

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 8, 2008 -- 1:30 PM

Planning Conference Room

REQUESTED ATTENDEES:

- Brad Finkeldei (MPO/PC Rep.) *
- Greg Moore (MPO/PC Rep.)
- Byron Low (FHWA)
- Joan Roeseler (FTA)
- Joel Skelley (KDOT) *
- Keith Browning (DG Co. PW)*
- Dena Mezger (Assist. Director of Public Work.)*
- Cliff Galante (Public Transit Admin.)*
- Anson Gock (Planning)*
- Davonna Morgan (Planning)
- Shoeb Uddin (City Engineer)
- Chuck Soules (Lawrence PW) *
- Scott McCullough, (Planning Director)*

Voting Member *

AGENDA

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the December 4, 2007 meeting**
- 3. Action Item: Forward a recommendation on T2030, the Long Range Transportation Plan to the MPO for release of public comment.**
- 4. Action Item: Forward a recommendation on the Transportation Improvement Program Policy (TIP) to the MPO Board for their consideration.**
- 5. Action Item: Consider forwarding a recommendation to release the FY2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program to the MPO Board for public comment.**
- 6. Action Item: Consider reviewing and commenting RFP for On-call travel demand modeling assistance drafted by the MPO Staff.**
- 7. Discussion Item: Discuss potential road network alternatives in the Northwest Section of Lawrence based off the current the Thoroughfare Plan**
- 8. Other Business**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2008, 1:30 PM

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

3. Action Item: T2030

Staff is requesting a recommendation from the committee to the MPO Board to release T2030 for public comment.

4. Action Item: TIP Policy

Staff is requesting a recommendation from the committee for the approval of the TIP Policy. The policy describes the MPO process for TIP development, the TIP amendment process and defining what a regionally significant project shall consist of.

5. Action Item: FY 2008-2011 TIP

The current TIP will be invalid once T2030 is approved. In order to minimize the gap time between the approval of T2030 and the TIP, staff has prepared a draft copy of the FY2008-2011 to be released for public comment. Staff is requesting a committee recommendation to the MPO Board.

6. Action Item: Request for Proposal for On-call Travel Demand Modeling Assistance

As a part of the Long Range Transportation Planning component of the FY 2008 UPWP, the purpose of this consultant assistance is to provide staff the technical support/advise in model development, updating, calibrating, and using the model to prepare alternate analysis. On December 7, 2008, FHWA and FTA approved the FY 2008 UPWP.

7. Discussion Item: Thoroughfare Plan: Arterial Roads and the NW Section

Staff recognized the need to update the Thoroughfare Plan in response to T2030 and other development needs. Staff is requesting that the committee examine sections of the Thoroughfare Plan's feasibility and rationality. For this meeting, staff is asking the committee to discuss the following two items for future consideration: changing the functional classification of two arterial roads and examining the roadway network in the northwest portion of Lawrence based on current and future land use activity.

Staff is proposing two current arterial road segments in Map 8-1 (attached) to become collector roads. The first proposed roadway segment is George Williams Way from the northern boundary of the Mercato Development to the proposed Petersen Road extension. The second proposed roadway segment is a future road located in North Lawrence just south of US 24/40 connecting 2nd and 7th Street. Both proposed roadway segments would not fit the guidelines of a conventional arterial road. The typical function of an arterial road is to carry traffic in and out and through a region.

The northwest section of Lawrence is expected to grow in the future, thus, future roadway connectivity is an important issue to this area. Please refer to the

topographic map displaying northwest Lawrence. The NW section is generally defined as the following: the south of I-70, north of W 15th/N 1500 Road, west of Queens Road and east E 1700 Road. In addition to roadway connectivity, staff would like the TAC to consider the following factors in determining this area's roadway network:

- Topological features of this area
- Improving N1700 Road would provide a better east west connection in area.
- A connection from N1700 Road to the existing interchange at K-10/I70 would also provide an alternative for traffic traveling to I-70.
- Should the proposed Petersen Road be extended west of K-10 as an overpass or underpass? Another interchange on K-10 between I-70 and 6th Street is unlikely.