

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Draft Minutes for Tuesday, January 8, 2008 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Finkeldei (MPO)	Keith Browning (DGCO PW)
Scott McCullough (Planning)	Anson Gock (Planning)
Daniel Nguyen (FTA)	Cliff Galante (Lawrence Transit)
Greg Moore (MPO-non voting)	Shoeb Uddin (City of Lawrence)
Chuck Soules (City of Lawrence)	Allison Smith (KDOT)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Huffhines (FHWA), Davonna Moore (Planning)

ITEM 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM. A quorum was present.

ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2007

Meeting minutes of the December 4, 2007 TAC was reviewed with no further discussion.

MOTION made by Keith Browning, and a 2nd by Allison Smith to approve the December minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item 7 is moved up to the first at Keith Browning's request.

Item 7: Discussion Item: Discuss potential road network alternatives in the Northwest Section of Lawrence based off the current the Thoroughfare Plan

Gock presented the committee a draft T2030 Thoroughfare Plan map based on the T2025. He explained that this map will serve as the base for future thoroughfare map discussion as T2030 is being developed and draft. The proposed thoroughfare plan map has the following significant changes from T2025: 1) Eastern Connection is moved further east to K-10. 2) The old Eastern Connection Corridor from N Lawrence to 31 Street will become a minor arterial/collector. 3) Kentucky, Tennessee, Naismith become collector roads. This map has significant impact in term of Comprehensive Plan and future network delineation. Discussion among the TAC members led to the creation of the sub-committee to take a closer look at the T2030 thoroughfare plan before the draft T2030 is scheduled for public release. Gock will schedule the sub-committee with Greg Moore, Chuck Soules, Keith Browning, Shoeb Uddin, Scott McCullough, Sheila Stogsdill, and possibly Terese Gorman.

Item 3: Action Item: Forward a recommendation on T2030, the Long Range Transportation Plan to the MPO for release of public comment.

This item is being delayed. A joint T2030 Steering Committee/TAC is scheduled on January 18 to take action on the release of the T2030 for public comment.

Item 4: Action Item: Forward a recommendation on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policy to the MPO for their consideration

Moore presented the committee with an updated draft copy of the TIP Policy. Moore highlighted the changes that were recommended from the previous TAC meeting. The committee requested minor changes to the document including changing the percent of cost threshold from 10% to 20%.

MOTION made by Chuck Soules to forward a recommendation to approve the TIP Policy to the MPO Board with changes. The motion was seconded by Cliff Galante and was unanimously approved.

Item 5: Discussion Item: Review of the Narrative portion of the FY 08-11 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Moore presented the committee with a rough draft of the FY 08-11 TIP. Moore requested that the committee review the narrative portion of the document, specifically look for SAFETEA-LU compliance. Moore explained to the committee that the TIP will be presented to them in sections to allow for easier ability to comment. Moore requested all changes be emailed to her.

Item 6: Action Item: Consider reviewing and commenting RFP for On-call travel demand modeling assistance drafted by the MPO Staff.

The MPO staff provided the committee a RFP for on-call travel demand modeling assistance. David Cronister from KDOT has agreed to participate as a member of the selection committee and Brad Finkeldei agreed to be a member of the selection committee as well. Since the City is providing the local share of this project, the RFP needs to go through the City Commission agenda.

MOTION made by Cliff Galante, and a 2nd by Scott McCullough to release the RFP through the City Commission.

Item 7: Other Business

-Cliff Galante distributed and presented the Lawrence Freenet proposal to the City Commission. The proposal outlined details for a "BusQuest" project that utilizes wireless technology to track bus arrival and departure times, can help riders plan their bus routes, and free wireless internet service for bus patrons. Galante addressed this matter to the committee as an FYI item and stated the City Commission has decided to defer the issue back to city staff for further study.

-Gock presented a letter to the committee from Kansas Association of MPO's (KAMPO). This letter speaks of the concern regarding insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund and how that will affect the Planning funds that are allocated to MPO's every year that support staff. The letter states that KAMPO would like for their national associations, NARC and AMPO to work with USDOT and members of Congress regarding this issue.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for February, 5th at 1:30 P.M.