

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 5, 2008 -- 1:30 PM

Planning Conference Room

REQUESTED ATTENDEES:

- Brad Finkeldei (MPO Member)
- Greg Moore (MPO Member)*
- Byron Low (FHWA Kansas Division)
- Daniel Nguyen (FTA Region 7)
- Christy Lane (KDOT Planning and Development) *
- Keith Browning (Douglas County Public Works Director)*
- Cynthia Boecker (Lawrence Assistant City Manager) *
- Cliff Galante (Lawrence Public Transit Administrator)*
- Todd Girdler (Lawrence-Douglas County Senior Transportation Planner)*
- Shoeb Uddin (Lawrence City Engineer)
- Chuck Soules (Lawrence Public Works Director) *
- Scott McCullough, (Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Director)*

Voting Member *

AGENDA

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Introduction of New MPO Staff – welcome for Bart Rudolf**
- 3. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting**
- 4. Action/Discussion Item: US Highway 56 Corridor Study - MPO funding for 2009 and review of draft partnership agreement**
- 5. Action/Discussion Item: Designation of a new MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Region**
- 6. Action/Discussion Item: Draft 2008 Bicycle Facilities Map – follow up and expansion of changes discussed recently involving the bike route on Massachusetts**
- 7. Action/Discussion Item: Transit Route Planning Study – possible addition to the 2008 and/or 2009 Unified Planning Work Program**
- 8. Discussion Item: Draft 2009 Unified Planning Work Program – discussion of funding estimates and possible work tasks**

9. Quick Updates:

- a. 5-County KDOT Transportation Plan for Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Miami, and Douglas Counties**
- b. Public Participation Plan (PPP) development**
- c. 31st Street Extension Project**
- d. Air Quality Issues for the L-DC MPO**
- e. On-Call Traffic Demand Modeling Contract**
- f. Bicycle Friendly City application**
- g. Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #1**

10. Other Business

11. Next Meeting: September 2, 2008

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

3. Acton Item: Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting (see attached draft)

4. Action/Discussion Item: US Highway 56 Corridor Study - MPO funding for 2009 and review of draft partnership agreement (see attached draft partnership agreement)

The MPO staff recently attended meetings with KDOT staff and officials from communities along this section of US 56 between I-435 and US 59. KDOT is proposing to use consultants to conduct this corridor study and to pay for half of its cost estimated at about \$300,000. KDOT is asking local governments and MPOs to pay for the other half. KDOT has requested that the L-DC MPO consider approving a contribution to this study. At the last meeting it was proposed that the local share of this study (about \$150,000) be split between the Johnson and Douglas County governments with Douglas County parties (L-DC MPO, Douglas County, and Baldwin City) covering one-third or about \$50,000 of this study's cost. The TAC will discuss the share possible from the L-DC MPO. KDOT also provided the group with a draft partnership agreement for this study, and the TAC will receive a copy of this draft for review.

5. Action/Discussion Item: Designation of a new MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Region (see attached draft MPO designation agreement)

This item has been discussed previously by the TAC and MPO. The Lawrence-Douglas County MPO is the last MPO in Kansas to still have the old style MPO composed of appointed planning commissioners. Plans are for this change to a new form of MPO composed of mostly elected officials to take place in the next few months. MPO Staff has recently sent this draft agreement out to various local, state and federal officials for review. The staff will discuss the comments received and the latest version of this draft agreement with the TAC.

6. Action/Discussion Item: Draft 2008 Bicycle Facilities Map – follow up and expansion of changes discussed recently involving the bike route on Massachusetts (see attached MPO resolution and draft 2008 bicycle facilities map)

The MPO Staff has met with the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) recently and developed a set of changes to the Bicycle Facilities Map. This set of changes includes the Massachusetts Street Bike Route that the TAC discussed previously. The MPO Staff and BAC would like the MPO to approve this set of map changes and adopt the resulting map as the new official Bicycle Facilities Map. A draft MPO resolution has been drafted to make these changes and will be discussed by the TAC.

7. Action/Discussion Item: Transit Route Planning Study – possible addition to the 2008 and/or 2009 Unified Planning Work Program

The MPO Staff has begun discussions with KDOT and transit officials about the need to study the route structure for transit services in Lawrence. The MPO Staff will update the TAC on how these discussions are going. The MPO Staff will also ask the TAC members for their opinion about possibly spending federal MPO money to fund a transit route planning study.

8. Discussion Item: Draft 2009 Unified Planning Work Program – discussion of funding estimates and possible work tasks

The MPO Staff will review what has been done in 2008 and ask the TAC for their suggestions of things to do in 2009. A quick review of funding estimates for the 2009 UPWP will also be included.