

**GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)**

**MINUTES OF POLICY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 4:00pm

Community Meeting Room

Grand Island City Hall, 100 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Grand Island, NE

**VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:**

Chuck Haase, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Julie Hehnke, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Vaughn Minton, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Wes Wahlgren (Randy Peters designee) NDOR District 4 Engineer	Present
Gary Quandt, Hall County Board	Present
Jay Vavricek, Mayor, City of Grand Island	Present
Scott Arnold, Hall County Board	Absent
Pat O'Neill	Absent
Vacant, City of Grand Island, Council Member	-

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Lou Brown, City of GI, City Administrator	Present
Terry Brown, City of GI, Director of Engineering Service	Present
John Collins, City of GI Public Works Director	Present
Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director	Present
Joseph Werning, Administrator, FHWA NE Division	Absent
Mokhtee Ahmad, Administrator, FTA Region VII	Absent
Brad Zumwalt, Highway Planning Mgr, NDOR	Absent
Justin Luther, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights FHWA	Absent
Mark Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration, Region VII	Absent

**OTHERS in ATTENDANCE:**

John Adams, MPO Program Manager
Bob Sivick, City Attorney
Catrina DeLosh, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Mayor Vavricek called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged and roll call was taken. Mayor Vavricek acknowledged the fact that Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer, was the designee for Randy Peters, Director of the Nebraska Department of Roads.

**Approve of minutes of the September 23, 2014 Policy Board Meeting**

Motion by Vaughn to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Wahlgren. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor of the motion.

### **Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Adams informed the Policy Board three (3) proposals were received on November 4, 2014 for the Long Range Transportation Plan. Interviews will be held with each proposer on December 4, 2014; with negotiations to follow with the top ranked firm. The expectation is to have a consultant on board the first part of January 2015. Information will be brought to the Policy Board as this plan moves forward.

### **Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Billing and Activity Report**

Motion by Haase to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Billing and Activity Report. Seconded by Minton. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor of the motion.

\*Adams made note that the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter consists of July 1 – September 30, 2014.

### **Amendment to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program; Aerial Photography for the Long Range Transportation Plan – Resolution 2014-4**

Collins stated the first year a base map is necessary for the MPO to have a reference point as the City develops. After this first year the MPO will be able to coordinate aerial photography with the City and County. Haase asked if such information will be available online – Collins confirmed it will be and will update the current data.

Motion by Quandt to approve Resolution 2014-4 to allow an Amendment to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program; Aerial Photography for the Long Range Transportation Plan. Seconded by Hehnke. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor of the motion.

### **Amendment to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program; Transit Needs Assessment Plan – Resolution 2014-5**

Nabity spoke to this being a necessary step to determine a plan for Grand Island's transit needs. The contract with the Senior Center is currently through the rural program. Urban dollars can be used to solicit a new contractor. The goal is to ensure that City gets what is truly needed and does not lose transit dollars. Haase inquired on the timeline – Nabity said the RFP will be advertised January 2015, as the plan is due early Fall 2015. Vavricek asked if a budget adjustment would be necessary – Adams stated it would not be.

Motion by Wahlgren to approve Resolution 2014-5 to allow an Amendment to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program; Transit Needs Assessment Plan. Seconded by Quandt. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor of the motion.

### **Significant Projects in the Planning Area Update**

Terry Brown provided the following project updates –

Capital Avenue; Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue Widening

- This is the biggest project the City will have underway for the next 2 years. Paulsen of Cozad, Nebraska was awarded the roadway construction contract. Tree removal and utility relocation is currently taking place in connection with the North Interceptor Phase

II project, which consists of electrical & sanitary sewer. The intersection of Capital Avenue and Broadwell Avenue will be closed for approximately 4 months during the widening project. A preconstruction meeting will be held with Paulsen in January and discussion on possible cost savings is planned. The new lanes will be built on the north side of Capital Avenue first, with no complete closures planned.

#### Various Locations Resurfacing

- This was the largest resurfacing project the City has done. This project is complete and ready for closeout.

#### State Street & Capital Avenue Trail

- This project is currently underway with the pedestrian bridge at Moores Creek being installed.

#### Highway 281 Southbound

- The southbound lanes of Highway 281 will be resurfaced from Highway 2 south past Stolley Park Road. The viaduct and off ramps at Hwy 2 will also be replaced as part of this project. Webb Road will be used as the detour, as was done during the northbound roadwork on this section. The City is working with the State to promote safety by offsetting left turn lanes.

As part of these updates Wahlgren mentioned a few projects the State has planned.

#### Highway 30 West to Wood River

- Vontz Paving will be resurfacing this section of roadway by milling and placing new asphalt.

#### Hamilton Bridge

- A new bridge deck will be constructed

#### Interstate 312 Interchange

- Pavement patching & grinding – tie slabs together

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> St (Hwy 30) Viaduct

- Replace joints to strengthen the viaduct

#### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be January 27, 2015 at City Hall.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Vavricek adjourned the meeting at 4:26 pm.