

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Minutes for Tuesday, January 5, 2010 Meeting**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Browning (Douglas County Public Works)
Jeff Dingman (Baldwin City)
Scott McCullough - Vice Chair (Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development Services)
Mark Thiel for Charles Soules (Lawrence Public Works)
Danny Kaiser (KU on Wheels)
Stephanie Watts (KDOT)
Robert Nugent (Lawrence Transit)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Foundoukis (FHWA)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Todd Girdler (Senior Transportation Planner)
Bart Rudolph (Transportation Planner)
Davonna Moore (KDOT)

Item 1: Call to Order

Vice Chairman Scott McCullough called the meeting to order at 1: 31 PM. A quorum was present.

Item 2: Welcome and Introductions

Scott McCullough introduced himself and welcomed everyone in attendance to the TAC meeting. The rest of the attendees then introduced themselves.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes from the December 1, 2009 Regular Meeting

Danny Kaiser made a motion to approve these minutes as presented, seconded by Scott McCullough and passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7

Todd Girdler presented this TIP amendment to the TAC for review and approval. He noted that this TIP change is necessary to add three KDOT bridge projects to the TIP. The TAC briefly discussed this amendment and Keith Browning made a motion to approve it as presented. This motion was seconded by Danny Kaiser and passed unanimously.

Item 5: Quorum Assurance Mistake at the December 17, 2009 MPO Policy Board Meeting

Todd Girdler explained to the TAC members that he had made a mistake at the December 17th MPO meeting and miscounted the quorum. The MPO members present discussed agenda items and at the time conducted business as usual. After the meeting the staff realized that they did not have a quorum so no official business took place. The action items from that meeting will be placed back on the MPO agenda for the upcoming

January 21st meeting. Paul Foundoukis asked if any items on that December 17th agenda were urgent or would be affected by this quorum mistake. Todd Girdler told the TAC that the items should be fine as long as they are officially approved soon at the January 21st meeting. The TAC briefly discussed the Transportation Enhancement support resolutions that were on the December 17th agenda. The TAC consensus was that those resolutions would be fine for TE application purposes the way they were submitted on December 30th and that all the MPO needed to do was to officially approve them on January 21st and have the MPO staff file them. TAC members agreed that it was not necessary to re-submit those applications to KDOT.

Item 6: Quick Updates:

a. US Highway 56 Corridor Study

Todd Girdler told the TAC that this project is progressing and that a public officials meeting is scheduled in Baldwin City on January 12th, a workshop is scheduled in Edgerton on January 27th, and that two open houses are scheduled for February 9th and 11th.

b. 5-County Regional Transportation Study

Todd Girdler told the TAC that Phase 1 of this study is coming to an end and that the MPO staff is scheduled to attend a core management team meeting on January 8th, a funding workshop on January 11th, and virtual meetings on January 21st both before and after the MPO meeting.

c. Logo for the L-DC MPO

Bart Rudolph told the TAC that staff has not yet drafted a logo but they have contacted KU faculty and students to see if they want to draft some ideas. Bart will know more about KU assistance once the new term starts later this month.

d. Travel Demand Model

Todd Girdler informed the TAC that the LSA contract cannot be extended so a new RFP is now being drafted to solicit proposals for this modeling work. TAC members discussed the RFP and whether it was going to be a qualifications based selection with pricing information to be considered later in negotiations or was the pricing data going to be part of the selection process. KDOT and FHWA staff discussed this and agreed that it should be a qualifications based selection with labor rates and costs settled later in negotiations with the selected firm. Todd Girdler agreed and said he would write the RFP in that manner.

e. FFY 2009 Obligated Projects List

Todd Girdler told the TAC that he had heard from two TAC members with updated information and comments about the draft list. Todd told TAC members to get any final comments to him by the end of this week so this list could be finished and posted on the web next week. Paul Foundoukis suggested that the tables be changed to make them more easily readable and more like the TIP tables. Todd noted that he would work on this table formatting so the tables are easier to read.

f. Ride Share Connection software update

Todd Girdler informed the TAC that MARC had been contacted by the software vendor and told that a new version of the software was going to be installed. There may be a cost involved in making this software

upgrade. This was news to both MARC and the L-DC MPO. MPO staff will monitor this issue and coordinate with MARC staff. Bart Rudolph told the TAC that the annual maintenance fee for this service was in the past paid by the MPO with CPG funds but now is going to be paid by the City.

Item 7: Other Business

Davonna Moore informed the TAC that the new KTA interchange for Tonganoxie and Eudora was now open and that the TAC may want to discuss what impacts this could have on traffic in and around Eudora. Keith Browning told the TAC that Douglas County and Eudora officials had sanctioned a study to consider traffic impacts to the Eudora area. The study concluded traffic increases due to the new interchange would not result in an unacceptable level of service for several years. The Eudora City Council and the County Commission met to discuss the study. At that time the County Commission had the opinion that improving the roads around the east side of Eudora and using the existing Wakarusa and Kansas River bridges would adequately handle any expected increase in traffic heading to this new interchange via Eudora.

Item 8: Next Meeting: February 2, 2010 or another date set by the TAC

The meeting ended at 1:58 PM.