What is the MPO?

The MPO consists of a Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and planning staff. The Policy Board is the governing body for the MPO. The Policy Board guides staff planning efforts, developing plans, and makes the final decisions on key documents and amendments. The Policy Board consists of a seven-person board with representatives from the local and regional elected officials and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

- [https://lawrenceks.civicweb.net/portal/members.aspx?id=60](https://lawrenceks.civicweb.net/portal/members.aspx?id=60)
- Meetings are typically held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:30 pm via Zoom.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is comprised of planners that are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the planning process. The staff provides assistance and support to the Policy Board and TAC, and organizes public participation activities.

- [https://lawrenceks.civicweb.net/portal/members.aspx?id=62](https://lawrenceks.civicweb.net/portal/members.aspx?id=62)
- Meetings are typically held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm via Zoom.

MPO Planning Staff is comprised of planners that are responsible for the four primary activities and documents — the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and Public Participation Plan (PPP). Additional non-required plans are developed.

How is the MPO organized?

The MPO brings together residents, local governments, state and federal departments of transportation and other interested persons and organizations to assist in creating transportation policy and developing comprehensive plans that reflect our transportation vision for the future.

What does the MPO do?

The MPO performs its mission through four primary activities and documents — the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and Public Participation Plan (PPP). Additional non-required plans are developed.

What is the Planning Process?

Transportation projects are only implemented after a long, thoughtful, and comprehensive process, which includes the consideration of land use, population, employment, freight movement, future development and traffic flow trends, and public input. Public input is provided through discussion at meetings, written comments, and participation in surveys.

You are an important element in the transportation planning efforts in the MPO region. Without your input and ideas, the MPO and our planning partners cannot have a true understanding of your community’s needs. Your input will help determine what projects transportation projects are funded.

What is the Transportation Disadvantaged Population?

People who are transportation disadvantaged experience challenges achieving basic access to services, employment, and/or education. Not only do socio-demographic characteristics factor into being transportation disadvantaged, but also where people live and what travel options are available to them. Find out more information at: [www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/transportation-disadvantaged](http://www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/transportation-disadvantaged).
How can I participate in the planning process?

Attend and contribute to open public meetings (committees and community outreach events)

Take a Survey on the Tell Us Portal at: www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/tellus

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8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday

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