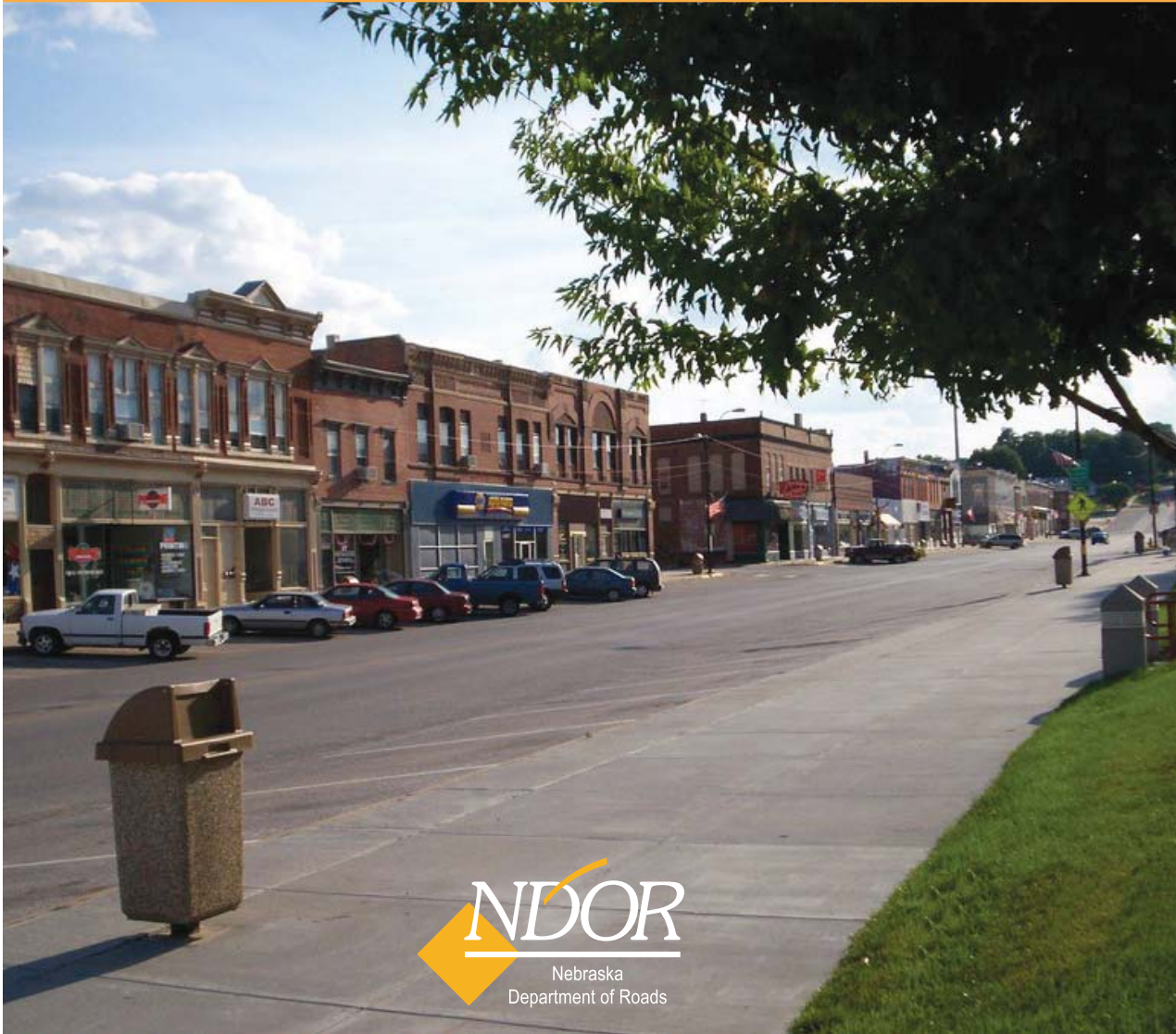


Comprehensive Plan Assistance Program



Purpose: To provide financial and technical assistance to mid-sized Nebraska communities to help initiate or update a comprehensive plan for their area. The comprehensive plan shall include a long-range transportation plan, a traffic assignment network and GIS-based land use data to help both the community and the Nebraska Department of Roads better plan for future transportation improvements.

Goal: NDOR wishes to improve coordination with communities in regard to matching the state's priorities and community's future transportation needs. To this end, NDOR will partner with communities and provide funding assistance to help them create or update their comprehensive plans and determine their long-range transportation planning needs.

Who Qualifies: The program will initially be open to cities with populations between 5,000 and 50,000 (based on 2010 census). Communities that are currently in a Transportation Management Area (TMA) or Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area (e.g. MAPA, SIMPCO, Grand Island Area MPO (GIAMPO), or the Lincoln/Lancaster area) are excluded because they already receive planning funds and are required to maintain comprehensive plans. The selection of communities will be based on priority criteria developed by the NDOR. (See Priority Selection Criteria)

Who Administers: The program will be administered through NDOR's Planning & Project Development Division.

Priority Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated need for an updated or new comprehensive plan [20 pts]
- The City's proposed or planned urban developments that may affect transportation services [20 pts]
- The City's financial commitment (local match at least 20% of total project costs) [15 pts]
- Relevant capital improvement projects which may be supported by its inclusion in a comprehensive plan [15 pts]
- Demonstrated need for an updated long-range transportation plan element and GIS based land use database [10 pts]
- The City's readiness to start project [10 pts]
- Order of submission of applications [10 pts]

Funding and Agreement: The money will be supplied from federal funds. Funding splits will be on an 80 percent maximum federal share and a 20 percent minimum local share. Maximum federal funding per city will be \$75,000. A funding agreement will be negotiated between the community and NDOR. The agreement for this program will be between the Department of Roads and the local community. The city will supply a copy of the scope of services when the consultant contract is finalized.

Who Should Do the Study:

Communities that apply and qualify for this program should make use of consulting firms with expertise in this area and who are certified with the NDOR. The community will be responsible for selecting and contracting with the consultant in accordance with Chapter 4 of the LPA Guidelines Manual for Federal Aid-Projects found at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/lpa/lpa-guidelines.pdf. A representative of NDOR may be present when the consultant selection takes place to offer advice and provide guidance.



Main Products: The products developed as a result of this program will provide better regional and statewide traffic forecasts in or adjacent to the communities. Each recipient community will also be required to coordinate with the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics to determine if their airport plan is consistent with community needs, or if an update is needed.

Main Requirements: Develop a comprehensive plan with a long-range transportation plan element that has a traffic assignment network, and land use information in a compatible GIS database to help both the community and the Department better plan for future transportation improvements.

Application Selection Process:

Applications will be accepted at any time. After January 1st, NDOR will review the applications received and will select the next recipients based on funding available and the applicant's priority selection scoring criteria. Applications that are qualified but not selected will be listed for reconsideration at the next selection period.

Application Forms: Complete the Comprehensive Plan Assistance Program "Intent-to-Apply Form" available on our website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projdev/docs/Pln1-pv.doc. Applications will be accepted both electronically and by standard mail.

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