

**TRANSPORTATION 2030 COMMITTEE (T2030)**  
**MINUTES**

*Friday, May 5, 2006*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

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

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• **FHWA Update on Long Range Plan Requirements**

Low briefed the committee on federal requirements for MPO long range transportation plans and provided a summary of changes in regulations between TEA-21 and SAFETEA-LU. Several of the changes and/or added requirements pertain to long range plans. SAFETEA added a requirement that MPOs have discussion with federal and state wildlife and land management regulatory agencies. Committee also discussed the financial constraint requirement of the long range plan, such as constrained vs. illustrative projects.

• **Public Involvement**

Harris asked if Lisa Patterson was developing a public participation plan and what the progress was. A plan should include ideas on outreach, how to reach people, specific techniques, etc. Staff replied that Lisa Patterson will help with specifics when we're ready to go out at appropriate points in the plan process. She can help with press contacts, outreach, public meeting locations, etc., but is not responsible for developing a public involvement plan.

Question asked if we need to do anything prior to the first public meetings? Staff should develop a memo to distribute to committees, neighborhood associations, special interest groups for inclusion on websites and newsletters informing them of the plan update process and requesting their input.

• **Bulletin board update & discussion**

Staff reported that the website is built and ready to launch. Links are already posted on the Planning Dept. and Douglas Co. pages. Lisa Patterson has requested a memo from the T2030 chair to the Lawrence City Manager and Douglas Co. Administrator that will be provided to the City and County Commissions that describes the purpose of the bulletin board. After committee discussion, Haase asked staff to prepare and send the memo instead.