

## **Timeline for Completing the Next Required Update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

March 26, 2008

The current MTP called the Transportation 2030 - Lawrence/Douglas County – Long Range Transportation Plan (T-2030) was approved by the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which at that time was the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

December 8, 2008

The MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Area was re-designated to its current form composed of mainly local elected officials.

April 20, 2009

T-2030 Amendment #1 that updated Chapter 8 – Bicycle System Plan including extensive updates to the Bikeway System Map was approved.

T-2030 Amendment #2 that updated Chapter 14 – Financial Plan to add possible American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects to the plan was approved.

December 21, 2010

The Lawrence City Commission approves Ordinance # 8590 that makes the latest version of the MPO-approved MTP document the Transportation Chapter in the Lawrence-Douglas County Comprehensive Plan.

January 26, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners for Douglas County approves Resolution # 11-02 that makes the latest version of the MPO-approved MTP document the Transportation Chapter in the Lawrence-Douglas County Comprehensive Plan.

March 2011

The MPO staff requests non-competitive carryover funding from KDOT to assist with funding MTP model updates and public involvement work. The MPO staff expects to find out about the approval of this funding in May.

### **June 30, 2011**

- The MPO appoints the Transportation 2040 Committee (T-2040 Committee), and this group holds its first meeting to review the Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) map, roadway network map, and demographic data for the travel demand model. This group sets its meeting schedule for 2011-2012.

### **July 29, 2011**

- The MPO staff and consultants complete the final updates to the TAZ map, roadway network map, and demographic input data for travel demand model.

### **August 31, 2011**

- The consultant and MPO staff completes the calibration of the new model with 2010 base year, and the Existing Plus Committed (E+C) transportation system model runs with base year and horizon year 2040 demographic data.
- The MPO staff will meet with TAC members including KDOT and local transit representatives to discuss and consider financial projections for the T-2040 plan

### **September 30, 2011**

- The consultant and MPO staff will complete the initial round of future year model scenarios and discuss the model results with the T-2040 Committee, TAC and MPO.
- The MPO staff and the TAC will complete a review of the current T-2030 document and begin working on the updates to the following chapters:
  - Chapter 1 – Context and Issues
  - Chapter 2 – Existing Conditions
  - Chapter 4 – Transportation Goals & Objectives (coordinate with the Lawrence-Douglas County Comprehensive Plan)
  - Chapter 5 – Land Use and Transportation

- Chapter 7 – Transit System Plan
- Chapter 8 – Bicycle System Plan
- Chapter 11 – Intermodal, Freight, and Other Transportation
- Chapter 13 – Security Plan
- Chapter 14 – Financial Plan
- Chapter 15 – Impacts of the Plan

#### **October 31, 2011**

- The MPO will hire a consultant for T-2040 Public Participation work and begin the public information outreach efforts for this MTP update (hiring consultant contingent on funding from KDOT).
- The MPO staff will meet with TAC members including KDOT and local transit representatives to approve the financial projections for use in the T-2040 document and discuss the process for making it a fiscally constrained plan

#### **November 30, 2011**

- The MPO staff will begin working on the updates to the following chapters:
  - Chapter 3 – Community Participation
  - Chapter 6 – Roadway System Plan
  - Chapter 9 – Pedestrian Plan
  - Chapter 10 - Operation and Management Strategies
  - Chapter 12 – Safety Plan
  - Chapter 16 – Implementation of the Transportation Plan

#### **December 30, 2011**

- The MPO staff and consultant will complete a Public Involvement Plan for this MTP update and present it to the TAC and MPO for approval.
- The consultant and MPO staff will begin work on public surveys, stakeholder interviews, website development and other methods to collect comments about the region's transportation needs and issues.

#### **January 31, 2012**

- The consultant and MPO staff will complete the refinement of all future year model scenarios and present them to the T-2040 Committee, TAC, and MPO for review and recommendations.

#### **February 29, 2012**

- The consultant and MPO staff will complete schedule and meeting arrangements for public involvement activities including the launching of the T-2040 MTP Update web site.

#### **March 30, 2012**

- The consultant and MPO staff will present the preferred future year model scenario to the T-2040 Committee, TAC and MPO for review and approval.
- The MPO staff and consultant will complete the draft updates to the following MTP chapters:
  - Chapter 1 – Context and Issues
  - Chapter 2 – Existing Conditions
  - Chapter 4 – Transportation Goals & Objectives
  - Chapter 5 – Land Use and Transportation
  - Chapter 7 – Transit System Plan
  - Chapter 8 – Bicycle System Plan
  - Chapter 11 – Intermodal, Freight, and Other Transportation
  - Chapter 13 – Security Plan

#### **April 30, 2012**

- The MPO staff and consultant will complete the draft updates to the following MTP chapters:
  - Chapter 3 – Community Participation
  - Chapter 6 – Roadway System Plan
  - Chapter 9 – Pedestrian Plan

- Chapter 10 - Operation and Management Strategies
- Chapter 12 – Safety Plan
- Chapter 14 – Financial Plan
- Chapter 15 – Impacts of the Plan
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#### **May 31, 2012**

- The consultant and MPO staff will complete the compilation of all public comments received to date and present those comments to the TAC and MPO for review, and report to those groups on how those public comments have been addressed and/or incorporated into the draft MTP update.
- The MPO staff and consultant will prepare a **Public Meeting Draft** of the T-2040 document and post it online for public comment, and make this draft available at locations listed in the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP).
- The MPO will host the first round of public information meetings about the draft T-2040 document and collect public comments at these meetings.

#### **June 29, 2012**

- The MPO staff and consultants will collect public comments from the web site, meetings, interviews and other methods used, and then incorporate them into the T-2040 draft as directed by the TAC and MPO.

#### **July 31, 2012**

- The MPO staff and consultant will prepare a **Preliminary Public Hearing Draft** of the T-2040 document and post it online for public comment, and make this draft available at locations listed in the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP).

#### **August 31, 2012**

- The MPO will host the second (and possibly the last) round of public information meetings about the draft T-2040 document before it is scheduled for MPO approval.

#### **September 28, 2012**

- The MPO staff and consultants will collect public comments from the web site, meetings, interviews and other methods used, and then incorporate them into the T-2040 draft as directed by the TAC and MPO.
- The MPO staff and consultant will prepare a **Final Public Hearing Draft** of the T-2040 document and post it online for public comment, and make this draft available at locations listed in the MPO's PPP.

#### **October 31, 2012**

- The MPO staff will present the **Final Public Hearing Draft** of the T-2040 document to the TAC and MPO for approval, and upon approval the MPO staff will transmit the T-2040 document to all MPO and TAC members.
- The MPO staff will post the approved new MTP (i.e., the T-2040 document) on the MPO web site to replace the T-2030 Plan.

#### **March 26, 2013**

This is the deadline for the MPO to approve a new MTP to replace the Transportation 2030 - Lawrence/Douglas County – Long Range Transportation Plan. If a new MTP is not approved by the MPO before this date then the MPO will be out of compliance with federal MPO planning regulations and that will prevent the MPO from making changes to its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) including the addition of federal money awarded to our region.

**Note:** All of these dates are subject to change.