

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

August 8, 2022 at 10:00 am

Grand Island City Hall – Council Chambers

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

**Voting Members in Attendance:**

Keith Kurz, City of Grand Island, Interim Public Works Director	Present
VACANT, City of Grand Island, Public Works Director	Absent
Jerry Janulewicz, City of Grand Island, City Administrator	Present
Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Don Robb, 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	Absent
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	Absent
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.	Present
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 10:00 am. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

## **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

## **Approval of Minutes from the June 13, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Janulewicz. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Approval Recommendation of Final Draft Amendment No. 1 to FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program**

Zafft informed the Committee that Amendment No. 1 to the Unified Planning Work Program is to add the section "Set-Aside for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options", add the activity of "Program/administer Carbon Reductions Program (CRP) funds in coordination with NDOT" to the Transportation Improvement Program work element, increase the amount for the Fringe/Indirect - MPO Program Manager for each of the work categories/elements, as well as miscellaneous minor revisions to the program.

Motion by Janulewicz to approve recommendation of Final Draft Amendment No. 1 to FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Approval of Change to the Non-Motorized Subcommittee of Technical Advisory Committee**

Zafft notified TAC that the Non-Motorized Sub-Committee, which was originally established in March 2016, will reconvene in FY 2023, as the GIAMPO FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program includes a work activating for MPO staff to provide support to this subcommittee. Proposed changes to the subcommittee are membership will consist of approximately 10-12 members with representation from Nebraska Department of Transportation, City of Grand Island, and community organizations. The subcommittee will convene approximately two to four times a year to discuss bicycle and pedestrian related activities.

Motion by Falmlen to approve change to the Non-Motorized Subcommittee of the Technical Advisory Committee, seconded by Janulewicz. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Report on the Nebraska Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan**

Wacker reported on the Nebraska Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan, which was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration. The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program is a new program through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which was signed into law November 2021. Nebraska will have access to \$30.2 million (~\$6 million/year) in formula funds for EV charging infrastructure while also still being able to complete for a portion of and additional \$2.5 billion in discretionary grant funding. This funding supports the Administration's goal of expanding EV charging stations along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) and other corridors that could be identified in the state. The designated corridors in Nebraska are I-80 across the state and Highway 6 in the Omaha area. The first priority is the buildout of these corridors consisting of four-port DC fast charger stations spaced 50 miles apart along the corridor.

### **Report on the Comprehensive Plan Update**

Nabity provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan, which was last done in 2004, for Hall County and the City of Grand Island. The process is expected to take 18 to 24 months from the time it begins. Marvin Planning Consultants was issued the Notice to Proceed in April 2022.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the TAC will be on October 17, 2022 at 10:00 am.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:37 am.