

Memorandum
City of Lawrence and Douglas County
Planning & Development Services

TO: David L. Corliss, Lawrence City Manager

FROM: Todd Girdler, Senior Transportation Planner

CC: Scott McCullough, Planning and Development Services Director
Christy Lane, KDOT MPO Transportation Planner

Date: May 28, 2009

**RE: Approval of a Cooperative Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding
between the City of Lawrence/Lawrence Transit System, Kansas
Department of Transportation (KDOT), and the Lawrence-Douglas County
Metropolitan Planning Organization (L-DC MPO) for the Regional
Transportation Planning Process in Douglas County**

Over the last six months the MPO staff has been working on producing documents needed to re-designate our region's MPO and educating the new MPO members about their role on this regional planning body. The newly re-designated MPO Policy Board has now met five times, passed a new set of bylaws, approved a Public Participation Plan (PPP) and made three amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The new MPO Policy Board also approved a Cooperative Agreement at their last meeting held on May 21st. This agreement that describes the working relationships between the MPO, KDOT and the public transit operator is a required MPO document under federal planning regulations. This cooperative agreement, along with the re-designation agreement and the new MPO bylaws previously approved, will complete the set of documents needed to establish our new MPO Policy Board and describe its working relationships with its planning partners in the MPO process. This cooperative agreement is referred to as the metropolitan planning agreement in the federal planning regulations for MPO operations.

Since the City of Lawrence is the public transit operator referred to in the federal MPO planning regulations and a required party to this agreement, the MPO staff is requesting that the City Commission approve the Mayor to sign this agreement.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact me at (785) 832-3155 or by email at tgirdler@ci.lawrence.ks.us.

Attachments: L-DC MPO Cooperative Agreement - Memorandum of Understanding 2009