

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

March 17, 2015 at 1:30 pm

Community Meeting Room

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

Voting Members in Attendance:

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

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Mary Berlie, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp.	Present
Mike Blackley, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Shannon Callahan, City of GI Public Works Street Superintendent	Absent
William Clingman, City of GI, Interim Finance Director	Absent
Logan Daniels, Federal Transit Administration – Region VII	Absent
Erich Hines, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights Federal Highway Admin.	Absent
Cindy Johnson, Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce	Absent
Larry Legg, NDOR Local Projects Engineer	Absent
Kaine McClelland, NDOR State Modeler	Absent
Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad	Absent
Mike Olson, Central NE Regional Airport	Present
Noel Salac, NDOR, Planning & Locational Studies Section Head	Absent
Jeff Soula, NDOR Local Projects Urban Engineer	Present
Andy Williams, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	Absent

Others in Attendance:

John Adams, MPO Program Manager
Nicki Stoltenberg, Assistant to the City Administrator
Catrina DeLosh, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Nabity called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Approve Minutes of the February 9, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee

Zumwalt made note that Erich Hines attended the meeting as a representative for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Motion by Wahlgren to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting, with FHWA representative note, seconded by Brown. Upon voice vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Long Range Transportation Plan Development - Startup

Clyde Prem, Olsson Associates Project Manager; Tom Worker-Braddock, Olsson Associates Assistant Project Manager; Triveece Penelton, Vireo Public Involvement Innovator, and Matt Rief, Olsson Associates Project Advisor gave a presentation on the GIAMPO Long Range Transportation Plan development/startup. At the end of the presentation Clyde asked that each member on the committee provide input/comments regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan.

- Berlie – interested to see traffic flow information and freight / railcar accessibility in & out of the City
- Zumwalt – interested in the whole piece; freight, Map 21 emphasis – interested to see the model
- Soula – no comment
- Schafer – no comment
- Meyer – interested to see usage of UPRR and Highway 30
- Sherlock – County is heavily ag based – would like to see this addressed in the transportation plan & drainage for the County is through the City
- Wahlgren – maintain best transportation system through the State & City
- Nability – likes the proactivity this plan will bring to the City and how it will show City connectivity
- Ferguson – interested in whole plan – external/internal model; traffic in/out of City – capture I80 traffic, RR crossing issues to provide better traffic flow – 5 major highways to watch through the City
- Collins – interested in RR grade separation, network flow improvement, provide a better “front door” for the City, watch development and be proactive to traffic needs
- DeLosh – no comment
- Olson – interested in seeing how the airport fits in as they’ve seen massive growth in the last 5 years. Airport has a master plan if needed
- Brown – will allow City to make better decisions, provide access management, safety, capacity analysis, truck routes, school congestion, complete street designs w/ all transportation

addressed, freight, grade separations, public input, intersection management (roundabout/signal installation/4way stops)

- Adams – excited to develop the original Long Range Transportation Plan for the City
- Rief – put all past studies in 1 piece to create a common vision (roadmap) – cell phone data is a good tool

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the TAC will be April 13, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nabity adjourned the meeting at 2:43 pm.