

TRANSPORTATION 2030 COMMITTEE (T2030)
MINUTES

Friday, March 10, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Ahrens (Planning)

John Haase (MPO)

David Burress (MPO)

Lisa Harris (MPO)

Joel Skelley (KDOT)

Byron Low (FHWA)

Chuck Soules (Lawrence PW)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelsy Marr (Planning)

- **Bulletin board update & discussion**

Staff has purchased and registered the bulletin board site. The site name is: Lawrence-T-2030.org. Kelsy briefed the committee on the different levels of admin/moderator rights. The site is currently offline and not available to the public. It will be left off until constructed and ready to launch and advertise. Committee suggested turning it on, but not publicizing, so T2030 members can access it and to learn the board's features and to build pages. When the committee is ready to activate the site, Lisa Patterson, City Communications Coordinator, will assist with press releases. The site's availability will also be provided to City and County Commissions. Links will be posted on the City's homepage, Planning Sept. page, and possibly Douglas C

The board will probably be organized with a General/Tech Assistance section that will contain help, FAQs, overview information on the MPO and long-range plan, and rules & etiquette. The discussion board will then be broken into various discussion forums.

Tentative date to activate the site is April 12, 2006.

- **2030 schedule update**

Low mentioned that transportation plans developed after July, 2007 must be fully SAFTEA-compliant. Ahrens stated that if the MPO timetable was adhered to, the plan would be adopted by May, 2007 and there was also a 2-month buffer period until July in which it could be adopted under TEA-21 regs. Low stated that there is also a "Catch 22" that states that any new TIP or TIP modifications must be based on SAFTEA-compliant plans, therefore MPOs must develop fully-compliant plans regardless.

Staff will revise the MS Project schedule to add milestones such as study sessions, and public meetings. Future meeting will discuss groups and organizations to contact to provide input to the plan process. Public information meetings should again be held out in the community. Pre-meeting advertising might include locally-specific issues and topics to help generate interest. Public meetings and governing body study sessions might begin after completion of the travel model conversion and model runs can be prepared to show existing conditions and do-nothing scenarios to help generate discussion and potential improvements to test.

- **Committee organization**

Keith Browning, DG. Co. Engineer and Cliff Galante, Lawrence Transit Manager will be invited to join the committee. The committee discussed whether meeting days and times should be changed.

Consensus was to leave the meetings on Fridays at 12:00 on an approximately 2-week cycle for now. Meetings might shift to once/month later.

- **T2025 Chapter Diagnostic Review**

At the next meeting staff will provide the committee with an initial review of Transportation 2025, identifying sections and items that will require updating or replacing.

- **Next Meeting: Fri, March 24th, 12:00-1:30**