



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Monday April 3, 2017 6:00 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Approve of March 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- II. **General Public Comment:** *(The public is allowed to speak to any items or issues that are not scheduled on the agenda)*
- III. **Traffic Calming Items:** *(Each item will be presented individually and the public will be allowed to speak)*
 - A. Prescott Drive between 8th Street/Goldfield Street & Harvard Road
 - B. Kensington Road between 25 Terrace & 27th Street
- IV. **Staff Presentation:** Lawrence - Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization - Transportation Planning 101
- V. Discussion on future staff presentation topics
- VI. Commission Items
- VII. Calendar
 - A. Next Meeting Monday May 1, 2017 6:00 PM
 - B. Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar Series
<https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/webinars>
- VIII. Adjournment

City of Lawrence Transportation Commission March 6, 2017 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Storm, Jeff Severin, Kathryn Schartz, Mark Hurt, Steve Evans, Erin Paden, Ron May, John Ziegelmeyer, Michelle Dillon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlie Bryan, David Hamby

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department
David Cronin, Public Works Department
Zach Baker, Public Works Department
Nicholas C. Voss, Public Works Department
Charles Soules, Public Works Director
Jessica Mortinger, MPO Douglas County
Steve Lashley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Michael Almon, Katy Clagett, Kurt Look, Kris Kaase, Jeff Long

A complete video recording of the meeting is available on the City's website at <https://lawrenceks.org/boards/transportation-commission/>

The meeting was called to order by Chris Storm at 6:02 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

[Approve of February 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes](#)

The title of the minutes need to be corrected to "Transportation Commission"

[Moved, and second,](#) to approve minutes with the noted correction. The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 2:

[Approve of Transportation Commission By-laws](#)

Staff Discussion: David Cronin, Staff met with Commissioner Bryan, Storm, and Paden. The proposed changes from this meeting are in red.

Commission Discussion: None

Public Discussion: Michael Almon stated that Section 5.3 should reflect the same wording as Section 4.6 with the revision: The Commission Secretary 'in consultation with the chair' shall create and distribute an agenda for each Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Severin, second by Commissioner Dillon, to approve by-laws with said correction to Section 5.3; The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Downtown Bike Corral Public Hearing

Staff Presentation: Jessica Mortinger. This is a carryover issue from the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) in 2015. BAC was awarded \$8,900 dollars from the Douglas County Community Foundation for bicycle parking downtown. The grant had a remaining balance that allowed for the additional purchase of 15 bike racks and bollards. The BAC recommended the installation of two additional bike corrals at the request of the Red Lyon Tavern and the Granada. Today provides a public hearing opportunity.

Commission Discussion: How much does an installation cost? Jessica stated that fifteen bike racks cost \$1,800 and four delineators cost about \$170. These are installed by city staff. Are there any maintenance costs for the bike parking? Jessica stated that there was but that the installations could be relocated if needed.

Public Discussion: John Hornberg stated that the public library had a failed bike parking plan. This proposal to put in bike parking is not a good idea. It is a violation of the three fundamental principles of bike parking design. John urged the commission to consider that cars could get loose in bike parking areas.

Michael Almon stated that he has encouraged bicycle parking. He does not think that the city should take on funding for bicycle parking.

Commission Discussion: Steve Evans asked about how the locations were selected. Jessica Mortinger presented data on bike parking used to assess the demand. In addition guidance was received by the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Erin Paden asked about downtown parking requirements for new development. Jessica Mortinger replied that downtown development does not always require parking and that bike parking requirements are tied to vehicle parking requirements.

Moved, and second, to approve proposed locations for bike corrals. The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

[Consider request for 14th Street Cul-de-sac Painting](#)

Staff presentation: Dave Cronin presented history on the intersection painting at 10th and New Jersey. The new proposed location is the 14th Street Cul-de-sac next to Burroughs Creek Rail Trail. City staff supports this location.

Katie Clagett and Katlyn Fisher presented on the proposed Cul-de-sac painting. The location was selected because of access to East Lawrence through the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail, and the low amount of traffic. Brook Creek neighborhood was consulted in the proposed design. June 3rd is the proposed painting day.

Commission Discussion: Who is painting it, what paint, who is cleaning, how does the guy next door feel? Katlyn Fisher responded that it would be the community and that all were welcome. They are currently looking at different paint types. Katie discussed how the cleaning process would work. The neighbor suggested the location and is super jazzed. Other residents have been engaged. The hope is that it will be repainted every two years.

[Moved, and second](#), to approve the 14th Street Cul-de-sac painting. The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

[Crescent Road Traffic Calming Recommendation](#)

Staff Presentation: David Woosley stated that in 2011 traffic calming was approved for Naismith and Crescent Road. When maintenance occurs on a street traffic calming is included in the project. The intersection of Crescent and Naismith will be rebuilt this summer. In November a neighborhood meeting was held with four different options presented to the public. The one that was the most popular at the meeting has been installed with temporary devices. Traffic data was collected before and after the installations. The traffic data was presented.

Commission Discussion: Steve Evans asked about option D and pedestrian circulation. David Woosley went over the design options and how the pedestrians would be able to use the proposed center island and should be an improvement over what is currently in place. Chris Storm asked about the traffic calming ranking. David Woosley stated that it was part of the traffic calming area in the traffic calming ranking.

Public Comments: Michael Almon stated that he liked the proposal including the safety and design for bicycles and pedestrians.

Sidney Upton spoke in favor of option 4 (D). She has noticed traffic has been greatly reduced.

Kurt Look spoke in favor of the proposed project. He stated that the intersection worked a lot better and is now more clear to motorists.

Kris Caase spoke in favor of the proposed project. Pedestrian safety along Crescent Road and at the intersection has been improved.

Mike O'Connell from the group that owns Jayhawk Bookstore spoke in favor of option 4 (D).

Commission Discussion: Mark Hurt asked about an increase in traffic along other streets. Dave Cronin said that some residents along Stratford had sent in correspondence that stated that traffic had increased, but that the traffic counts had shown that it was not greatly affected.

Moved, and second, to approve option D at Crescent Road Traffic Calming. The motion carried, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 6:

[2017 Traffic Calming Recommendation](#)

Staff Presentation: David Woosley presented information on proposed 2017 Traffic Calming projects. In 2016 traffic calming was funded and funding continued in 2017. The projects have been taken back the neighborhoods to select traffic calming options and locations.

Public Comments: Jeff Long stated that he was opposed to traffic calming because the roads are for everyone and money could be spent on other items. He stated that the person making a traffic calming request should have to live in the vicinity of the request. He spoke in favor of neighborhood contributions to traffic calming. He spoke opposed to the Aitchison traffic calming.

Michael Almon stated that all projects were fine and that he was in favor of all traffic calming because they provide more safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. He stated that speed humps and speed cushions had limitations and provided other speed control options. He spoke in favor of using horizontal changes to slow traffic.

Commission Discussion: Steve Evans discussed the administration of the projects and that it was difficult to get 70% within 300 feet because property owners can be difficult to reach. The impact area should be considered in the vote.

Moved, and second, to approve the 2017 Traffic Calming Recommendation. The motion carried, 9-0

ITEM NO. 7:

[Appoint Transportation Commissioner to serve on the Lawrence-Douglas County 2040 steering committee](#)

Staff Presentation: Jessica Mortinger presented information on what the 2040 Steering Committee commitments are and how to develop a 2040 transportation plan.

Commission Discussion: Chris Storm asked about 6 meetings and if additional open houses will be held. Jessica Mortinger stated that staff will be able to staff open houses and it will not be a

requirement of the position. Steve Evans asked about what the role of the MPO is. Jessica Mortinger stated that they are looking for someone to review staff items and provide input to insure that all issues are appropriately addressed. Mark Hurt and Erin Paden both showed interest in the position. Jessica Mortinger suggested that they serve as co-representatives.

Moved, and second, to appoint Mark Hurt and Erin Paden to the Transportation 2040 steering committee. The motion carried, 9-0

ITEM NO. 8:

Calendar

- a. Next Meeting Monday April 3, 2017 6:00 PM
- b. Pavement Maintenance Program tour dates
- c. Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar Series
<https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/webinars>

ITEM NO. 9:

General Public Comment: Michael Almon requested that minutes be more comprehensive.

David Cronin recognized David Woosley who is retiring with 44 years of service and 24 years of service at the City of Lawrence

Moved, and second, to adjourn at 7:52. The motion carried, 9-0.

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Public Works Department

TO: David Cronin, City Engineer
FROM: Nick Voss, Project Engineer
DATE: 27 March 2017
RE: Agenda Item for Transportation Commission 4/3/2017:
Traffic Calming – Prescott Drive between 8th Street/Goldfield Street & Harvard Road

Background

In June, 2016, the Traffic Safety Commission received a request for Traffic Calming on Prescott Drive between 8th Street/Goldfield Street & Harvard Road.

Details

Prescott Drive is classified as a “local” street in a residential area, paved approximately 26 feet wide, with a speed limit of 30 mph as provided in State Law. Prescott Drive is not identified as a Safe Route to School and is not identified as a bike route on the Countywide Bikeway Study. Sidewalk is on one side of the street and parking is not restricted on either side of the street.

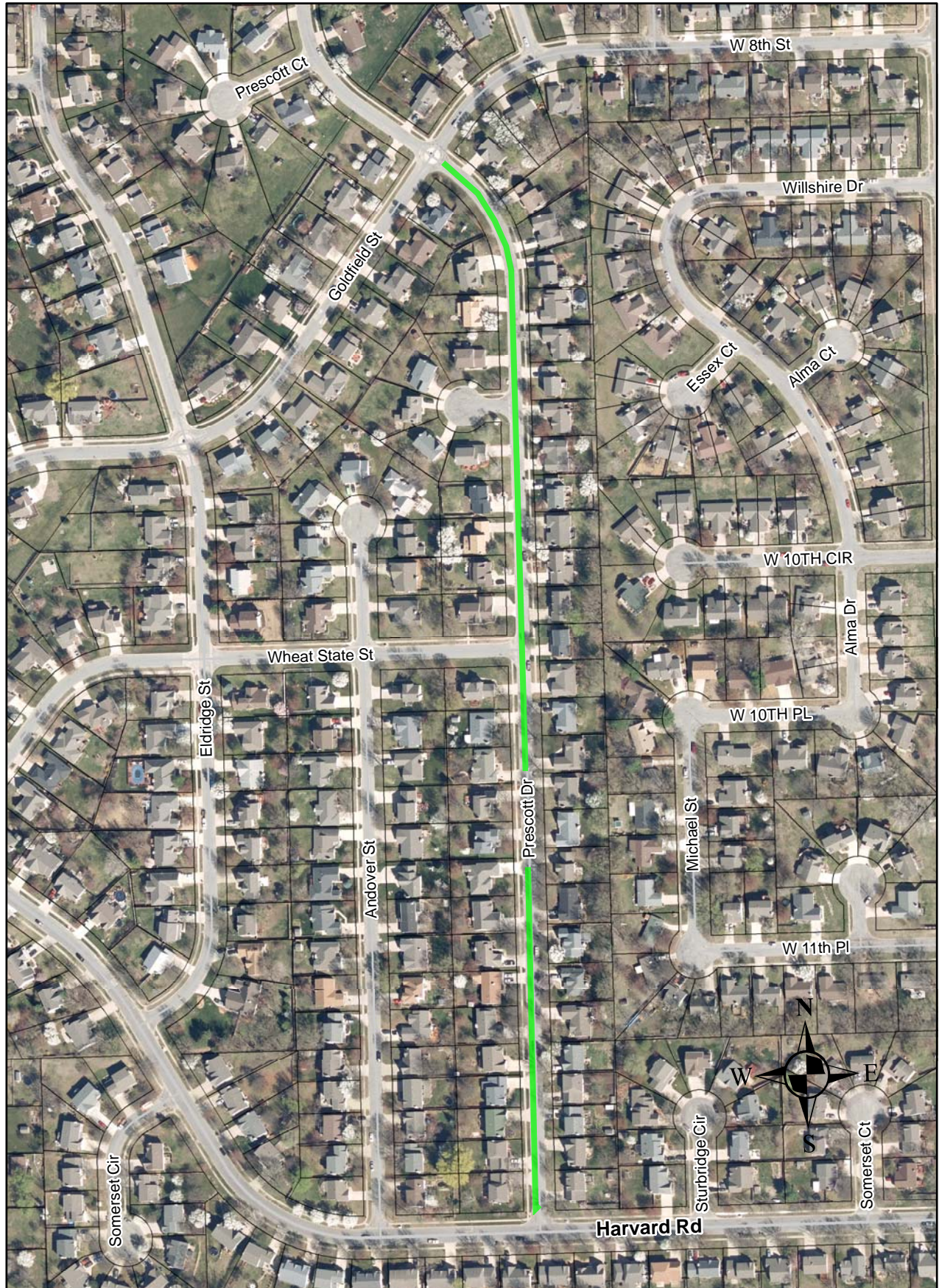
The City's Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices on “local” streets if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit; if the 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 1000; if cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day; or, if any two (2) of the above criteria are met by 80%.

Traffic data obtained on Prescott Drive during October 2016 found the 85th percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 32.8mph, and, the 24-hour two-way traffic volume to be approximately 175. Traffic data obtained during November 2016, found the percentage of cut-through traffic during the peak-hour to be approximately 14%. Therefore, Prescott Drive does not meet the minimum criteria for consideration of Traffic Calming.

Action Request

It is recommended that the Transportation Commission deny the request for Traffic Calming on Prescott Drive between 8th Street/Goldfield Street & Harvard Road.

Prescott Drive - Harvard to Goldfield/8th Street



200 100 0 200 Feet



From: [Garber, Ellen L.](#)
To: [David Woosley](#)
Subject: Prescott Dr
Date: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:59:08 PM

Traffic Safety Commission:

I am writing to ask for your help with an increasing safety concern. Prescott Dr between Harvard and 8th & Goldfield has become a speedway. I live at 1032 which is about five houses from Harvard. It is heavily used by not only the neighborhood for business travel. I have witnessed lawn care providers, WOW vans and numerous other company service vehicles that use this street as a "quick" route as they travel speeds that should be used on highways. I can say with certainty that speeds reach 50 miles per hour on Prescott Dr.

There are approximately 20 children on this street (from Harvard to 8th and Goldfield which is a round-a-bout). Basketball goals are in the driveways and I feel like it is a matter of time before a ball rolls into the street and one of them is severely injured, or worse.

I would like to ask for consideration of a speed bump (or two) to be placed on Prescott Dr. as have been placed on Goldfield.

Respectfully,

Ellen Garber

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Public Works Department

TO: David Cronin, City Engineer
FROM: Zach Baker, Project Engineer
DATE: 27 March 2017
RE: Agenda Item for Transportation Commission 4/3/2017:
Traffic Calming – Kensington Road between 25th Terrace & 27th Street

Background

In September, 2016, the Traffic Safety Commission received a request for Traffic Calming on Kensington Road between 25th Terrace & 27th Street. That same correspondence also included a request to restrict parking in that area to one side of the street. The Traffic Safety Commission reviewed the restricted parking request during the December 5th, 2016 Traffic Safety Commission meeting and the action of that meeting resulted in a denial of the restricted parking request.

Details

Kensington Road is classified as a “collector” street in a residential area, paved approximately 26 feet wide, with a speed limit of 30 mph as provided in State Law. There is sidewalk on the east side of the street and parking is not restricted on either side of the street. Kensington is not identified as a Safe Route to School. It is listed as a proposed bike route on the Countywide Bikeway Study.

The City’s Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices on “collector” streets if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit; if the 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 3000; if cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day; where more than 50% of the frontage of the roadway consists of residential lots with the houses facing the roadway in question; or, if any two (2) of the above criteria are met by 80%.

Traffic data obtained on Kensington Road during October 2016 found the 85th percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 32.7mph, and, the 24-hour two-way traffic volume to be approximately 720. In addition, 100% of the frontage along Kensington Road consists of residential lots with the houses facing the roadway. Therefore, Kensington Road meets the minimum criteria for consideration of Traffic Calming.

Action Request

It is recommended that the Transportation Commission approve the request for Traffic Calming on Kensington Road between 25th Terrace & 27th Street.



Prairie Park
Elementary
School



Kensington Rd

E 26th St

E 26th Ter

E 25th Pl

Carlton Dr

Mayfair Dr

Cranley St

Hampton St

Cranley Ct

Whitmore Dr

Harper St

E 27th St

Rawhide Ln

Bonanza St

E 25th Ter

Harper St

David Woosley

From: Alexis Majors <ajames6pitt@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 8:58 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Kensington RD Speed Bump

To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you to please put speed bumps in the Prairie Park area, specifically the 2608 Kensington RD area. We have a lot of traffic down our street and with kids walking to and from school speed bumps need to happen. Also can there just be street parking on one side of the street...it is very difficult to drive up and down the road.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Thanks!

AJ Majors
620.875.1463



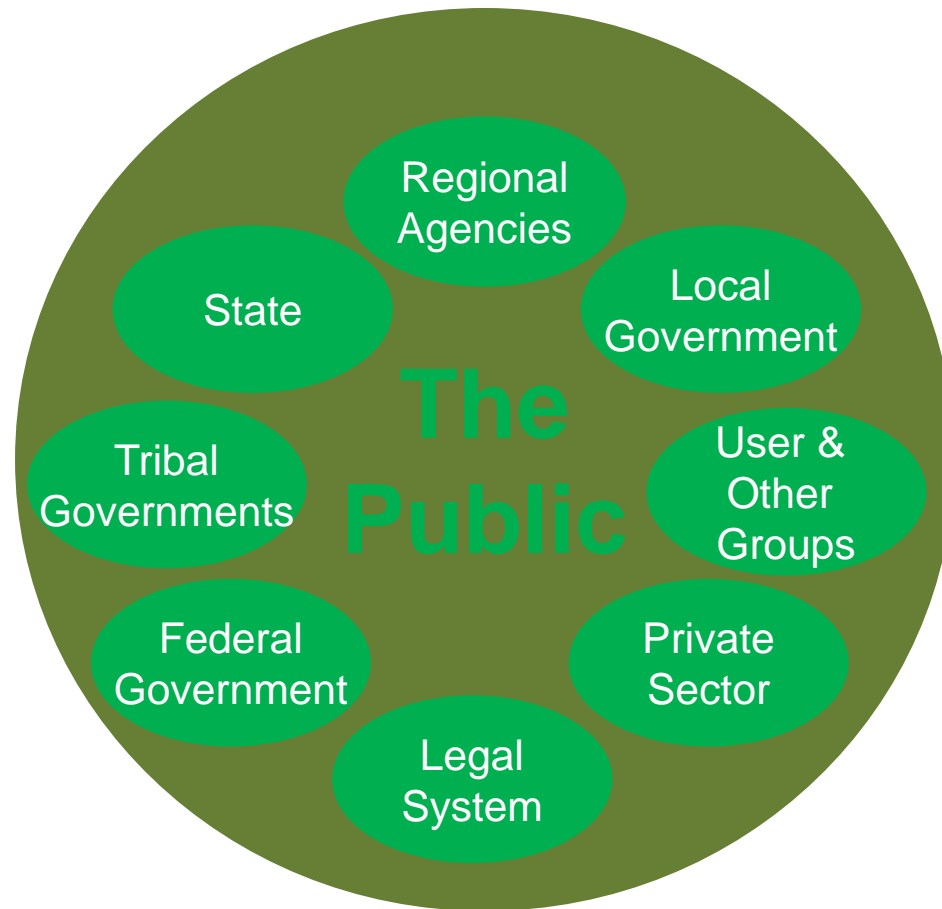
MPO 101

Lawrence Transportation Commission
April 3, 2017

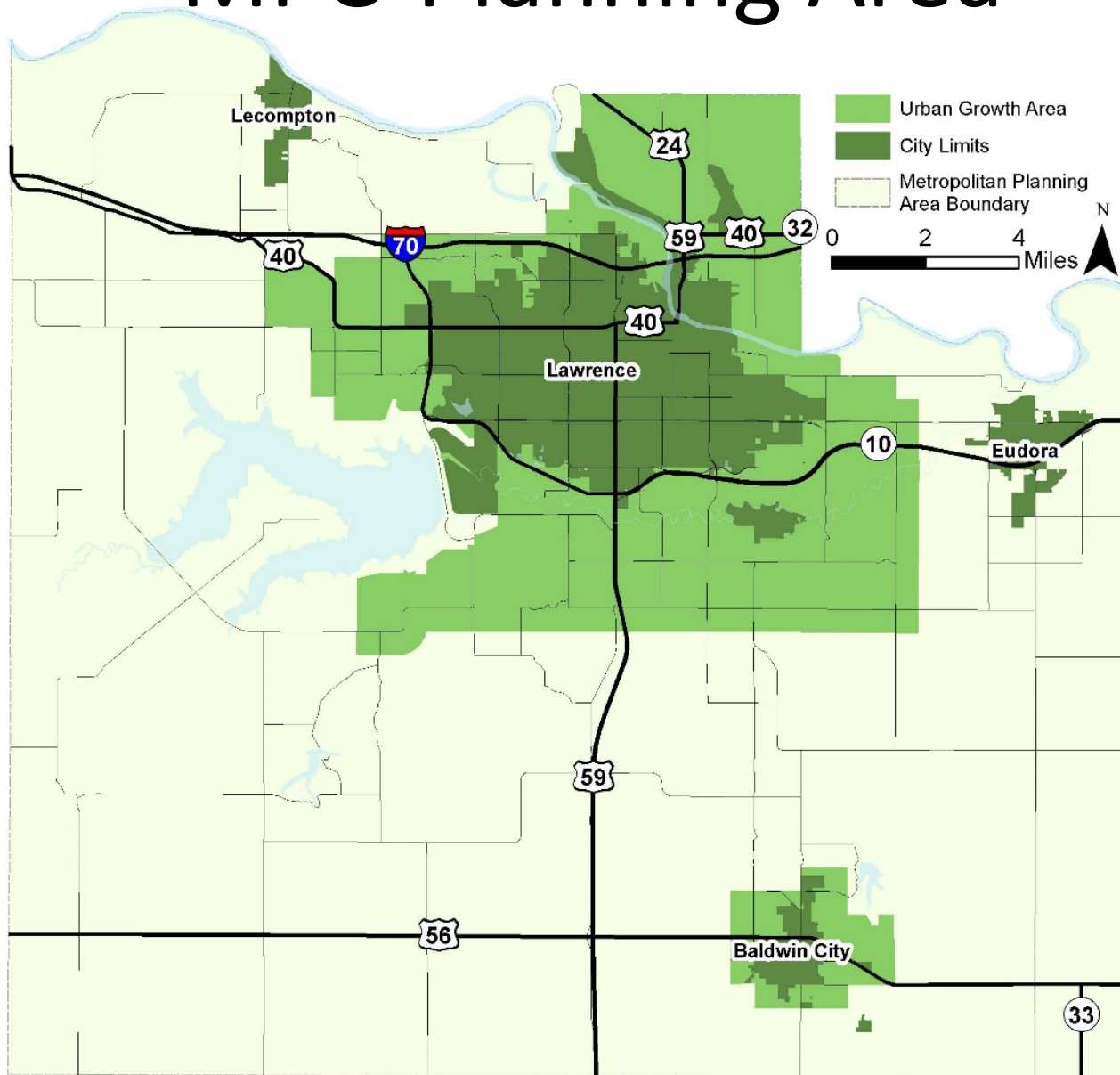
Transportation is
different modes,
working as a system,
for the safe, efficient movement
of people and goods

Transportation planning provides
a continuous process using available
information, tools, and public involvement to
improve transportation systems performance
and condition.

Regional planning involves many contributors



MPO Planning Area



MPO Structure

MPO Policy Board

Primarily Elected Officials
(Final decision-maker for the MPO)

Technical
Advisory
Committee &
Regional Transit
Advisory
Committee

Primarily Technical Experts

Local Advisory
Boards &
Committees

Primarily Concerned Citizens &
Other Interested Parties

MPO Policy Board

- **Voting Members:**

- Two Lawrence City Commissioners
- One Douglas County Commissioner
- Two Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission Members
- One Elected Official from Baldwin City, Eudora, or Lecompton
- One Representative from the Kansas Department of Transportation

- **Non-Voting Members:**

- One Representative from the Federal Highway Administration
- One Representative from the Federal Transit Administration
- One Representative from the University of Kansas
- Two Representatives from Baldwin City, Eudora, or Lecompton

Planning Factors

- Support economic vitality
- Increase Safety
- Increase Security
- Increase accessibility and mobility options
- Protect the environment and improve quality of life
- Enhance system integration and connectivity
- Promote efficient system management and operation
- Emphasize system preservation
- Improve resiliency and reliability
- Enhance travel and tourism

2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM



Approved by the L-DC MPO on November 17, 2016

Amendment #1 - Approved by the L-DC MPO on February 23, 2017

Funding Note:

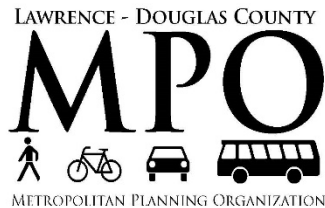
This report was funded in part through grant[s] from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The views and opinions of the L-DC MPO and its staff expressed herein do not necessarily state or reflect those of the U. S. Department of Transportation.

Title VI Note:

The L-DC MPO hereby gives public notice that it is the policy of the agency to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. Title VI requires that no person in the United States of America shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap/disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the L-DC MPO receives federal financial assistance. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint with the L-DC MPO. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with the L-DC MPO's Title VI Coordinator within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Discriminatory Complaint Form, please see our website at www.lawrenceks.org/mpo.

The UPWP describes the anticipated work of MPO staff and consultants during the calendar year.

2016 Public Participation Plan

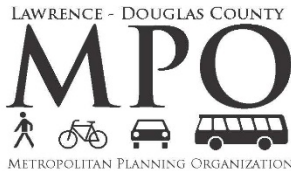


April 28, 2016

The PPP outlines the methods and process for involving the public in the transportation planning process and documents the review and approval processes for all MPO documents and projects.

<https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/public-participation>

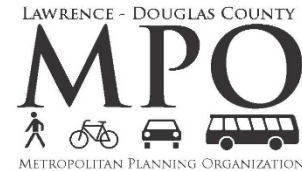
Title VI Program Manual



October 5, 2016

This plan describes how the MPO will discourage discrimination in the 3-C MPO planning process and how the MPO will address any complaints of discrimination that arise from MPO activities.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan



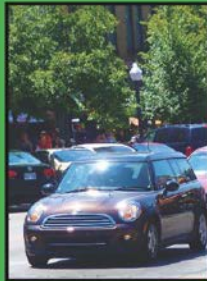
October 5, 2016

The LEP plan serves as a guide to identify the extent of LEP individuals in the region and to identify ways that the MPO can reduce and/or eliminate the barriers to LEP individuals within the transportation planning process.

<https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/title6>

TRANSPORTATION 2040

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
LAWRENCE - DOUGLAS COUNTY



MOVING FORWARD
TOGETHER

LAWRENCE - DOUGLAS COUNTY

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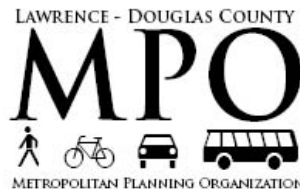
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Transportation 2040 represents the best attempts by residents, local governments, and planners to develop a vision for a healthy, safe, and efficient transportation system which will adequately serve Lawrence and Douglas County to the year 2040 and beyond.

<https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/t2040>

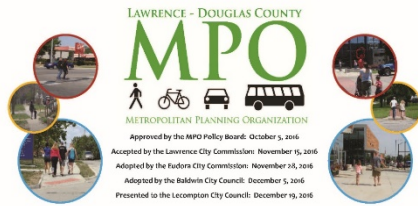
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FFY 2017 - 2020 Transportation Improvement Program



Adopted: October 5, 2016
Amended: February 23, 2017

- Multi-year listing (4 years) of federally funded & regionally significant projects
- Programs funds for projects to implement the MTP
- Contains a financial plan and is fiscally constrained
- Projects not listed in the TIP cannot receive FHWA or FTA funds
- Incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)



Other Studies

Planning Studies

Multimodal Planning Studies



COUNTYWIDE BIKEWAY SYSTEM PLAN



COMMUTER PARK & RIDE STUDY



Fixed Route Planning Studies



FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT and PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY STUDY



December 2013

LAWRENCE, KS BIKE SHARE

Feasibility Study
DRAFT REPORT



FINAL REPORT

Lawrence Transit COA

Lawrence-Douglas County MPO

MPO: March 16, 2017
Lawrence City Commission: March 21, 2017



2016 COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS



July 21, 2016



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