

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 11th, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Browning (DG Co. PW)
Bill Ahrens (Planning)
Joel Skelley (KDOT)

Chuck Soules (Lawrence PW)
Sheila Stogsdill (Planning)

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

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

2. Action Item: Election of Officers

It was decided to defer election of officers to the next meeting when more members might be present and the planning commission chair might have appointed a commissioner to fill Riordan's vacancy. Browning mentioned that the by-laws call for election of officers in the 4th quarter of each year and since this is already July, will we elect new officers at the end of the year? The committee discussed the issue and decided that officers elected this year should serve an extended term consisting of the balance of 2006 plus 2007.

3. Action Item: Approval of Minutes – May 2, 2006

The minutes of the May. 2, 2006 TAC meeting were approved as submitted. Motion by Skelley approve the minutes as submitted , second by Stogsdill. Unanimously approved.

4. Action Item: Amendment to 2006 UPWP

The 2006 UPWP budget needs to be revised to address a number of changes as described in detail in the memo to TAC and as shown in the attached budget tables. The three budget tables from the UPWP show the adopted budget and the proposed revisions. At the time the UPWA was prepared and adopted during the 4th quarter of 2005, so 2005 ending balances were estimated, as were 2006 Consolidated Planning Grant funds. Since then, we've received actual 2005 ending balances as well as revised 2006 allocations from KDOT. The 2006 UPWP also reflected several consultant studies for on-call modeling and conversion of the travel model, both originally anticipated to have begun in mid-2005 and completed in 2006. However, due to delays in hiring consultants and putting them under contract, those studies didn't begin until Dec. 2005, so those amounts have been fully carried into the 2006 budget. It was also decided to cancel the proposed transportation visioning study and to not hire a consultant to update T-2025, so those amounts were reallocated. In addition, funds have been budgeted towards an ITS Architecture Plan and for maintenance of the joint ridesharing program. Other budget categories were adjust slightly as shown in the tables to allocate more funds to the transportation plan update. The proposed budget changes were sent to KDOT for review and KDOT had no issues.

Motion by Browning approve the amendments , second by Stogsdill. Unanimously approved.

5. Action Item: Amendments to 2006-2009 TIP

Staff received requests from KDOT to amend the TIP to reflect changes to several projects. KDOT provided updated project authorization forms reflecting adjustments in federal funding and in letting dates. Projects amended were:

- 31st St. – Ousdahl to Louisiana – revise federal funding and letting date
- 31st St/ - Haskell to O'Connell – add project
- Rte. 1057 bridge – revise max. federal funds
- High St., 8th St. in Baldwin – revise letting date
- High St. over Tauy Creek in Baldwin – revise letting date

Soules indicated that the City would be requesting that 31st, Ousdahl to Louisiana be cancelled and another project substituted due to lower federal fund balances. TAC decided to pull that project from the amendment and will probably consider it in Aug. as an amendment contingent on Lawrence city Commission action. KDOT suggested that a notation be added to the 31st, Haskell to O'Connell project to indicate \$800,000 in Congressional earmark funding as part of that project.

At the Aug. meeting, TAC will be asked to amend the TIP to add two new TE projects, plus cancel the 31st St. project and substitute another project, possibly 19th & Louisiana intersection.

Motion by Skelley to approve the amendments as revised, second by Browning. Unanimously approved.

6. Discussion Item: Lawrence/MARC Cooperative Rideshare Program

The MPO, Lawrence Transit and Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) have initiated a joint ridesharing project. Software acquisition was jointly funded by MARC and Lawrence Transit, while the MPO will participate with MARC in annual maintenance and upgrade cost. The rideshare program is web-based and users will be able to register, enter commute information and preferences, and receive matches via the internet. The site was activated at the end of May with an advertising campaign. Additional advertising will take place in late Aug. to coincide with the start of university semesters. Rideshare might run advertising in the KU and JCCC student newspapers.

7. Discussion Item: Transportation Plan Update

The consultants have converted the model and are checking it against the previous QRS II model for validity. Consultants have also prepared recommendations for revisions to the traffic analysis zone (TAZ) structure, staff reviewed the map and provided comments and corrections, and consultants are making map changes. Staff is working on assembling 2005 base year dwelling unit and employment data for Lawrence and Douglas County.

Staff will use the T2025 future land use map as a base, then add future land use scenarios from several area plans such as SE Area Plan and concept planning for south of the Wakarusa and west of the SLT areas to produce a composite future land use map. Staff, T2030, and TAC will be asked to update the future land use map to 2030. After assembling base year TAZ data and updating the land use map, staff will develop initial 2030 projections for review.

The T2030 committee has added city and county commissioners to the membership. At the next T2030 meeting the committee will discuss the county road classification map, regional freight issues, and the future land use map. At several points in the plan update process, staff will present briefings to the

Planning Commission at mid-month study sessions on topics such as land use, modeled congestion, and potential projects to be tested.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Aug, 8th Agenda items will include election of officers, TIP amendments.