

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 8, 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. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the June 3, 2008 meeting**
- 3. Action Item: US Highway 56 Corridor Study and possible MPO funding for 2009**
- 4. Action Item: Designation of a new MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Region**
- 5. Action Item: Amendment for the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add Job Access-Reverse Commute (JARC) funding for the Lawrence Transit System, add Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding for trail development, advertise the approval of the Program of Projects (POP) for Lawrence Transit, add a map showing the locations of TIP projects, make minor revisions/corrections to the text and tables, and update project information as needed**

- 6. Discussion Item: Comparison of the latest 2003 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) approved Function Classification Map for Roadways and the recently MPO approved Major Thoroughfares Map from the T2030 Plan**
- 7. Quick Updates:**
 - a. Bicycle Facilities Map Revision**
 - b. Minimum Maintenance Roads – recent changes**
 - c. 5-County KDOT Transportation Plan for Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Miami, and Douglas Counties**
 - d. Public Participation Plan (PPP) development**
 - e. FTA Audit of the Lawrence Transit System**
 - f. 31st Street Extension Project**
 - g. 2009 Rescission and the 2009 UPWP Budget**
 - h. Air Quality Issues for the L-DC MPO**
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Next Meeting: August 5, 2008**

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

- 2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the June 3, 2008 meeting (see attached draft)**

- 3. Action Item: US Highway 56 Corridor Study and possible MPO funding for 2009**

The MPO staff recently attended a meeting with KDOT staff and officials from communities along this section of US 56 between I-435 and US 59. KDOT is proposing on using consultants to conduct this corridor study and to pay for half of its cost. KDOT is asking local governments and MPOs to pay for the other half. KDOT has requested that the MPO consider approving a contribution to this study. The MPO staff will review the 2008 and planned 2009 MPO funding levels with the TAC and discuss what level of funding support the L-DC MPO may provide to this study.

- 4. Discussion Item: Designation of a new MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Region (see attached draft agreement and timeline)**

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. Newly hired MPO staff is now reviewing the draft designation agreement and other materials related to this matter. MPO staff will distribute the latest version of the Designation Agreement for this new MPO to the TAC for review along with a

planned timeline for completing this MPO re-designation. MPO staff will discuss concerns with the TAC and ask the TAC if they want to make any further revisions to the draft before sending it to the MPO, local governing bodies and KDOT for their review and approval.

5. Action Item: Amendment for the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add Job Access-Reverse Commute (JARC) funding for the Lawrence Transit System, add Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding for trail development, advertise the approval of the Program of Projects (POP) for Lawrence Transit, add a map showing the locations of TIP projects, make minor revisions/corrections to the text and tables, and update project information as needed (see attached draft resolution and attachments)

The MPO staff has reviewed the TIP approved by the MPO in April and found that some revisions are needed, and the MPO staff has learned from Lawrence staff that some new funding has been awarded to the City that must be added into the TIP. The Lawrence Transit staff has also informed the MPO staff that they would like to have this TIP approved with specific language that makes it clear that the TIP includes the transit Program Of Projects (POP) and that the TIP approval also includes the approval of the POP. The TIP approved in April was also missing a map of where TIP projects are located, and this will be added to the document. Project sponsors will also be given an opportunity to review their projects and make any changes that have occurred since the original April 23rd TIP approval date.

6. Discussion Item: Comparison of the latest 2003 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) approved Function Classification Map for Roadways and the recently MPO approved Major Thoroughfares Map from the T2030 Plan

The MPO staff has begun a review of the roadway classification maps last approved by the FHWA and KDOT and the maps last approved by the MPO in the T2030 document. There are some differences. The MPO staff will discuss this issue with the TAC and discuss how to proceed with updating the FHWA/KDOT approved maps to make them more consistent with the latest MPO approved classification maps.