

**2014-2015
STATE OF NEBRASKA
GENERAL BUDGET FORM**

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Railroad Transportation Safety District

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Lancaster County

This budget is for the Period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

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Submission Information - Adopted Budget Due by 9-20-2014
1. Auditor of Public Accounts - PO Box 98917 - Lincoln, NE 68509
Submit Electronically using Website: http://www.auditors.nebraska.gov/
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

The Undersigned Clerk/Board Member Hereby Certifies:

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

\$	2,772,538.00	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
		Principal and Interest on Bonds
\$	2,772,538.00	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of July 1, 2014

	-	Principal
	-	Interest
\$	-	Total Bonded Indebtedness

21,327,212,968 **Total Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor MUST be attached)

CLERK/BOARD MEMBER:

Signature: 

Printed Name & Title: Deb Schorr, Chairperson

Mailing Address: 555 South Tenth Street

City, Zip: Lincoln, 68508

Phone Number: 401-441-7447

E-Mail Address: dschorr@lancaster.ne.gov

Budget Document To Be Used As Audit Waiver?

My Subdivision has elected to use this Budget Document as the Audit Waiver.
(If YES, Board Minutes MUST be Attached)

YES NO

If YES, Column 2 **MUST** contain **ACTUAL** Numbers.

If YES, DO NOT COMPLETE/SUBMIT SEPARATE AUDIT WAIVER REQUEST.

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014?

YES NO

If YES, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by December 31, 2014.

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014?

YES NO

If YES, Please submit Trade Name Report by December 31, 2014.

County Clerk's Use ONLY

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Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2012 - 2013 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2013 - 2014 (Column 2)	Adopted Budget 2014 - 2015 (Column 3)
1	Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:			
2	Net Cash Balance	\$ 9,130,979.54	\$ 2,712,450.30	\$ 5,325,539.36
3	Investments	\$ 7,823,937.00	\$ 7,842,536.65	\$ 6,942,000.00
4	County Treasurer's Balance	\$ 94,573.15	\$ 32,255.95	\$ 42,672.38
5	Subtotal of Beginning Balances (Lines 2 thru 4)	\$ 17,049,489.69	\$ 10,587,242.90	\$ 12,310,211.74
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes (Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)	\$ 3,105,008.17	\$ 2,284,952.55	\$ 2,718,175.00
7	Federal Receipts		\$ -	\$ -
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate (To LC-3 Supporting Schedule)	\$ 6,904.62	\$ 7,555.95	\$ 7,000.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid			
10	State Receipts: Other	\$ 57,445.14	\$ 57,519.26	\$ -
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	\$ 67,747.50	\$ 85,222.12	
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax (To LC-3 Supporting Schedule)	\$ 529.93	\$ 724.19	\$ 500.00
14	Local Receipts: Other	\$ 237,928.65	\$ 48,556.37	\$ 54,000.00
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees (To LC-3 Supporting Schedule)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17	Total Resources Available (Lines 5 thru 16)	\$ 20,525,053.70	\$ 13,071,773.34	\$ 15,089,886.74
18	Disbursements & Transfers:			
19	Operating Expenses	\$ 127,452.37	\$ 98,279.95	\$ 90,050.00
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	\$ 9,810,358.43	\$ 663,281.65	\$ 14,954,811.74
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
23	Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans (Public Airports)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
24	Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments (Fire Districts)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
25	Debt Service: Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
26	Judgments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
29	Total Disbursements & Transfers (Lines 19 thru 28)	\$ 9,937,810.80	\$ 761,561.60	\$ 15,044,861.74
30	Balance Forward/Cash Reserve (Line 17 - Line 29)	\$ 10,587,242.90	\$ 12,310,211.74	\$ 45,025.00
31	Cash Reserve Percentage			50%
PROPERTY TAX RECAP		Tax from Line 6		\$ 2,718,175.00
		County Treasurer's Commission at 2% of Line 6		\$ 54,363.00
		Delinquent Tax Allowance		\$ -
		Total Property Tax Requirement		\$ 2,772,538.00

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To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your political subdivision needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:

	Property Tax Request
General Fund	\$ 2,772,538.00
Sinking Fund	_____
Bond Fund	\$ -
_____ Fund	_____
_____ Fund	_____
_____ Fund	_____
Total Tax Request	** \$ 2,772,538.00

** This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page (Page 1).

Documentation of Transfers:

(Only complete if there are transfers noted on Page 2, Column 2)

Please explain what fund the monies were transferred from, what fund they were transferred to, and the reason for the transfer.

Transfer From:	Transfer To:
Amount:	
Reason:	

Transfer From:	Transfer To:
Amount:	
Reason:	

Transfer From:	Transfer To:
Amount:	
Reason:	

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CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

BOARD CHAIRPERSON
Deb Schorr
<i>(Name of Board Chairperson)</i>
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<i>(Mailing Address)</i>
Lincoln, 68508
<i>(City & Zip Code)</i>
402-441-7447
<i>(Telephone Number)</i>
dschorr@lancaster.ne.gov
<i>(E-Mail Address)</i>

NOTE: If Budget Document is used as an Audit Waiver, approval of the Audit Waiver will be sent to the Board Chairperson via e-mail. If no e-mail address is supplied for the Board Chairperson, notification will be mailed via the USPS.

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please ✓ one): *Contact will be via e-mail if supplied.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Board Chairperson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other Contact

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LC-3 SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Calculation of Restricted Funds

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements	(1)	\$	2,772,538.00
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	(2)	\$	7,000.00
In-Lieu of Tax Payments	(3)	\$	500.00
Transfers of Surplus Fees	(4)	\$	-
Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted Funds.			
Prior Year 2013-2014 Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From 2013-2014 LC-3 Lid Exceptions, Line (10))		\$	7,478,108.00 (5)
LESS: Amount Spent During 2013-2014		\$	663,281.65 (6)
LESS: Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years		\$	6,814,826.35 (7)
Amount to be included on 2014-2015 Restricted Funds (<u>Cannot</u> be a Negative Number)	(8)	\$	-

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A) (9) \$ **2,780,038.00**

LC-3 Lid Exceptions

Capital Improvements (Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)		\$	9,594,864.35 (10)
LESS: Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year (<i>cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.</i>)			
Agrees to Line (7).		\$	6,814,826.35 (11)
Allowable Capital Improvements	(12)	\$	2,780,038.00
Bonded Indebtedness	(13)		
Public Facilities Construction Projects (Statute 72-2301 to 72-2308) (Fire Districts & Hospital Districts Only)	(14)		
Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements	(15)		
Public Safety Communication Project - Statute 86-416 (Fire Districts Only)	(16)		
Payments to Retire Bank Loans and Other Financial Instruments - Agreed to before 7/1/99 (Fire Districts Only)			
OR			
Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans from the Department of Aeronautics (Public Airports Only)	(17)		
Judgments	(18)		
Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers	(19)		
Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster	(20)		

TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B) (21) \$ **2,780,038.00**

<p>TOTAL 2014-2015 RESTRICTED FUNDS For Lid Computation (To Line 9 of the LC-3 Lid Form) To Calculate: Total Restricted Funds (A)-Line 9 MINUS Total Lid Exceptions (B)-Line 21</p>	<p>\$ -</p>
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Total 2014-2015 Restricted Funds for Lid Computation cannot be less than zero. See Instruction Manual on completing the LC-3 Supporting Schedule.

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COMPUTATION OF LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

PRIOR YEAR RESTRICTED FUNDS AUTHORITY OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2

OPTION 1

2013-2014 Restricted Funds Authority (Base Amount) = Line (8) from last year's LC-3 Form	1,457,474.54
	Option 1 - (1)

OPTION 2 - Only use if a vote was taken at a townhall meeting last year to exceed Lid for one year

Line (1) of 2013-2014 Lid Computation Form		Option 2 - (A)
Allowable Percent Increase Less Vote Taken (From 2013-2014 Lid Computation Form Line (6) - Line (5))		%
		Option 2 - (B)
Dollar Amount of Allowable Increase Excluding the vote taken Line (A) X Line (B)		-
		Option 2 - (C)
Calculated 2013-2014 Restricted Funds Authority (Base Amount) = Line (A) Plus Line (C)		-
		Option 2 - (1)

ALLOWABLE INCREASES

1 <u>BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)</u>		2.50 %
		(2)
2 <u>ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%</u>		-
		(3)
$\frac{427,236,440.00}{2014 \text{ Growth per Assessor}} \div \frac{20,848,760,247.00}{2013 \text{ Valuation}} = \frac{2.05}{\text{Multiply times 100 To get \%}}$		
3 <u>ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT BOARD APPROVED INCREASE</u>		-
		(4)
$\frac{\text{\# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase}}{\text{Total \# of Members in Governing Body (Attending \& Absent)}} = \frac{-}{\text{Must be at least .75 (75\%) of the Governing Body}}$		

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE.

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4	<u>SPECIAL ELECTION/TOWNHALL MEETING - VOTER</u>	
	<u>APPROVED % INCREASE</u>	_____ %
		(5)

Please Attach Ballot Sample and Election Results OR Record of Action From Townhall Meeting

TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5)	_____ 2.50 %
	(6)

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6)	_____ 36,436.86
	(7)

Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7)	_____ 1,493,911.40
	(8)

Less: 2014-2015 Restricted Funds from LC-3 Supporting Schedule	_____ -
	(9)

Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9)	_____ 1,493,911.40
	(10)

LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW.

**THE AMOUNT OF UNUSED RESTRICTED FUNDS AUTHORITY ON LINE (10)
 MUST BE PUBLISHED IN THE NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING.**

STATE OF NEBRASKA
**REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCIES, INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS, TRADE
 NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES & BUSINESS NAMES**
 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

State Statute Section 13-513 requires any governing body which is a party to an agreement pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act or is conducting business under a Trade Name, Corporate Name, or Business Name to report such information to the Auditor of Public Accounts on or before **December 31** of each year.

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Lancaster

SUBDIVISION NAME

COUNTY

Subdivision Contact Information	
Name & Title:	Roger Figard, Executive Director
Mailing Address:	949 West Bond Street, Suite 200
City, Zip:	Lincoln, 68521
Phone Number:	402-434-4444
E-Mail Address:	rfigard@lincoln.ne.gov

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS AND JOINT PUBLIC AGENCIES

This subdivision was **NOT** involved in any Agreements during the period.

If your subdivision **WAS** involved in any Agreements during this reporting period, please complete the following page providing the information requested for all Agreements using the directions below:

- Column 1: Provide the names of all subdivisions that are part of the Agreement.
Note: You do not need to list your own subdivision.
- Column 2: Provide the dates covered by the Agreement. For example, 7/1/13 through 6/30/14, or if not specifically written out in the Agreement indicate N/A.
- Column 3: Include a brief description of the purpose of the Agreement.

TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES AND BUSINESS NAMES

This subdivision did **NOT** conduct business under a Trade Name, Corporate Name or Business Name during the period.

If your subdivision **DID** conduct business under a Trade Name, Corporate Name or other Business Name, please list all such names on the following page.

Contact and Submission Information	
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DO NOT STAPLE TO BUDGET DOCUMENT.

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS
REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

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SUBDIVISION NAME		COUNTY
Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)
City of Lincoln	7/1/2013 to 6/30/14	Management services of Executive Director and staff
City of Hickman	7/1/13 to 6/30/13	Quiet Zone
City of Waverly	7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014	Quiet Zone
City of Lincoln	7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014	Southwest 40th Street Overpass
City of Lincoln	7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014	South Salt Creek Quiet Zone
City of Lincoln	7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014	South Lincoln Quiet Zone

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**REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES
REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

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SUBDIVISION NAME

COUNTY

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

None

DO NOT STAPLE TO BUDGET DOCUMENT.



Becker Meyer Love LLP
Certified Public Accountants & Consultants

INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the District Board
City of Lincoln/Lancaster County
Railroad Transportation Safety District
Lincoln, Nebraska

We have compiled the *2014-2015 State of Nebraska General Budget Form* and *2014-2015 Budget Form LC-3 Lid Computation* of the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District, for the period beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, included in the accompanying prescribed form. We have not audited or reviewed the *2014-2015 State of Nebraska General Budget Form* or *2014-2015 Budget Form LC-3 Lid Computation* included in the accompanying prescribed form and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the *2014-2015 State of Nebraska General Budget Form* and *2014-2015 Budget Form LC-3 Lid Computation* are in accordance with the form prescribed by the budget laws of Nebraska and the Nebraska State Auditor of Public Accounts, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the *2014-2015 State of Nebraska General Budget Form* and *2014-2015 Budget Form LC-3 Lid Computation* included in the form prescribed by the budget laws of Nebraska and the Nebraska State Auditor of Public Accounts, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the *2014-2015 State of Nebraska General Budget Form* and *2014-2015 Budget Form LC-3 Lid Computation*.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of the *2014-2015 State of Nebraska General Budget Form* and *2014-2015 Budget Form LC-3 Lid Computation* without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the *2014-2015 State of Nebraska General Budget Form* or the *2014-2015 Budget Form LC-3 Lid Computation*.

The *2014-2015 State of Nebraska General Budget Form* and *2014-2015 Budget Form LC-3 Lid Computation* included in the accompanying prescribed form is presented in accordance with the requirements of the budget laws of Nebraska and the Nebraska State Auditor of Public Accounts, and is not intended to be a presentation in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

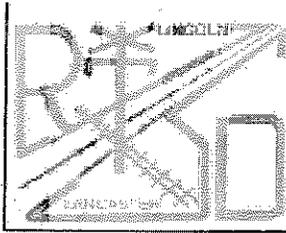
This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors of the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District and the Nebraska State Auditor of Public Accounts and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

HBE Becker Meyer Love LLP

August 21, 2014

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RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Meeting Began At: 8:31 a.m.

Meeting Ended At: 9:12 a.m.

Members Present: Deb Schorr, Doug Emery, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Roy Christensen, Roma Amundson, Brent Smoyer

Members Absent: N/A

Others Present: Roger Figard, Tina Queen, Dennis Meyer, Susie Filipi, Bill Kutilek, Kris Humphrey, Randy Hoskins, Kurt Micek, Doug Holle, Tony Dierks, Rick Haden, Harlan Layton, Gary Aldridge.

Order No. 14-20 Call Meeting to Order. Approval of Previous Minutes.

Schorr called the meeting to order.

Christensen motioned to approve the previous minutes. Smoyer seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0. Amundson was absent for this motion.

Order No. 14-21 Statement of Receipts & Disbursements.

Meyer presented the statement of receipts and disbursements.

Smoyer motioned to approve the statement of receipts and disbursements. Amundson seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Order No. 14-22 Current Budget Status, Project Updates, Committee Updates.

Figard highlighted the following items:

- Management Services - payout of \$16,378, remainder of salary from last fiscal year
- Repairs by Union Pacific on NW 12th - will be receiving bills throughout the year
- West Pioneers - work is done and receiving bills now
- Southwest 40th - \$100,000 for contingencies, anticipated completion date Fall 2015
- Waverly Quiet Zone - received email stating that the project is done and in the process of cleaning up final bills with the Railroad, the community is satisfied and happy, contingency money for any upcoming bills
- BNSF 33rd & 70th Quiet Zone - The City of Lincoln just sent out the 5-year reaffirmation of the quiet zone.
- Hickman Quiet Zone - Rick Haden

“Good morning. Thanks Roger. We just heard in the last couple of weeks that the Railroad now has a window to install their equipment. It’s from the 1st of October to the end of December that they have committed to have their contractor in there at both Hickman Road and 2nd Street putting the four quadrant gates and moving the gates at Hickman Road. Practically speaking, the City’s contractor won’t be able to get in there until after they are done so we are really looking at the Spring for completing the paving work that needs to go in behind the railroad equipment. At least now we have a date. They committed to the completion date. They aren’t sure about the start date but apparently in their contract they have a completion date. The private road has very minimal work for them to do. They are just going to install signs at that crossing. So the City contractor could do some grading there yet this fall, but the other two crossings are actually putting equipment in.”

- Park Boulevard Trail Crossing (Parks Project) - Agreement is in place, but not sure if the trail work is done. Will send an update to the Board.
- South Beltway - No interlocal agreement as of now. Budgeted money is available, but an agreement would have to be entered into in order for the funds to be expended.

Schorr asked about whether there are any legal issues regarding the funds from the RTSD and if they could be expended prior to the time of actual construction, i.e. purchasing right-of-way.

Bill Kutilek - “Bill Kutilek. Crosby Guenzel Law Firm. The question is whether there is a legal issue as to whether funds can be expended for purposes other than the crossing? Well certainly the Board has to follow a statutory authority and use its funds for purposes for which it’s been statutory authorized to use them. And if it’s going toward projects or costs associated with railroad crossings, I certainly think the Board can do that. Is your question about committing funds to efforts that may not involve RTSD? Right-of-way is certainly one of the statutory authorities that the Board can commit funds to in advance of actual work on the crossings itself.”

- Denton Feasibility Quiet Zone - There is a signed contract with Olsson Associates to move ahead. An agreement had to be created from scratch to include appropriate language and insurance for the RTSD itself (instead of using a City or County contract). The contract is now on the RTSD’s website for others to download. Roger will serve as the District’s project manager. No meetings have been set up yet for public involvement.

Order No. 14-23 Approve 2014-2015 Budget.

Figard stated that the RTSD received the official resolution from the County Board setting the levy at 1.3 cents. There is no requirement to reduce or change the budget based on the reduction of the levy. The 14-15 budget had an operating expense of \$90,050 and a capital improvement for construction cost budget of \$5,992,000. The total proposed budget equals \$6,134,050.

Gary Aldridge - “For the record my name is Gary Aldridge, 7112 South 45th Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska 68516, United States of America, Planet Earth. I’m one of the owners. I’m a bit confused and that’s not the reason I’m here. I’m a bit confused about the agenda and procedure so maybe you can help me. You control the agenda. You control the meeting. But I noticed at the beginning there was no

pledge, ok. Also there was no reference to the open meeting law that is was posted and where it was posted. Is that optional? I don't know."

Schorr replied those are valid points. The pledge is not required, but it is something to be considered. The open meetings act will be notated on the agenda for future announcement.

Gary Aldridge - "The other thing I'm confused about is Mr. Figard and I had a conversation before the meeting. He saw my face, and he was curious, and we had a conversation about why I was here. I told him I was here based on a legal notice or public notice in the Journal Star that said on this date, at this time, you are going to accept comments from the public on the budget. He said he wasn't sure if that was exactly true. So I'm confused. Are you accepting comments or is the Journal Star wrong?"

Schorr replied that the Board always accepts public comment under Item 7 - Non-Agenda Items.

Gary Aldridge - "Well this is another thing that is required by certain statute that says before public budget is accepted, you must accept comments from the public. And that was published in the Journal Star with this date and this time based on whatever State statute it is that controls that public comment. So again, did I misunderstand. Are you accepting or is the Journal Star wrong? Have they made the mistake? I have a copy of that notice with me if anyone wants to see it. If there was a mistake made, then perhaps your attorney should have caught that and said whoops, wait a minute, the Journal Star made a mistake. It specifically says this date, this time. Did I misunderstand something?"

Schorr replied that the Board takes public comment at every single meeting. Public comment was taken on the budget at the previous meeting held on June 9, 2014.

Gary Aldridge - "The reference in the public notice that was published in the Journal Star references State Statute Section 13-501213-513. I hope you won't take that out of my five minutes. I was just concerned about that. I'm here at the invite of Mr. Christensen and/or Mr. Figard acting or speaking for a Railroad Transportation Safety District in Lancaster County, Nebraska. To provide as a tax payer support, criticisms, suggestions or observations on a proposed budget. As I have said in other places on other taxing authorities, this budget in theory here offered is after all a budget in fact. State Statute Chapter 74-1301 at Sect establishes policy, purpose, protocols and procedures for the RTSD. RTSD can do certain things and to do certain things; RTSD is allowed by law to "levy a tax to produce funds requested not to exceed 2.6 cents on each \$100." But reality or perhaps expediency intrudes. There exists a hole, a void, a vacuum in the County budget created perhaps by too many tax spend democrats. This hole or void or vacuum is conjured out of existence it seems with RTSD funds. RTSD is now the piggy bank or ATM for the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners et al. The Journal Star says in an our view opinion against this practice, that RTSD tax revenue or tax revenue authority have been rated, pillaged, pilfered (my language) two prior tax cycles and now eminently for the third successive tax cycle. My quest or purpose here today is clarity. Can someone, anyone explain how the County Board can borrow RTSD tax revenue or tax revenue authority? I've tried hard to follow the explanation or trail or logic and bless me, I just don't see it."

Schorr replied that the 15 cent levy limit under State Statute, the County Board has authority over the entire 15 cents. Within that 15 cents, there are several difference taxing authorities. Also under the levy is rural libraries, rural fire departments, etc. The RTSD follows within that levy limit. The County Board has the authority to set the ratios within that maximum dollar amount.

Meyer added that there are seven to ten political subdivisions under the levy. Each one of those Districts or Commissions must make their request to the County Board. The County Board must then make the decision on how much to allocate.

Figard presented a cash flow sheet based on a 1.3 cent levy over the next 10 years. There is cash in the bank to pay for next year's budget. If the levy continues, there will not be enough revenue to continue to pay for those obligations.

Gaylor Baird asked how that would affect current projects.

Figard replied that the projects under contract as of now will be finished. It's a matter of whether upcoming projects could be started or if they should be delayed, deferred or spread out over a long period of time.

Schorr asked if the RTSD would be running solo on the 33rd/35th & Adams project.

Figard replied that the RTSD would be running the project to start. The RTSD would initially prove there is a viable project and get through environmental process and preliminary design. If the Board approved moving ahead, a decision could be made to make that a City project with the RTSD contributing to it. The official decision has not been made yet.

Emery stated that the RTSD accrues money to run projects. If there is no money, it cannot be accrued.

Christensen added that no blame should be made on budget problems when it comes to the County Board or the RTSD.

Amundson stated that there are a lot of players when it comes to the budget. The County Board has to deal with unfunded mandates from the State. The levy was not raised and should be examined in the future.

Christensen motioned to approve the 2014-2015 budget. Amundson seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Order No. 14-24 Interlocal Agreements - Hickman Quiet Zone & Waverly Quiet Zone.

Figard stated the two agreements reflect the amount in the current budget. As expenses are incurred, the bills would be submitted for payment. Denton is a RTSD project, and the contract is being done under the RTSD budget, not by another entity at this point.

Smoyer motioned to approve both the Hickman and Waverly Quiet Zone interlocal agreements. Gaylor Baird seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Order No. 14-25 33rd/35th & Adams.

Kris Humphrey - "Good morning. I'm Kris Humphrey. I'm going to be the project's responsible charge, RC, or project manager, basically whatever hat you want me to wear. Just to let you know for those that aren't aware or as just a refresher, the RTSD has been approved by the Nebraska Department of Roads to be a LPA for this project, a local public agency. And that basically gives the RTSD the ability to enter into contracts associated with this project. So with that being said, we are working closely with NDOR to make

sure that all the groundwork for this project is solid so that we're not going to jeopardize any future federal funding that would be involved with the project. Right now, the status of the project is that we have turned preliminary paperwork to the NDOR and basically that's for review. And basically that paperwork talks about the project scope, the estimated cost of the project, the potential environmental impact that this project will have, and then the areas potential affect that this project will have. So once we work through that paperwork again, we want to make sure that the language in there is very clear and solid of our intent of what we want to do with this project so that we won't be jeopardizing any future federal funds. Once that is finalized, we'll be able to issue a RFP to open it up for consultants to come in and do an alternative analysis or feasibility study for the project to determine if it's a viable project like Roger said. Basically, what we're working for with NDOR, we told them our intent is to have a RFP that is developed so that we can select a consultant for this feasibility study and then they can proceed into preliminary and final design at our discretion. But again, we are working with NDOR just to make sure we can do that without a separate RFP process. Basically the way the RFP process works is that we issue the RFP, the consultants would submit proposals, we would short list from those proposals, and then we would have formal interviews with the selected firms. And what we were looking at for the selection committee for this project, this is not finalized, but it's just to let you know kind of what we were thinking. We would have Deb Schorr as the RTSD Board Chair as a recommendation, RTSD Executive Director Roger Figard, myself as the project RC, a representative from Traffic Operations from the City of Lincoln, and then a representative from the City of Lincoln for Design and Construction. Typically we like to keep these selection committees as an odd number so 5 to 7 so we can avoid any ties. We are going to be speaking with the City's Purchasing office and the Lower Platte South NRD just to see if they would have any interest sitting on this committee as well. The Lower Platte South NRD, just to let you know, they are working with the Corps of Engineers right now on a study of the Deadman's Run project which would be in the same vicinity as this so we will be working closely with them throughout the whole project. And that's pretty much the status of what we have. I'm open to questions."

Christensen asked about the overall time line and when construction will begin.

Kris Humphrey - "As far as the RFP and the preliminary design work? Right now, we have submitted everything to NDOR and so there will be an iterative process because we want to make sure that the language in those preliminary documents is what our intent is and what we want the project scope to reflect as we move forward. It's pretty generic language, but at the same time, we want to make sure that it focuses on our intent which is to reduce the exposure rating at those crossings. These crossings have I think the highest exposure rating in the state. So that's our primary goal is to reduce those by the grade separation structure. As soon as we get that all ironed out with NDOR, they will review our RFP as well. I'm hoping by at least the end of this year we would have a RFP out on the street for the consultants. A lot depends on the environmental side of the project and the right-of-way. So once we get through the alternative analysis stage and we know the road connectivity for these grade separation structures that we'll have, we'll have a better idea of the impacts around there. The environmental process on a project like this will take most likely years, at least a couple years I would say. And depending on the right-of-way, if there's acquisitions or if there's relocations, those take additional time too. I hate to put a year on it because it's so dependent on basically those two phases. The design is the easy part. It's all the investigation, and we need to make sure that we are doing everything we need to do. There's a specific process that we need to follow with the federal funds. But the environmental document needs to be finalized and signed off by all parties before we can even begin final design. Final design needs to come to a conclusion before we begin the right-of-way acquisition or relocations if that is necessary. Construction won't even be within the next five years."

Smoyer stated that it might be beneficial to add someone from the County Engineer's office to the selection committee.

Schorr asked if the Lower Platte South NRD would not only be involved with flood control but also trails for pedestrian accessibility.

Kris Humphrey - "And that's a possibility too. You know Lincoln is such a great city for the trails. We'll be working with Parks Department and the NRD if there are opportunities for trail connectivity. That is something we will definitely be studying in that alternative analysis phase."

Figard stated that the environmental portion and preliminary design has been laid out in the CIP four to six years out.

Order No. 14-26 Petitions/Letters/Requests.

N/A

Order No. 14-27 Non-Agenda Items.

No public comment.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 15, 2014 @ 11:00 am.

Christensen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Amundson seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

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CERTIFICATE OF VALUATION

for tax year 2014

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RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

2014 Total Valuation	\$ 21,327,212,968
Valuation Attributed to Growth	\$ 427,236,440

I, Norman H. Agena, duly elected Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds, pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 13-509, do hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year.

**Value attributable to growth is determined pursuant to section 13-518 which includes real and personal property annexation if applicable.*

Dated this 18th day of August, 2014.



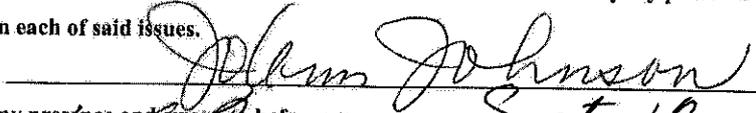
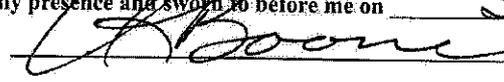
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**RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

A public meeting of the Railroad Transportation Safety District will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in the Lincoln City Council Chambers Room. The agenda for the meeting will consist of: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes; Statement of Receipts & Disbursements; Current Budget Status; Project Updates; Committee Updates; Approve 2014-2015 Budget & Audit; Interlocal Agreements - Hickman Quiet Zone and Waverly Quiet Zone; 33rd/35th & Adams - RFP & Selection Committee; Petitions/Letters/Requests; Non-Agenda Items.

/s/ Roger A. Figard
Roger A. Figard, Executive Director

AGENDA
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT
City Council Chamber Room
County-City Building
Lincoln, Nebraska
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Time: 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Item No.	Subject	Presented by	Order
1.	Call to Order.		
	Approval of Minutes.	D. Schorr	14-20
2.	Statement of Receipts & Disbursements.	D. Meyer	14-21
3.	Current Budget Status, Project Updates, Committee Updates (NCUTCD).	R. Figard	14-22
4.	Approve 2014-2015 Budget & Audit.	R. Figard	14-23
5.	Interlocal Agreements.	R. Figard	14-24
	a. Hickman Quiet Zone		
	b. Waverly Quiet Zone		
6.	33rd/35th & Adams RFP & Selection Committee.	R. Figard	14-25
7.	Petitions/Letters/Requests.	R. Figard	14-26
8.	Non-Agenda Items.	R. Figard	14-27

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
AND BUDGET SUMMARY**

Railroad Transportation Safety District
IN
Lancaster County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 9th day of September, 2014, at 8:30 o'clock A.M., at City Council Chamber Room, Lancaster County-City Building for the purpose of hearing support, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

Roy Christensen, Clerk/Secretary

2012-2013 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 9,937,810.80
2013-2014 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 761,561.60
2014-2015 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 15,044,861.74
2014-2015 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 45,025.00
2014-2015 Total Resources Available	\$ 15,089,886.74
Total 2014-2015 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 2,772,538.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 1,493,911.40
Breakdown of Property Tax	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 2,772,538.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ _____

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