

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

April 11, 2022 at 10:00 am
Grand Island City Hall – Council Chambers
100 E 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

Voting Members in Attendance:

Keith Kurz, City of Grand Island, Assistant Public Works Director	Present
John Collins, City of Grand Island, Public Works Director	Present
Jerry Janulewicz, City of Grand Island, City Administrator	Present
Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Steve Riehle, Hall County Public Works Director	Present
Mike Meyer, Merrick County Hwy Superintendent	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer	Present
Craig Wacker, NDOT Highway Planning Manager	Present
Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda	Present
Mike Olson, Central Nebraska Regional Airport	Present
Charley Falmlen, City of Grand Island Transit Program Manager	Present

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Allan Zafft, City of Grand Island, MPO Program Manager	Present
Shannon Callahan, City of Grand Island, Street Superintendent	Absent
Patrick Brown, City of Grand Island, Finance Director	Present
Brian Schultz, City of Grand Island, Asst. Finance Director	Absent
Catrina DeLosh, City of Grand Island, Public Works Admin Coordinator	Present
Tim Golka, City of Grand Island, Project Manager	Present
Stacy Nonhof, City of Grand Island, City Attorney (interim)	Absent
Cindy Johnson, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce	Present
Mary Berlie, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp.	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, Region VII Community Planner	Absent
Gerri Doyle, FTA, Region VII Planner	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOT, State Modeler	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOT, Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Ryan Huff, NDOT, Planning and Project Development Engineer	Absent
Mark Fischer, NDOT, Assistant Planning Engineer	Absent
Tomlin Bentley, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent
Kyle Nodgaard, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Sara Thompson-Kassidy, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent

Call to Order

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

Allan Zafft was introduced as the new MPO Program Manager.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion by Riehle to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting, seconded by Janulewicz. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Nabity stated he was willing to serve as the Chair for another term, if the Committee so chose. Collins nominated Nabity to remain as Chair. Riehle stated he would remain as the Vice-Chair if the Committee so chose. Olson nominated Riehle to remain as Vice-Chair. Riehle informed the Committee that a new Hall County Public Works Director had been hired and would begin the role effective April 18, 2022. Zafft confirmed in the Bylaws that the voting member from Hall County is the Public Works Director, however it was decided to leave Riehle as the Vice-Chair for the time being. Riehle did step down as Hall County Public Works Director in September 2021.

Motion by Collins to continue with Nabity as Chair and Riehle as Vice-Chair, seconded by Olson. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of MPO Self-Certification

Zafft informed the Committee 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 the Planning Process to NDOT with the submittal of a new Transportation Improvement Program. Riehle asked about the changes from the new transportation bill. Zafft mentioned that No. 5 of the certification was changed to show the new transportation bill.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the Recommendation of MPO Self-Certification, seconded by Riehle. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Zafft presented the Draft FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which will be released for public review and comment. The TIP includes surface transportation projects to receive federal funds and surface transportation projects of regional significance. This is a short range plan that is federally mandated, updated annually, fiscally constrained, and compatible with the State's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP includes eight NDOT projects, nine Grand Island projects, three Grand Island projects, and one Hall County project.

Motion by Janulewicz to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Riehle. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 3

Zafft presented the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment No. 3, which is necessary due to increased funding and consistency with the TIP for the Transit Capital Acquisition project. The federal-aid portion of the revised total cost has changed by more than \$3 million.

GIAMPO's Public Participation Plan requires that proposed amendments to the LRTP be released for public review and comment prior to Policy Board adoption.

Motion by Collins to approve Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 3, seconded by Falmlen. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Zafft presented the Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, which identifies planning priorities and activities to be carried out within GIAMPO's metropolitan planning area. GIAMPO's Public Participation Plan requires public review and comment prior to Policy Board adoption.

Motion by Collins to approve Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Riehle. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Transit Development Plan Update

Zafft provided an update of the Transit Development Plan, which is to be completed November 2022. This plan is a study that will help the City of Grand Island plan for the future of public transit in the Grand Island/Hall County area.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the TAC will be on June 13, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am.