

GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)

MINUTES OF POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Grand Island City Hall – Community Meeting Room

100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Roger Steele, Mayor, City of Grand Island	Present
Jason Conley, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Julie Hehnke, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Clay Schutz, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Absent
Wes Wahlgren (Kyle Schneweis designee) NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Gary Quandt, Hall County Board	Present
Ron Peterson, Hall County Board	Present
Pat O’Neill, Hall County Planning Commission Chairman	Absent

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

VACANT, City of Grand Island City Administrator	Absent
Keith Kurz, City of Grand Island Assistant Public Works Director	Absent
VACANT, City of Grand Island, Assistant City Administrator	Absent
Allan Zafft, City of Grand Island MPO Program Manager	Present
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island Public Works Admin Assistant	Present
Patrick Brown, City of Grand Island Finance Director	Present
William Clingman, City of Grand Island Asst. Finance Director	Absent
Jerry Janulewicz, City of Grand Island Attorney	Present
John Collins, City of Grand Island Public Works Director	Present
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island Project Manager	Absent
Chad Naby, Regional Planning Director	Present
Charlene Falmlen, Transit Program Manager	Absent
Joseph Werning, Administrator, FHWA NE Division	Absent
Mokhtee Ahmad, Administrator, FTA Region VII	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Justin Luther, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights FHWA	Absent
Logan Daniels, FTA Transportation Program Specialist	Absent
Mark Bechtel, FTA Community Planner	Absent
Daniel Nguyen, FTA Community Planner	Absent
Mark Fischer, NDOT Assistant Planning Engineer	Absent

Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken, followed by introductions. Mayor Steele acknowledged the fact that Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer, was the designee for Kyle Schneweis, Director of the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT).

Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2019 Policy Board Meeting

Motion by Quandt to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 meeting, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of MPO Self-Certification

Zafft informed the Policy Board that compliance with federal requirements regarding the metropolitan transportation planning process is necessary for the GIAMPO planning area to continue to receive federal transportation funds. GIAMPO must submit the Certification of Planning Process to NDOT with the submittal of a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Motion by Hehnke to approve the MPO Self-Certification, seconded by Conley. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

GIAMPO staff prepared the FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public review and comment. The TIP was developed in compliance with regulations contained in the FAST Act, which is the most recent legislation governing the federal transportation program. The TIP was made available for a 30-day public comment period from April 9, 2019- May 10, 2019, with no public comments received.

Motion by Conley to approve the Final Draft FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program seconded by Peterson. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 5

Zafft recapped that in April 2016 the Policy Board approved Journey 2040 as the Grand Island metropolitan region's Long Range Transportation Plan. This is a blueprint that described how the region will invest in its multimodal transportation system over the next 25 years. The LRTP is amended to accommodate changes to projects in the LRTP. With the passage of the half cent sales tax in November 2018 an amendment is needed to address the highway financial projections, fiscally constrained projects, and illustrative project plan. Amendment No. 5 was made available for a 30-day public comment period from April 9, 2019 to May 10, 2019. No public comments were received.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 5, seconded by Quandt. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

GIAMPO staff has prepared the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public review and comment. The UPWP identifies planning priorities and activities to be carried out within GIAMPO's metropolitan planning area.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the Final Draft FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Quandt. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

MPO Financial Update

Zafft provided an update for State Fiscal Year 2019; Third Quarter, which is from January 1, 2019- March 31, 2019.

Update on the RFP for Updating the Travel Demand Model and Long Range Transportation Plan

Zafft gave a preliminary schedule for the Long Range Transportation Plan update, which consisted of:

January 2019- RFP Released

February 2019- submittals were received

April 2019- selection notification

June 7, 2019- issue Notice to Proceed to selected consultant

December 2020- Technical Advisory Committee approval of the Draft LRTP

December 2020/ January 2021- Public comment period of Draft LRTP

February 2021- Policy Board approval

April 2021- final deadline to submit LRTP

*this schedule allows for unforeseen situations.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Policy Board will be on August 27, 2019 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at 4:34 pm.