

**EAST GRAND FORKS
REGULAR
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Thursday, November 8, 2018 – 12:00 Noon
East Grand Forks City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

President Powers, called the November 8, 2018, meeting of the East Grand Forks Planning Commission to order at 12:05 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL

On a Call of Roll the following members were present: President Mike Powers, Commissioners; Gary Christianson, Charles Gordon and Chad Erickson

Absent: Randy Boushey, Kevin Marcott and Marc DeMers arrived at 12:30

Guest(s) present: Earl Haugen, MPO Executive Director, Jairo Viafara, MPO Senior Transportation Planner

Staff present: Nancy Ellis, East Grand Forks City Planner; Brenda Ault, Executive Assistant.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATION

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE October 11, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

A Motion was made by Commissioner Christianson, Seconded by Commissioner Erickson to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2018, Regular Meeting. M/S/P-Christianson, Erickson; 4-0, mc.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Matter of Preliminary Approval of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Haugen, MPO explained that he was present to give the Commissioners an update on the Long Range Transportation Plan.

The Street/Highway Modes is an element of the Long Range Transportation Plan that is updated every five years. It was last updated in 2013. This plan is being developed

under the newly Congressional adoption of the transportation bill "Fixing America's Surface Transportation" (FAST).

FAST called for performance measures and targets to be set for all modes of transportation. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have finalized the regulations for these performance measures and targets needed. FAST also changed the way funding is made available and how much is available.

To be in compliance with the regulations and FAST, the MPO has updated the goals and objectives to give more prominence to the performance measures the MPO already collects data on. The MPO has also updated financial information to reflect the changes in funding that FAST outlines. Staff from both Federal Highway Divisions, both State Departments of Transportation, both Counties and both Cities have been involved and concur with the update for the Street/Highways Element.

The Street/Highways is a full update that includes maps, data and information about the vehicular network throughout the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Metro area. The update recommends a future focus of preserving the existing roadway network in a "state of good repair". The focus has allocated most of the available future funding in preserving, rehabbing or reconstructing the existing street and highway system. The revenue has not been sufficient to keep the system, in the desired "state of good repair".

With the adoption of this Element, the Multi-modal Metropolitan Transportation Plan out to the horizon year of 2045 identifies the goals, performance and recommended projects for the total transportation system. This assists in the goal of a transportation system in any city to provide access to facilities, goods, services and activities. Supporting different forms of transportation modes gives users the choice whether it is to make trips entirely by walking and biking or catching a ride on the public transit or in a vehicle transporting on the street highway network.

Findings/Analysis

The current MPO street/Highway Modes Element of the MPO's Transportation Plan has a request to consider an amendment.

The City of East Grand Forks City Comprehensive Plan does contain the MPO's Plan and needs to also consider the amendment.

The recommended amendment does maintain a financial plan that is fiscally constrained.

The City of East Grand Forks City Comprehensive Plan needs to be amended to contain the updated Street/Highway Modes Element.

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MPO Haugen stated that he would like to come back in December for a final approval.

Marc Demers arrived at 12:30.

CP Ellis stated that she doesn't foresee a lot of new information that the MPO would be providing and she is recommending that a motion to approve the plan and send it to the Council for final approval be made by the Commissioners at this point.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Erickson, Seconded by Commissioner Gordon to approve the MPO Street/Highway Update and send it to the Council for Final Approval. M/S/P- Erickson, Gordon; 5-0, mc.

The presentation MPO Haugen used will be included in the Minute Book.

OTHER BUSINESS

CP Ellis stated that so far nothing has come up for the December meeting. Going into 2019 the Commissioners will need to re-hear the McBrotter Addition. And there possibly will be a couple of lot splits requested.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Erickson, seconded by **President Mike Powers** to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 pm. M/S/P- Erickson, Powers; 5-0, mc.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Ault
Executive Assistant