

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

April 10, 2023 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, Interim Public Works Director	Present
VACANT, City of Grand Island, Public Works Director	Absent
Laura McAloon, City of Grand Island, Interim 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	Absent
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, Assistant Finance Director	Present
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, Interim City Attorney	Absent
Cindy Johnson, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce	Absent
Mary Berlie, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp.	Absent
Justin Luther, FHWA, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights	Absent
Mark Bechtel, FTA, Deputy Regional Administrator	Absent
Cathy Monroe, FTA, Planning and Program Development Director	Absent
Logan Daniels, FTA, Region VII Transportation Program Specialist	Absent
Daniel Nguyen, FTA, Region VII Community Planner	Absent
Gerri Doyle, FTA, Region VII Community Planner	Absent
Jodi Gibson, NDOT Local Projects Engineer	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOT, State Modeler	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOT, Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Ryan Huff, NDOT, Planning and Project Development Engineer	Absent
Curtis Nosal, NDOT, Assistant Planning Engineer	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOT Local Projects Urban Engineer	Absent
Jeremy Wegner, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent

Call to Order

Nability called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Note: Don Robb arrived to the TAC meeting at 10:20 am, and he did not vote on the following agenda items – Approval of Minutes from the February 9, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, Approval Recommendation of MPO Self-Certification, and Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.

Approval of Minutes from the February 9, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting, seconded by Kurz. 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.

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

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

Zafft presented the Draft FY 2024-2028 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 ten NDOT highway projects, four Grand Island roadway projects, two Grand Island transit projects, and one Hall County transit project. GIAMPO's Public Participation Plan requires public review and comment prior to Policy Board adoption.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Olson. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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

Zafft presented the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment No. 5, which entails the following project changes – changes to five (5) existing projects and adds three (3) new projects. This amendment requires modifications to Table 9-1 (Committed Roadway Projects), Table 9-3 (Fiscally Constrained Roadway Projects), and the Committed Projects section on page 9-1 in Chapter 9 – Fiscally Constrained Plan of the 2045 LRTP. 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 Falmlen to approve the Recommendation of Final Draft Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 5, seconded by Wahlgren. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program

Zafft presented the Draft FY 2024 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 Wahlgren to approve Recommendation of Final Draft FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Robb. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Report on the Grand Island Urban Area (2020 Census)

Zafft presented the changes to the boundary of the Grand Island Urban Area, through the 2020 Decennial Census. The delineation of 2020 urban areas follows the redefinition of urban and rural areas by the Census Bureau. The primary change from these new definitions impacting the urban areas was the focus on defining urban areas by housing density instead of population density. Grand Island Urban Area has a population of 55,099, housing of 21,892 and land area (square miles) of 29.60 from the 2020 Census.

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, with low public involvement. An open house meeting was held on January 31, 2023 with a good public turnout.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the TAC will be on June 12, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.