

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Draft Minutes for Tuesday, September 4, 2007 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Finkeldei (MPO)

Byron Low (FHWA)

Scott McCullough (Planning)

Anson Gock (Planning)

Cliff Galante (Lawrence Transit)

Thomas Dow (KDOT)

Keith Browning (DGCO PW)

Daniel Nguyen (FTA)

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Smith (KDOT), Mark Huffhines (FHWA), Greg Moore (MPO)
Davonna Morgan (Planning)

ITEM 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM. A quorum was present.

ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2007

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

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

Item 3: Action Item: Fiscal Year 2008 UPWP Topics

Gock presented a draft copy of the FY 2008 UPWP to the committee to recommend approval to the MPO Board in September. An estimated total budget of \$185,000 is allocated for the FY 2008 UPWP. Gock pointed out the work elements of this document focus more MPO internal projects. Gock also noted that work for the Public Participation Plan would be visible in the next fiscal year UPWP.

Gock makes recommendation for the committee to approve the FY 2008 UPWP. The following comments and questions were raised before the motion was made by the committee:

- The Title VI discussion could be removed
- MPO Restructuring and Participation plan added to Sec. IB (Planning Priorities and Projects)
- Question about listing non-MPO related advisory committees in the document. Staff responded stating all committees are contacted regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan updates.
- Address Self-Certification process
- Add e-newsletter as a product under the Public Involvement section

Staff reports that these changes can be made and the document could be put up for public review by the last week in September before the next committee meeting. The committee stated they were fine with that scenario.

MOTION by Scott McCullough to approve the core elements and budget of the FY 2008 UPWP with pending changes are made the discussion portion of the plan. The motion was seconded by Cliff Galante. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item 4: 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 upcoming public meetings for T2030 to be held September 18, 20, and 25 in Eudora, Lawrence, and Baldwin City, respectively.

Gock stated that KDOT is still working on model modifications and updates as the T2030 process continues. KDOT asks whether the staff will make modifications to the model in lieu of recent reports of Lawrence's slowing population growth. The staff responded stating that the model is based on future land use data and is confident that the results will be valid.

The next T2030 committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 06, 2007.

Item 5: Transit Funding Update

Galante addressed the committee concerning transit funds for the area. Galante's main concern was the funding and costs of future projects. Galante asked KDOT if 5311 funds could be converted to 5307 funds; KDOT's response was no. Galante expressed that federal funding shortfalls will put the onus on local funds to construct future projects. KDOT asked if Galante had checked into city and county STP funds as an additional funding source; city and county representatives assured the committee that there were no available funds.

Item 6: KDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant

Gock reported to the committee that KDOT is currently accepting TE Grant applications for the year 2010-2011 (when funds will be available). KDOT asked whether applications were anticipated from any jurisdiction in Douglas County. Keith Browning stated the Lecompton could possibly be applying for funds. 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.

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.

Brad Finkeldei suggested a meeting with MARC to address mutual issues. Staff stated they will look into setting that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 2 at 1:30 P.M.