

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Draft Minutes for Tuesday, October 2, 2007 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Finkeldei (MPO)

Byron Low (FHWA)

Scott McCullough (Planning)

Anson Gock (Planning)

Cliff Galante (Lawrence Transit)

Chuck Soules (Lawrence PW)

Thomas Dow (KDOT)

Keith Browning (DGCO PW)

Daniel Nguyen (FTA)

Shoeb Uddin (City of Lawrence)

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Smith (KDOT), Mark Huffhines (FHWA), Mell Henderson (MARC), Bob Johnson (DGCO), Davonna Morgan (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 – September 4, 2007

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

MOTION by Thomas Dow, 2nd by Cliff Galante to approve the September minutes with corrections. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3: Action Item: Draft FY 2008 UPWP

Gock presented the final draft copy of the FY 2008 UPWP to the committee to recommend approval to the MPO Board in October. An estimated total budget of \$185,000 is allocated for the FY 2008 UPWP. The document had been updated per committee recommendations from the September meeting. Gock informed the committee that the document is currently under the required 30-day review period that will end before submission to the MPO Board in late October.

MOTION by Keith Browning to approve the FY 2008 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Chuck Soules. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item 4: Action Item: Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant

Morgan presented to the committee the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail as the TE project the City of Lawrence will submit through the MPO. Morgan explains to the committee the parameters of the projects and that the city will be asking for \$500,000 in TE funds to complete the project. Morgan states to the committee that this project is identified in the Bicycle Facilities Plan and comes with strong support from the community and recommends committee approval to send letter of support to the MPO Board for signature. A cost estimated for the project was given to committee members itemizing materials needed for the construction of this project. KDOT suggests that this project

should focus on function of the trail as moving people rather than just being recreational. The staff reminded everyone that 6-8 million dollars are available for this funding round and the deadline to submit applications is November 7, 2007.

MOTION made by Scott McCullough to recommend committee approval for TE letter of support for the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail project. The motion was seconded by Cliff Galante. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item 5: MARC Presentation

Mell Henderson, Transportation Planning Director from MARC, gave presentation of their Long Range Plan and its effect on Douglas County and the surrounding area. Henderson began the presentation with background information about the MARC planning area. The focus of the presentation then shifted to regional transportation strategies. The key factors that were discussed was increasing emphasis on maintaining existing transportation infrastructure, increasing modal choice, effectively integrating projects into the community, managing roadway capacity, enhancing the region's role in Goods Movement, and promoting safe travel. The presentation concluded with a discussion among committee members. It was suggested that an annual meeting should be held with KDOT, MARC, LDCMPO, Johnson County, Leavenworth County, and Douglas County to discuss regional issues; the committee suggested to the committee for this meeting to become a work element in the UPWP. (Douglas County volunteered to spearhead the next meeting.)

Item 6: Discussion Item: Long Range Transportation Plan Update

The MPO staff updated the committee on the status of the T2030 Plan Update. The staff discussed the results for the public meetings held September 18, 20, and 25 in Eudora, Lawrence, and Baldwin City, respectively. Overall approximately 60 people attending all three meetings; staff stressed that the quality of comments and dialogue were very substantial. Various items and issues were discussed; the staff stated a summary of all the meetings will be available soon on the planning website.

Other items discussed pertaining to T2030:

Gock stated that KDOT is still working on model modifications and updates as the T2030 process continues.

The next T2030 committee meeting will be held Thursday, October 11, 2007.

Item 7: Other Business

Thomas Dow reminded the committee that KDOT will be doing a presentation on the SLT (South Lawrence Trafficway) to the Planning Commission Wednesday, September 26, 2007.

KDOT will be holding statewide public meetings for their LRTP; a flyer presenting the dates was given to the committee.

Adjournment:

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

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th at 1:30 P.M.