

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Minutes for Tuesday, June 5, 2007 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Finkeldei (MPO)

Chuck Soules (Lawrence PW)

Joel Skelley (KDOT)

Cliff Galante (Lawrence Transit)

Thomas Dow (KDOT)

Byron Low (Federal Highway)

Sheila Stogsdill (Planning)

Debbie Van Saun (Lawrence ACM)

OTHERS PRESENT: Grant Eichorn (MPO Chair), Paul Patterson (Planning Staff)

ITEM 1. Call to Order

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

ITEM 2. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2007

Meeting minutes of the April 10, 2007 TAC were reviewed with no corrections.

MOTION by Stogsdill, 2nd by Skelley to approve the April minutes.

Motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 3. Action Item: TIP Amendment for federal earmark funds for ITS Deployment.

- Presented by Chuck Soules. Earmarked grant for ITS has been awarded, needs to be in the TIP.
- Skelley, project can move forward, would involve several invoices, and grant funding drawdown could be used at the latter stage.
- Discussion of when T2030 Kickoff should be, will set up for Planning Commission mid-month meeting on July 11th, starting at 7:30 in the morning at the Lawrence City Hall Commission Chambers.
- TIP amendment for ITS would be heard at the June 25th MPO meeting.

MOTION by Galante, 2nd by Skelley recommend MPO amend TIP to include federal earmark in the PE section of the TIP as KDOT project #KA-0975-01 with federal funds of \$34,292.62 and local match of \$8,573.16 (will show as \$9,000 in local match and 34,000 in Federal Funds; total of \$43,000).

Motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 4. Action Item: TIP Amendment to add bridge replacement project for Douglas County; bridge location at 964 E. 1000 Road.

- Presented by Sheila Stogsdill. Keith Browning, County Engineer was not able to make this meeting. The county would like a TIP amendment of \$698,000 (\$490,000 Federal – \$208,000 local) for a bridge replacement over the E 1000 Road. The

County Commission has added this project to the County's 5-year Plan (2008-1012) request to KDOT for future funding.

- Discussion on bridge eligibility and sufficiency ratings/warrants needing to be met.
- Believe that the ratings/warrants would have been considered in the inclusion of the bridge replacement consideration. Stogsdill will verify with the County Engineer. Browning will need to check with KDOT- Local Projects to make sure it meets the warrants.

MOTION by Galante, 2nd by Stogsdill to recommend the MPO add the project to the TIP conditions upon the project meeting the required warrants.

Motion was unanimously approved.

General Question from Stogsdill

In reference to July 1 and SAFETEA-LU, would there be any problems amending the TIP due to the T2030 Transportation Long Range Plan not yet being update?

Low – official position, should not add new projects to TIP, but would consider TIP amendment based upon Lawrence not having Transportation Planning Staff since December. August is last chance for TIP amendment (at July TAC/MPO, need to make sure, all proposed TIP amendments are considered). Projects can still be moved around within TIP program years, but no new projects could be added until T2030 update is completed.

2:00 P.M. Van Saun entered meeting.

Understanding that persons having TIP amendments should have them presented to TAC no later than July and to MPO no later than August (preferably in July in case something happens to the MPO meeting, such as no quorum).

Item 5. Action Item: Recommendation on MPO By-Laws.

This would be a recommendation from the TAC to the MPO.

Discussion

Article 3 add (5 appointed by the Lawrence City Commission Mayor and 5 appointed by the Douglas County Commission Chair).

Article 6.1 Voting members of TAC, meets the TAC Bylaws.

Understood that these would be interim By-laws which would be in effect until a new MPO is formed.

Article 6.2. Discussion on if KDOT should be a voting member of the LRTP committee.

6.2 strike voting and ex-official nonvoting - just members vote.
Call it Long Range Transportation Planning Steering Committee.

Add Public Works Director to membership.

Motion by Galante, recommending the By-Laws be forwarded on to the MPO with the changes incorporated, 2nd by Van Saun.

Motion passes unanimously

Item 6: Discussion Item: MPO Restructuring

Discussion regarding restructuring the MPO. Local Elected Officials are required to be on the MPO. KDOT requirement to be on, and possibly Kansas Department of Health if Air Pollutant becomes an issue. Also a representative of a major mode of transit.

Motion by Finkeldei to recommend MPO to direct staff to move in the direction of reconstitution of the MPO in accordance with Federal regulations, in the 3 months following the adoption of the T2030 Transportation Plan, 2nd by Soules.

Motion approved unanimously.

Item 7. Discussion Item: Update on Long-Range Transportation Plan

Stogsdill, Update on Long Rang Transportation Plan will be kicking-off in near future, e-mails will be sent out with additional information on this issue.

Item 8. Other Business

KDOT modeling in relationship to the T2030 Update.

- LSA has converted the traffic modeling to TransCad.
- KDOT is incorporating the traffic modeling/population TAZ for future modeling.
- KDOT wants to show current plus predicted traffic modeling and have it available prior to first public meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 P.M.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday July 10, at 1:30 P.M.