

**Lawrence-Douglas County
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Policy Board**

Thursday, July 30, 2009
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence City Hall
City Commission Room

AGENDA

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
(Davonna Moore - KDOT)
- 2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the May 21, 2009 MPO Meeting**
(Davonna Moore - KDOT)
- 3. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**
(Davonna Moore – KDOT)
- 4. Action Item: 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program - Revision #1**
(Todd Girdler – MPO staff and Bob Nugent - Lawrence Transit Administrator)

The Lawrence Transit System, FTA and MPO staffs have been working to review the operating assistance grants for the T and have increased the federal operating assistance level for 2009 by \$51,000. This revision to the TIP programs this increased level of federal funding. The MPO staff will ask the MPO to approve this revision which was reviewed and approved by the TAC at their meeting on July 7th.

- 5. Action Item: 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program - Amendment #5**
(Todd Girdler – MPO staff and Keith Browning - Douglas County Public Works)

The Douglas County Public Works Department has been working with KDOT Local Projects staff to add a major roadway improvement project into the County's 5-Year Plan, and KDOT staff has informed the County that this project needs to be listed in the TIP. The project being added is the restoration, resurfacing and reconstruction of Route 458 between E 800 Road and N 1175 Road. The MPO staff will ask the MPO to approve this amendment which was reviewed and approved by the TAC at their meeting on July 7th.

- 6. Action Item: Title VI Plan**
(Bart Rudolph - MPO staff)

The MPO staff will present this plan that outlines the responsibilities the MPO has to implement Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the MPO process for encouraging equality in the MPO planning process and addressing any complaints of discrimination that arise in order to improve our regional transportation planning program. The MPO staff will ask the MPO to approve this plan which was reviewed and approved by the TAC at their meeting on July 7th.

7. Action Item: Carpool Connection Agreement

(Todd Girdler – MPO staff and Bob Nugent - Lawrence Transit Administrator)

The MPO work program includes the support of the Carpool Connection ride matching service. This service has been supported by the Lawrence-Douglas County MPO and the Mid-America Regional Council. Now it is also being supported by the St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization. This new agreement adds the St. Joseph MPO to this agreement. The MPO staff will ask the MPO to approve this agreement and direct the Chair to sign it.

8. Statewide Freight Study

(John Maddox – KDOT)

KDOT staff will present an overview and this recently completed statewide study of freight issues and take freight planning questions from the MPO.

9. Possible Name Change for the Lawrence-Douglas County MPO

(Todd Girdler – MPO Staff)

The MPO staff will present information about how the MPO could change its name from the current Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (L-DC MPO) to another name chosen by the MPO Policy Board.

10. Discussion Item: Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grants

(Todd Girdler – MPO Staff)

The MPO staff will facilitate a discussion of this funding program and solicit comments from KDOT staff and local agencies that are considering the submission of TIGER grant applications.

11. Brief Descriptions and Quick Updates:

a. KU-City Transit Planning Team

(Bob Nugent – Lawrence Transit and Peg Livingood - KU)

b. Fall 2009 KAMPO Conference hosted by the L-DC MPO

(Todd Girdler - MPO Staff)

c. KLINK project applications

(Chuck Soules - Lawrence PW)

d. T - LINK meetings

(Bob Nugent – Lawrence Transit)

e. 2009 UPWP Amendment #2

(Todd Girdler – MPO staff)

12. Other Business

13. Public Comments

This item is to allow brief public comments on items not listed specifically on the agenda. Comments from each individual or organization will be limited to five minutes.

14. Adjournment

Next Meeting: September 17, 2009 or other date set by the Policy Board.