

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 3, 2008 -- 1:30 PM

Planning Conference Room

REQUESTED ATTENDEES:

- Brad Finkeldei (MPO Member) *
- Greg Moore (MPO Member)
- Byron Low (FHWA Kansas Division)
- Daniel Nyugen (FTA Region 7)
- Christy Lane (KDOT Planning and Development) *
- Keith Browning (Douglas County Public Works Director)*
- Cynthia Boecker or Diane Stoddard (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 April 17, 2008 meeting**
- 3. Action Item: Bicycle Facilities Map Revision to change the Bike Route now located on Vermont and Kentucky Streets to Massachusetts Street from 11th Street to Indian Avenue.**
- 4. Discussion Item: 5-County KDOT Transportation Plan for Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Miami, and Douglas Counties**
- 5. Discussion Item: Development of a new Public Participation Plan (PPP) to replace the current 2004 Public Involvement Plan (PIP)**
- 6. Discussion Item: Designation of a new MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Region**
- 7. Quick Updates:**
 - a. Upcoming STP safety submissions from Lawrence to KDOT**
 - b. 2009 Rescissions and MPO funding**
 - c. Air Quality Standard changes**
- 8. Other Business**

9. Next Meeting: July 8, 2008

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

3. Action Item: Bike Route change

The current Bicycle Facilities Map shows a route along Vermont and Kentucky which is contrary to what is intuitive for cyclist to use when traveling south from Downtown Lawrence. The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) discussed this in 2006 and recommended the change to Massachusetts Street to match what most cyclists in the area do when traveling through this part of town. The MPO staff is asking the TAC to join the BAC in recommending that this bike route change be completed and that the map be revised and the signs now be moved to reflect the bike route on Massachusetts.

4. Discussion Item: 5-County KDOT Transportation Plan for Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Miami, and Douglas Counties

The MPO and KDOT staffs have met recently to discuss Phase 1 of this new multi-county transportation study that will be funded by KDOT and completed by consultants over the next 18 months. KDOT has requested that the MPO staff and other local officials provide input and expertise into this study which will identify transportation issues in this 5-county region and identify corridors of concern for more detailed study in Phase 2 of this effort.

5. Discussion Item: Development of a new Public Participation Plan (PPP) to replace the current 2004 Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

With the passage of SAFETEA-LU and the issuance of new metropolitan planning regulations in February of 2007 the MPO is now being asked to update its public involvement process and complete a new Public Participation Plan. The MPO staff is now reviewing the new planning regulations and discussing this update with KDOT and USDOT staffs.

6. Discussion Item: Designation of a new MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Region

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 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 final review.