

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

Thursday, May 21, 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 April 16, 2009 MPO Meeting**
(Davonna Moore - KDOT)
- 3. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**
(Davonna Moore – KDOT)
- 4. Action Item: 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4 - Revised**
(Todd Girdler – MPO staff)

The MPO and KDOT staffs have been working with the local governments in the region to amend the MPO planning documents to program funds for American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) selected projects. This TIP amendment will add Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects funded through the ARRA and delete some road and bridge projects that ARRA funds were requested for but did not receive funding. Changes to the transit portion of the TIP project table to add ARRA funds recently awarded to the Lawrence Transit System by KDOT and the addition of Section 5311 transit funds to the TIP is also part of this amendment. This TIP amendment will complete the process of making our TIP reflective of the ARRA funds being sent to our region for surface transportation projects. The MPO staff will ask the MPO to review and approve this TIP amendment that was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on May 5, 2009.

- 5. 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.

- 6. 5-County Regional Transportation Study**
(Thomas Dow – KDOT and Jim Tobaben – PB America)

KDOT and PB staffs will present an overview of this large planning study for transportation issues in Northeast Kansas and take questions from the MPO about the progress on this study.

7. US 56 Highway Corridor Management Study & Plan

(Thomas Dow – KDOT and David Gurss - KDOT)

KDOT staff will present an overview of this study for the US 56 Corridor between the US 59 intersection in southern Douglas County and the I-35 interchange in Johnson County, and KDOT staff will take questions from the MPO about this study.

8. Action Item: TAC Bylaws – Adoption of new bylaws to reflect the new re-designated MPO

(Todd Girdler – MPO staff)

The MPO staff has developed a new set of bylaws for the TAC that reflect changes made to the MPO process with the re-designation of the MPO Policy Board in December 2008. These draft bylaws were presented to the TAC and approved by that group on May 5th. The MPO staff will ask the MPO to approve these bylaws.

9. Action Item: Cooperative Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding

(Todd Girdler – MPO staff and Davonna Moore – KDOT)

The MPO staff will discuss this agreement that describes the working relationships of the MPO, KDOT, and the Lawrence Transit System in conducting the 3C (continuing, comprehensive, cooperative) regional transportation planning in the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Area. The MPO staff will ask the MPO to review and approve this agreement which was approved by the TAC on May 5, 2009.

10. 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.

11. Brief Descriptions and Quick Updates:

a. KU-City Transit Planning Team

(Casey Toomay – Lawrence & Peg Livingood - KU)

b. New Transit Administrator

(Casey Toomay – Lawrence)

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

(Todd Girdler - MPO Staff)

d. Title VI Plan

(Bart Rudolph - MPO Staff)

e. Other MPO Advisory Committees – Roles and Coordination with TAC

(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: June 18, 2009 or other date set by the Policy Board.