

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

December 6, 2013 at 9:00 am

Community Meeting Room

Grand Island City Hall, 100 E. 1st Street, Grand Island, NE

Voting Members in Attendance:

Chad Nability, Hall Co. Regional Planning Director	Present
John Collins, City of GI Public Works Director	Present
Terry Brown, City of GI, Director of Engineering Service	Present
Mary Lou Brown, City of GI, City Administrator	Present
Casey Sherlock, Hall Co. Public Works Director	Present
Brad Zumwalt, NDOR Highway Planning Manager	Present
Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer	Present
Mike Meyer, Merrick Co. Hwy. Superintendent	Present
Ramona Schafer, Village of Alda	Present

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Mike Kleffner, NDOR Local Projects Urban Engineer	Present
Larry Legg, NDOR Local Projects Engineer	Present
Jaye Monter, City of GI, Finance Director;	Present
Cindy Johnson, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce	Present
Randy Gard, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp.	Present
Mike Olson, Central NE Regional Airport	Present
Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Region VII Transportation Planner	Absent
Justin Luther, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights Federal Highway Admin.	Absent
Mike Blackley, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Andy Williams, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent

Others in Attendance:

Shannon Callahan, City of GI Public Works Street Superintendent	Present
Scott Gripenstroh, City of GI Public Works Dept.	Present
Nicki Stoltenberg, Assistant to the City Administrator	Present

Welcome and Introductions

Nability called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged and introductions were made.

Other Items for Future Meetings – Meeting Schedule

Collins quickly surveyed the group for possible meeting dates/times. It was suggested that we consider Mondays after 10am, or Tuesdays (as long as we avoid County Board days) or Wednesday afternoons. Stoltenberg will poll the group and set a January meeting.

Purpose - Membership & Policy Board

In March of 2013, Grand Island was declared an 'Urbanized Area.' With that designation our MPO was formed. As a part of that process, a Technical Advisory Committee is also required.

Stoltenberg presented a roster of the Policy Board, as well as the TAC.

Nabity also clarified the importance of the non-voting members, sharing the analogy with the "watch-out for the towers" story.

It was also suggested that we consider having a local representative from the Federal Transit Administrations office.

Nabity explained the boundaries of our area of study and Stoltenberg will email the group the map. Our current territory covers our urbanized area which also includes Alda and a section of Merrick County. It must also include the cities projected in the cities 20-year growth plan.

ML. Brown and Monter also reported that the City has a designated MPO Fund, in which all of the financial activity will occur.

GIAMPO Program Manager Position

T. Brown reported that we advertised for the MPO Program Manager position on October 1st. Phone interviews were conducted and there was clearly one candidate that rose to the top. This individual was interviewed and offered the job. He, however, declined our offer. T. Brown is hopeful that we will be able to fill the position after the 1st of the year. This person will be a fulltime MPO employee and will be a member of the Public Works Department.

Discussion Items for Future Meetings - Bylaws

Collins indicated that we should begin drafting the TAC bylaws during the next meeting.

We will also need to begin working on the Work Plan in February of 2014, as well as our Long Range Transportation Plan.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 10:11 am.