

TRANSPORTATION 2030 COMMITTEE (T2030)
MINUTES

Friday, March 24, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Ahrens (Planning)
Kelsy Marr (Planning)
John Haase (MPO)
David Burress (MPO)
Lisa Harris (MPO)

Cliff Galante (Lawrence Transit)
Joel Skelley (KDOT)
Byron Low (FHWA)
Chuck Soules (Lawrence PW)
Keith Browning (DG Co. PW)

• **Bulletin board update & discussion**

Marr reported on setting up several initial pages for the website and that the software does not allow us to require full name, address, phone number for registration. Haase asked if there is any way to require people to register with that information. Marr stated that she'd contacted the site several times with questions and this version of the software does not permit customization of registration, but the next version (to be available this summer) will. We can encourage people to register with full name, but cannot require it through the registration page(s). Committee members expressed opinion that full registration was important and suggested that new users be contacted to request that they reply via email with full information. Committee discussion about whether users might be deleted if they fail to provide requested information.

Browning said that he had several items to change, as well as some additions. He will email information to staff, such as one question that states that improved US-59 will increase traffic, when the studies show otherwise. May re-phrase or suggest other wording.

Once we begin to receive input and comments on the board, if there's a clear indication of public misperception, it could indicate an area that the plan or process should address. Additional explanatory information could also be added to the board and/or planning website.

Staff will meet with Lisa Patterson, city communications coordinator concerning a press release and other advertising. City manager's office will also be asked to provide information as part of City Manager's Report to City Commission. Links to the site will be placed on the city and planning dept. homepages, possibly transit page. Staff will ask Browning to inquire about adding a link/info to the DG Co. webpage.

• **Other Public Involvement**

Galante asked at what point should KU be brought into the process? Suggested Peg Livingood or Jim Long, KU Vice Provost as possible contacts/members.

Discussion of other potential public involvement methods, in addition to holding public information meetings. Transit will be doing a survey as part of the upcoming transit consolidation study. The City has the ability to put inserts in city water bills. Haase mentioned online surveys using SurveyMonkey or similar programs. Disadvantage is that it will only be seen by those it's emailed to or who log on, rather than a broader-based survey.

Skelley stated that under environmental justice requirements special efforts should be made to reach minority and low-income groups. Committee discussion of applicability in Lawrence since

there are no minority newspapers and no predominantly minority neighborhoods as in larger metro areas.

Browning will check with the small cities concerning methods to put out informational notices, utility inserts, etc.

- **2030 schedule update**

Ahrens distributed a revised MS Project schedule for T2030. Dates of several projects have been adjusted as needed and milestones were inserted for public info meetings and joint study sessions. Ahrens explained that dates were not firm, but were added in approximate appropriate places to let the committee review and discuss. Staff recommendation is to not hold public information meetings too early in the process. Input and comments tend to be better when people have something to review and respond to. Recommendation is to wait until 2005 and 2030 TAZ data is available and the model can be run to provide existing system and existing w/future TAZ modeling to show potential capacity problems. A second round of public meetings would be held at the draft plan stage to receive comments on proposed projects and scenarios.

Haase stated that we should have a detailed public involvement plan that specifies dates and locations of meetings throughout the process. Burress asked for costs of different advertising, hosting of meetings, preparation of materials, etc. Staff does not have this information. During the T-2025 process, all meetings were held at public facilities or in private donated locations, i.e. Target meeting room, so there were no costs to rent meeting spaces. Costs to prepare flyers and handout materials were minimal since planning department color printers were used to print items.

Committee discussion of meeting with KDOT upper management. Skelley suggested possibly meeting with KDOT early to receive comments on planned KDOT projects. Ahrens stated that we know what KDOT's planned projects are through the life of the CTP and would prefer to meet with KDOT at a later stage of the plan to present capacity problems, discuss potential local and regional projects, and costs & revenues.

Low stated that the timeline should be more detailed in the plan update section. Staff will continue to revise the schedule as needed and expand/insert tasks.

- **Next Meeting (tentative): Fri, April 21th, 12:00-1:30**