

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

December 12, 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
VACANT, City of Grand Island, City Administrator	Absent
Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director	Present
Don Robb, Hall County Public Works Director	Absent
Mike Meyer, Merrick County Hwy Superintendent	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer	Absent
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
Laura McAloon, City of Grand Island, City Attorney	Present
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. The attendance of Jason Carbee of HDR, Inc. was recognized.

## **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

## **Approval of Minutes from the October 17, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

Motion by Falmlen to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting, seconded by Kurz. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Approval Recommendation of Draft Final Transit Development Plan**

Zafft introduced Jason Carbee, who gave a presentation on the Draft Transit Development Plan, which began in October 2021 and is scheduled to be completed in February 2023. This presentation provided an overview of each chapter of the draft document. The Draft Transit Development Plan will be made available for a 30-day public comment period.

Motion by Wacker to approve the Recommendation of Draft Final Transit Development Plan, seconded by Schafer. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

## **Discussion on the Next Potential Amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan**

Zafft notified TAC that the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) may submit major changes to NDOT projects for the GIAMPO FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in January 2023, which would require TIP amendment approvals at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Board meetings in February 2023. These major changes would require an amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

The GIAMPO Public Participation Plan requires a 30-day public comment period for a proposed amendment to the LRTP prior to approval by the Policy Board. As specified in the Public Participation Plan, one of the minimum required techniques & strategies for updates and amendments to the LRTP is a discussion with the TAC prior to the public comment period. The time period between the February 2023 TAC and Policy Board meetings is less than 30 days. The discussion of the next potential amendment to the 2045 LRTP at the December 12 TAC meeting will satisfy the requirement for a discussion with the TAC prior to the public comment period.

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

Nabity reported on the Comprehensive Plan, which will take place over the course of FY 2022, 2023, and 2024. The plan process is expected to take place between 18 to 24 months from the time it began in April 2022. A kickoff meeting was held in June 2022 and a series of open house meetings were held on October 25-27, 2022. An open house meeting is planned for late January 2023.

## **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the TAC will be on February 13, 2023 at 10:00 am. Nabity indicated that he will be unable to attend this TAC meeting.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:33 am.