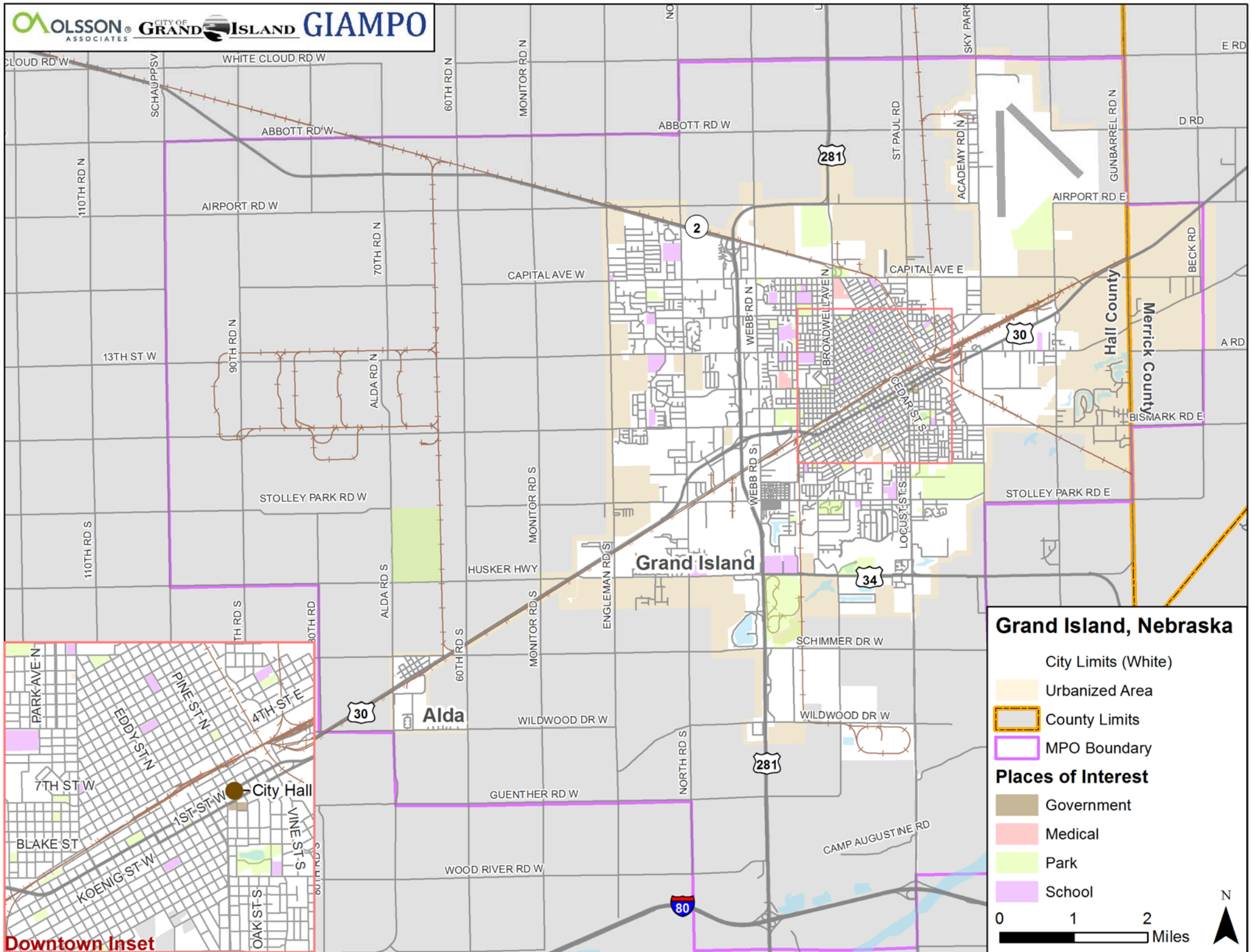


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Grand Island, Nebraska

- City Limits (White)
- Urbanized Area
- County Limits
- MPO Boundary

Places of Interest

- Government
- Medical
- Park
- School

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