

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 -- 1:30 PM

Planning Conference Room

REQUESTED ATTENDEES:

- Brad Finkeldei (MPO Member)
- Greg Moore (MPO Member)*
- Byron Low (FHWA Kansas Division)
- Mark Huffhines (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) *
- Casey Toomay (Interim - Lawrence Public Transit Administrator)*
- Todd Girdler (Lawrence-Douglas County MPO Senior Transportation Planner)*
- Bart Rudolph (Lawrence-Douglas County MPO 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 TAC Member – Casey Toomay**
- 3. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the August 5, 2008 meeting**
- 4. Action/Discussion Item: Designation of a new MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Region**
- 5. Action/Discussion Item: US Highway 56 Corridor Study – discussion of the approval process for the partnership agreement and the L-DC MPO contribution to this study**
- 6. Discussion Item: Draft 2008 Bicycle Facilities Map – follow up and expansion of changes discussed recently by the TAC and the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**
- 7. Discussion Item: Draft 2009 Unified Planning Work Program – discussion of funding estimates and possible work tasks**

- 8. Discussion Item: 5-County KDOT Transportation Plan for Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Miami, and Douglas Counties - discussion of this regional study and solicitation of possible stakeholders**
- 9. Discussion Item: Air Quality Issues for the L-DC MPO**
- 10. Quick Updates:**
 - a. Public Participation Plan (PPP) development**
 - b. 31st Street Extension Project**
 - c. On-Call Traffic Demand Modeling Contract**
 - d. Transit Routes Planning Study**
 - e. Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #1**
- 11. Other Business**
- 12. Next Meeting: October 7, 2008**

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

- 3. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting (see attached draft)**
- 4. Action/Discussion Item: Designation of a new MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Region (the latest version of this agreement will be handed out at the meeting)**

This item has been discussed previously by the TAC and MPO. The TAC recently reviewed and approved this draft MPO designation agreement and sent it out to KDOT for their legal staff to review. The TAC will discuss comments received from the KDOT Legal staff and may re-approve it with those changes. The TAC may also discuss posting this draft agreement on the web and instruct MPO staff to do that if it has not already been done. The TAC and MPO staff will discuss the process for routing this agreement for signatures and execution.
- 5. Action/Discussion Item: US Highway 56 Corridor Study – discussion of the approval process for the partnership agreement and the L-DC MPO contribution to this study**

The MPO and KDOT staffs will discuss the latest developments with this study including the plans to include funding for this study in the 2009 UPWP, the move of the partnership agreement to the MPO for approval, and the progress of KDOT in selecting a consultant.

6. Discussion Item: Draft 2008 Bicycle Facilities Map – follow up and expansion of changes discussed recently by the TAC and the Bicycle Advisory Committee

The MPO Staff has met with the TAC, Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), and various City and County staff to develop a set of changes to the Bicycle Facilities Map. This set of changes includes recently completed bike lanes and paths and changes to bike routes including the Massachusetts Street bike route. The staff also recently discovered that there are more changes to make to this map than originally thought by the BAC. The MPO staff is now checking all existing bikeways shown on the map to verify the accuracy of this map. MPO Staff and BAC members eventually want the MPO to approve this revised map and adopt it as the new official bikeway planning map for Lawrence and Douglas County. The MPO staff will present the latest version of this map to the TAC for review and ask the TAC to provide information about any further changes needed.

7. 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.

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

The MPO staff has recently attended meetings for this study, and KDOT has chosen a consultant to work on this large regional plan. At this point the consultant team and KDOT want to identify stakeholders to contact during the development of this study and they want local input about who should be on the stakeholders list. The MPO staff will ask TAC members for suggestions about persons and groups for possible inclusion on that stakeholders list.

9. Discussion Item: Air Quality Issues for the L-DC MPO

The MPO staff recently attended a regional meeting on air quality issues and met with local officials involved in air quality planning. The staff will share what they have learned about this subject with the TAC.