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Lincoln MPO 2050 LRTP Update & Lincoln Mobility Plan Project Oversight & Planning Committee (POP-C) Meeting #3

**November 20, 2025 at 10:00
Virtual Meeting**

Attendees:

Rachel Christopher, Paul Barnes, Andrew Thierolf, Ayden Johnson (Lincoln-Lancaster Planning);
Danae Garfield, Robert Partida (Lincoln Transportation & Utilities);
Stephanie Rouse (Lincoln Urban Development);
J.J. Yost, Alex Duryea (Lincoln Parks & Recreation);
Carla Cosier (LTU-StarTran);
Chris Schroeder (Lincoln-Lancaster Health Department);
Jarrod Walker (Nebraska DOT);
Larry Legg (Lancaster County Engineering); John Linbo (Lancaster County Engineering);
Consultant Team:
Greg Youell, Jenny Young, Jesse Poore, Nabhan Al Hajri; Bill Troe

Agenda:

1. Public Engagement Phase 1 Summary

Rachel Christopher welcomed the POPC Committee members and turned the meeting over to the Consultant Team. **Greg Youell** presented the results from the public open house and the Social Pinpoint engagement. Attendees were informed that outreach included postcards, e-blasts, social media, a press release, and library kiosks. The October 23 open house drew more than 100 participants and included stations for the LRTP, Mobility Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Lincoln On The Move. The passport activity and family-friendly features like coloring and cookies were highlighted as successful. Post-it comments were collected and later digitized on the Social Pinpoint site.

Key findings included bicycle-related comments as the top comment category with 126 comments, followed by land use, traffic safety, pedestrian, transit, and general topics. Input clustered most heavily in the Southeast quadrant, with additional concentrations in Waverly, Hickman, and along Nebraska Parkway. The most common one-word descriptors were:

- safe,
- connected,

- bike-friendly, and
- walkable.

Trails, bike routes, safe neighborhoods, parks, and green space were identified as valued community assets.

Greg reported that the top priority from the Transportation Priorities vote was ensuring transportation supports everyone regardless of income, age, or ability. The second priority was smooth traffic flow and reduced congestion. The third priority emphasized multimodal options and stronger regional connections for long-distance travel.

2. LRTP Goals & Performance Measures Discussion

Jenny Young presented the updated language proposed for the LRTP Goals and summarized the community input related to goal priorities:

- Access & Opportunity (formerly Equity) ranked as the top LRTP short-term goal
- Livability, Travel Choice, Mobility, and System Reliability ranked lower among the goals
- The Mobility Plan's highest-rated goal was a connected network focused on community-wide connectivity
- Safety and Access & Options were also identified as top community priorities

Roberto Partida asked if data for the Safe Streets for Lincoln streams could be provided and noted that he is working on draft strategies and projects for the action plan. This information will help influence the development and refinement of these goals and associated strategies. It was agreed that these fit better as Strategy (ie, the "how") versus performance measures, which track the "results."

Jenny continued presenting the updates about Performance Measures Review and Measures Proposed for Elimination.

a. **Measures Proposed for Elimination**

- **Congested roadways** – model only updated every 5 years
- **Signal detection reliability** – data unavailable; replacement ideas needed
- **VMT per capita/day** – methodology questionable, may misrepresent reality
- **Mobile source emissions** – model based, 5 year update cycle
- **Minimal impact "two plus one" (lanes) projects** – LTU stated that they are rarely done, limited annual change
- **Annual funding for transportation projects** – not storytelling effective

b. **PMS Proposed for Minor Wording Changes**

- 2 Maintenance PMs and 1 Livability PMs were identified for minor wording changes.
- Access & Opportunity Demographics were adjusted to include Older Adults, People with Disabilities, Youth, Low Income and Zero Vehicle Households

c. **Proposed New Measures**

- Meeting participants discussed potential new PMs:
 - Mobility & System Reliability – signalized intersections or real-time traffic monitoring or data feeds. Roberto will discuss

further with LTU.

- Mobility & System Reliability – Household & Transportation Index or Average cost of transit service to user. Following discussion, it was agreed to use both.
- Environmental Sustainability – EPA NEI greenhouse gas emissions or publicly available EV charging stations. Rachel will check with Kim Morrow on this. Share of total transportation funding from discretionary grants (percentage)
- Funding & Cost Effectiveness - Dollar value of grants vs. share of outside funding secured. A concern noted that grant availability is outside local control, and the metric may be volatile. Larry Legg suggested it is better to show the whole picture of all grant funding. Idea: present an overall “funding source pie” to illustrate reliance on self funding vs. grants

Carla Cosier mentioned that the fixed route plan will be finalized and published soon.

- Funding & Cost Effectiveness – Life-cycle cost per lane or Ratio of expenditures on preventative maintenance to emergency/reactive repairs.

3. Mobility Plan: Typologies and Corridor Mapping

Bill Troe presented updates on street typologies and corridor priorities. He explained that the approach is moving from functional classification to street typologies that emphasize user experience, comfort, and connectivity. He noted a focus on arterials, with attention to prioritizing modes such as bike, transit, and pedestrian within each corridor. Bill also highlighted public interest in linking corridors to land use, transit, long-range bike routes, and trail networks.

4. Project Update

5. Next Steps and Upcoming Meetings

- a. Mobility Subcommittee: Dec 10
- b. Roadway Subcommittee: Jan (modeling for 2035 & 2050 travel demand)
- c. Next public meeting: early April (date TBD)
- d. In person meeting: Jan 22, 2026