

# GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)

## MINUTES OF POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 4:00 pm

Grand Island City Hall – Community Meeting Room

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

### VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Roger Steele, Mayor, City of Grand Island	Present
Mitch Nickerson, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Jason Conley, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Absent
Mike Paulick, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Wes Wahlgren (John Selmer designee) NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Gary Quandt, Hall County Commissioner	Present
Ron Peterson, Hall County Commissioner	Present
Pat O'Neill, Hall County Planning Commission Chairman	Present

### NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Janulewicz, City of Grand Island City Administrator	Present
Keith Kurz, City of Grand Island Assistant Public Works Director	Absent
VACANT, City of Grand Island, Assistant City Administrator	Absent
Andres Gomez, 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
Brian Schultz, City of Grand Island Asst. Finance Director	Present
Stacy Nonhof, City of Grand Island Interim Attorney	Absent
John Collins, City of Grand Island Public Works Director	Present
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island Project Manager	Absent
Chad Naby, Regional Planning Director	Absent
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
Gerri Doyle, FTA Region VII Planner	Present

### 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.

### **Approval of Minutes from the February 23, 2021 Policy Board Meeting**

Motion by Quandt to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2021 meeting, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

### **Approval of MPO Self-Certification**

Gomez 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 Wahlgren to approve the MPO Self-Certification, seconded by Nickerson. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

### **Approval of Final Draft FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program**

GIAMPO staff prepared the FY 2022-2026 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 13, 2021 to May 13, 2021, with no public comments received.

The question was asked when CARES funds would be available, to which it was noted these funds are earmarked for a new Transit facility. It was also mentioned that Hwy 2 will be resurfaced FY22, which will consist of the 4 lane section being concreted and a realignment at Engleman Road and Airport Road.

Motion by O'Neill to approve the Final Draft FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Peterson. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

### **Approval of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1**

Gomez recapped the February 2021 GIAMPO Policy Board approval of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which is a blueprint that describes how the region will invest in its multimodal transportation system over the next 25 years. Gomez noted the two (2) new projects that have been added to the LRTP, which are Platte River- Phillips (State ID 42920; Project No. NH-80-6 (118) and Grand Island- Phillips (State ID 42933; Project No. STP-34-4 (135).

Motion by Quandt to approve the Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 1, seconded by Paulick. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

### **Approval of Final Draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program**

GIAMPO staff has prepared the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public review and comment. The UPWP identified planning priorities and activities to be carried out within GIAMPO's metropolitan planning area.

Gomez mentioned there will be a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) related in June 2021 for Transit Planning, which is done every five (5) years. This plan identifies current needs, as well as future needs, along with funds needed to maintain vs. grow.

Motion by Paulick to approve the Final Draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Quandt. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion adopted.

### **MPO Financial Update**

Gomez provided an update for State Fiscal Year 2021; Third Quarter, which is from January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Policy Board will be on August 24, 2021 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.