

**LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY MPO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes for Wednesday, June 21, 2017 Meeting**

Voting Members

David Hamby (City of Lawrence)
Justin Eddings (City of Eudora)
Steve Hitchcock (City of Baldwin City)
Jacki Becker (Douglas County)
Cameron Jacques (Douglas County)

Non-Voting Members

Chris Tilden (Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department)

Staff

Jessica Mortinger (Senior Transportation Planner)
Ashley Myers (Transportation Planner)
Margaret Campbell (Transportation Planning Intern)

Other

Bill Anderson

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Jessica Mortinger called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was present and introductions were made.

2. Discussion: Role of the MPO BAC and Review of Bylaws

Ashley Myers presented the MPO BAC bylaws with Ms. Mortinger explaining the purpose of the committee focusing on the four bulleted purpose statements. Ms. Mortinger explained that the role of the MPO BAC will evolve to support the MPO planning and support the regional bicycle planning that was previously tasked to the Lawrence - Douglas County BAC.

3. Action Item: Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair

Jessica Mortinger asked the committee to appoint a chair and vice chair of the committee per the bylaws. Steve Hitchcock nominated David Hamby for chair and Jacki Becker for vice chair. Mr. Hamby asked if there would be any conflicts of interest or problems with his role on the Transportation Commission. Ms. Mortinger said there should be no conflicts with his 1 year of service on the Transportation Commission. The motion to nominate Mr. Hamby and Ms. Becker was seconded Justin Eddings and was passed unanimously (5-0).

4. Action Item: Appoint a representative to serve on the Transportation 2040 Steering Committee

David Hamby took over the meeting as chair and Ms. Mortinger asked the committee to appoint a representative to serve on the Transportation 2040 Steering Committee. Mr. Hamby asked about the commitment level for the steering committee. Ms. Mortinger explained that there are several meetings between now and March 2018 when the plan will be finished and the position requires reviewing data, public input and plans. Jacki Becker expressed interest in the position and was nominated by Mr. Hamby and seconded by Steve Hitchcock. This passed unanimously (5-0).

5. Action Item: Letter of Support for the Lawrence and Eudora Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant funding applications

Jessica Mortinger presented the proposed projects for the City of Lawrence Transportation Alternatives grant funding applications due July 7th. Ms. Mortinger reviewed the project details for the Sidewalk infill for Support for Safe Routes to School and the 19th & Iowa Street Underpass.

David Hamby explained that the Transportation Commission Study Session chose to prioritize the Iowa Street and 19th Street Underpass as their recommendation. Steve Hitchcock asked if this project is being coordinated with KU Central District. Ms. Mortinger said yes, it supported the current city shared-use path and the future Jayhawk Trail. Without the TA grant the underpass will not be funded. Jacki Becker motioned for approval of both Letters of Support, Mr. Hitchcock seconded, and it was passed unanimously (5-0).

6. Quick Updates

MPO staff will share updates on the recent, ongoing and planned projects listed below:

- a. Bike Share Feasibility Study - <https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikeshare>

Jessica Mortinger explained the Bike Share Feasibility Study was completed in 2016 and was found to be feasible in Lawrence. Ashley Myers showed the report with the different phases deemed feasible. Phase I: University of Kansas pilot and Phase II: Downtown and two hubs. Mortinger explained that Lawrence Parks & Recreation and the Lawrence Douglas County Sustainability Coordinator were participating in ongoing conversations about implementation with KU.

- b. Lawrence Loop Alignment Study - <https://lawrenceks.org/loop>

Jessica Mortinger explained the MPO hired BG Consultants to conduct an analysis to determine the feasibility of alignments for two incomplete sections of bikeway between the north end of the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail along 11th Street to the Shared Use Path in Burcham Park and the west side of the Sandra Shaw Trail to the Peterson Road Shared Use Path. Ms. Mortinger said the first open house was conducted in June and approximately 100 community members showed up to discuss alignments. The next open house will be held in August to review possible alignments.

- c. September Annual Bike & Ped Counts - <https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikepedcount>

Jessica Mortinger explained counts have been conducted since 2009, these are 6 hour manual counts done in 2 hour time slots. Steve Hitchcock wanted to know what time period this is conducted during. Ms. Mortinger explained that September is suggested by the National Bicycle Pedestrian Documentation Project, so this month is also used with days chosen close to the suggested ones. There was also a discussion of different types of counts that can be conducted with technology.

- d. Webinar Series - <https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/webinars>

Jessica Mortinger invited members to attend the MPO hosted Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar Series. These are available to anyone on the committee who wants to view them.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting: Fall of 2017

The next meeting will be held in October or November. Leslie VonHolten made the request that if possible the meetings be held at 6pm or afterwards. Jacki Becker motioned to adjourn, this was seconded by Cameron Jacques. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49.