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Lincoln MPO 2050 LRTP Update & Lincoln Mobility Plan Project Oversight & Planning Committee (POP-C) Meeting #5

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Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Attendees:

Rachel Christopher, Paul Barnes, Andrew Thierolf, Mia Haschenburger (Lincoln-Lancaster Planning); Robert Partida (LTU); Stephanie Rouse (Lincoln Urban Development); Alex Duryea (Lincoln Parks & Recreation); Kim Morrow (Lincoln Sustainability); Larry Legg, John Linbo (Lancaster County Engineering); Jarrod Walker (Nebraska DOT); Carla Cosier (StarTran), Stephanie Fisher (City of Waverly), Kelly Oelke (City of Hickman), Gary Bergstrom (Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department).

Consultant Team: Greg Youell, Jenny Young, Matthew Downey, Amanda Denning

Agenda:

1. LRTP

a. Evaluation Criteria Review

Jenny reviewed the funding analysis and overall goals of the LRTP. She highlighted updated verbiage on the Environmental Sustainability goal to “minimize negative impacts.”

b. Weighting &

c. LRTP analysis update

Jenny showed an example of project scoring using the goal area

scores and weights. She showed how the public prioritized the goal areas. Jenny and Matthew led a Menti poll for Lincoln Roadway projects, Lancaster County roadway projects and trail projects, where committee members were asked to assign points to each criteria based on their importance. The results will be combined with the Planning Commission poll results and reviewed by the Roadway and Trail subcommittees.

For the Lancaster County roadway scoring, Larry commented on some of the relevance of access and opportunity may not be appropriate for county-level as the County will be mainly used for roadway project, transit may be needed, but that would not be through the roadway and trail scoring. Kim said she thought about it in terms of providing access in the event that a bridge was closed and a community did not have access.

2. Revenue Forecast

Jenny showed preliminary revenue estimates, with a total of nearly \$6

billion forecast for 24 years (2027-2050). The average annual growth rate is 2.6%, which is higher than the last LRTP. Forecast includes a

\$5 increase in wheel tax every 5 years, end of LOTM funds in 2033 and end

of bond payments in 2042.

Jenny reviewed the commitments and restrictions for the various project categories.

About \$4 billion (2/3) is restricted and about \$2 billion (1/3) is flexible. The last LRTP split federal funds 70/30 between the City and County.

Larry said that the split is working as many projects utilizing the funding are due to be annexed.

All of the County's flexible funding (\$95 million was dedicated to capital projects and Larry indicated that they would like to continue that.

For Lincoln funding (\$1.95 billion) it is more complex.

Jenny asked the committee about what funding scenarios they would be interested in exploring for this update. Alex commented that the trail development is behind housing development, construction is sometimes lagging 20 years behind such as Waterford Trail. Carla commented that the number for transit (\$800 million) is what is needed to keep transit running as is. Any transit system expansion would require additional funding. Roberto said that a safety-related scenario that captures multimodal should be considered. It is often challenging to identify funding for safety

improvements, and when it is labeled multimodal may have a negative connotation, but it is “sour,” but it is more so safety.

Rachel asked how many scenarios would be developed, and Jenny responded probably 3-5 scenarios. She would like to show “extremes” to get distinctions and then work through them on a preferred scenario.

3. Mobility Plan Update

Matthew reviewed the evaluation criteria and project scoring process for the Mobility Plan.

Greg reviewed the County trail map with illustrative trail concepts that

is part of the LRTP from the last Plan, and asked for comments regarding the trails outside of the City of Lincoln. Larry noted that with Highway 77 becoming a freeway bike traffic would be prohibited, and that might be important for County trails

Greg shared that the project team is reviewing the comments that were received from the Mobility Subcommittee and that those will be discussed with the committee at their meeting next week.

4. Phase 2 Public Involvement

Amanda reviewed the upcoming Public Engagement activities, including the Public Meeting on May 19 at the Lincoln Commercial Club and the goals and activities for the public engagement phase. Committee members were asked to help spread the word to their networks.

5. Wrap-Up

Greg noted the upcoming meeting dates and that the next POP-C meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 5.

Paul reminded the committee of the importance of the public meeting and the online engagement.

Rachel noted that committee members could submit additional thoughts or questions following the meeting.