POLICY BOARD AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions
   (L-DC MPO Vice Chair)

2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2015 MPO Meeting
   (attached draft)
   (L-DC MPO Vice Chair)

3. Discussion Item: Old Business and Correspondence
   (Scott McCullough)
   a. Project Updates (attached memo)
      • Regional Pedestrian Plan
      • Bicycle & Pedestrian Issues Taskforce
      • 2015-2019 TIP Amendment #2
   b. Recent TAC meeting minutes
      • June 2, 2015 Regular Meetings – approved and posted online at
        www.lawrenceks.org/boards/technical-advisory-committee

4. Action Item: Support for the Competitive Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) Applications
   The MPO staff will review the applications for competitive CPG and ask the MPO for a
   support letter to accompany their submission to KDOT.

5. Other Business

6. Public Comments
   This item is to allow brief public comments on items not listed specifically on the
   agenda. Comments from each individual or organization will be limited to five minutes.

7. Adjournment
   Next Meeting: The MPO Policy Board will meet next for its regularly scheduled meeting
   on August 20, 2015 or another date set by the MPO if needed.

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1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions
Ms. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:59 PM and introductions were made.

2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the May 21, 2015 MPO Meeting
Ms. Moore presented the minutes and asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Approval of the minutes was moved by Jim Denney, seconded by Tim Reazin and passed unanimously.
3. Discussion Item: Old Business and Correspondence
Jessica Mortinger presented the Project Updates Memo included in the agenda packet and noted the link to the TAC minutes posted online and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

4. Action/Discussion Item: Presentation of the K-10 West Leg Study
Ryan Robinson and Kip Strauss presented updates to the K-10 West Leg study. The PowerPoint slides and notes are posted online at: lawrenceks.org/assets/mpo/policyboard/2015/K-10_MPOMeeting_06.18.2015.pdf. Tim Reazin asked how the Clinton Parkway alternative would affect campers and trailer access for boaters. Kip Strauss noted access would be provided by a frontage road that would be constructed from Bob Billings Parkway. Tim Reazin asked how the 27th Street/Wakarusa Drive alternative would affect traffic from the Youth Sports Complex. Kip Strauss noted HNTB asked the Lawrence Parks and Recreation department to recommend peak times of use for the Youth Sports Complex so traffic could be observed. Traffic counts and observations were made. The peak traffic flow for this intersection varies from a typical PM peak. Jim Denney asked why the Kasold Drive alternative does not include an underpass when future county plans designate Kasold Drive as a minor arterial. Ryan Robinson noted that providing access on Kasold Drive was challenging and costly to design because of floodplain/floodway constraints and low traffic volume projected for that section of Kasold Drive. Nancy Thellman asked for clarification on the 27th Street/Wakarusa Drive alternative. Ryan Robinson noted an interchange at Inverness Drive would have better safety than an interchange at 27th Street and Wakarusa Drive because of traffic from the Youth Sports Complex. An interchange at Inverness would result in an overpass without access to K-10 at 27th Street and Wakarusa Drive. Stuart Boley asked for clarification on the interchange options at Lecompton or Farmers Turnpike. Ryan Robinson noted access to I-70 would be eliminated at Farmers Turnpike and moved to Lecompton Road. Tim Reazin asked how the Lecompton Road interchange would affect Kansas Turnpike tolling. Kip Strauss noted a tolling station with ticket and K-TAG options would be installed at the Lecompton Road interchange. Jessica Mortinger asked MPO members if they had feedback/preferences for the alternatives for the KDOT project team. Stuart Boley asked if Scott McCullough could provide input on the K-10 project’s impact from a planning perspective. Scott McCullough noted the K-10 projects have big impacts on land use and transportation plans for the region and stressed the importance for local groups to have a deeper understanding of the project to be able to address nuances such as local toll-less access for the City of Lecompton at Queens Road or Lecompton Road. Nancy Thellman asked for the County to be included in the presentation list. She asked if a city/county joint K-10 project study session was possible. Davonna Moore asked if Scott McCullough could arrange a project study session in the future for the City/County Commissions as the commissions might direct. Ms. Mortinger indicated that she would provide the materials from the presentation and the additional materials on the KDOT website to the MPO policy board members and guests to give them additional time to review the documents and submit their comments. Ms. Moore thanked KDOT for the presentation.

5. Action/Discussion Item: UPWP Amendment #1
Jessica Mortinger presented updates to the UPWP which included changes in labor rates, additional expenses to the ITS contract since less work was completed in 2014, the addition of a laptop, and a copy of Adobe Creative Suite. Ms. Mortinger noted the document was shortened to 18 pages with a simplified budget page and another update to the document is expected in the fall when final CPG numbers are available. The UPWP was out for public comment from June 2nd to 16th. One comment was received from a member of the public having trouble accessing the document online. Ms. Mortinger indicated that she provided him the document and verified the link. Ms. Mortinger asked if there were any questions about the amendment.
There were none. A motion to approve the UPWP amendment was moved by Nancy Thellman, seconded by Matthew Herbert and passed unanimously.

6. **Action/Discussion Item: Competitive-Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Funding Solicitation by KDOT due in July**

Jessica Mortinger presented the list of projects eligible for Competitive Consolidated Planning Grant Funding recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee including the Comprehensive Operations Analysis including the Fare Free feasibility and the Bike Share Feasibility study. Robert Nugent shared additional details for the comprehensive operations analysis. He noted Lawrence Transit could also use this analysis to increase efficiency by rating the performance of each bus stop rather than the whole route. Robert Nugent noted the comprehensive operations analysis would include contingency plans for future transit options in Lawrence, Douglas County, and with other transit organizations outside of the county. Mr. Nugent also indicated that the low fare box returns and a need to consider the feasibility of a fare free transit system would be included within the scope of the study. Ms. Mortinger explained the bike share system allows people to check out bikes after inputting information and that technology such as location tracking has improved to avoid theft. Ms. Mortinger indicated that a bicycle share is a next step some communities have taken to introduce and encourage short trips by bicycle. Ms. Mortinger reviewed the projects not chosen by the TAC. Davonna Moore asked if there was a cost estimate for the CPG options. Ms. Mortinger noted cost estimates for the projects were still in progress. Mr. Nugent noted the COA would cost around $100,000. A motion to approve the Comprehensive Operations Analysis including the Fare Free Feasibility study and the Bike Share Feasibility study for the Competitive-Consolidated Planning Grant application was moved by Stuart Boley, seconded by Matthew Herbert and passed unanimously. Ms. Mortinger let the MPO know that staff would work on applications and bring them back to the Policy Board and take them to the Lawrence City Commission for Approval in July.

7. **Other Business**

Davonna Moore noted Cory Davis has been promoted to the Comprehensive Transportation Planning Unit Manager and would be taking over her position on the policy board.

8. **Public Comments**

There was none.

9. **Adjournment**

The June 2015 MPO meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM

Next Meeting: The MPO Policy Board will meet next for its regularly scheduled meeting on July 16, 2015 or another date set by the MPO if needed.
Memorandum

TO: L-DC MPO Members
FROM: Jessica Mortinger, Transportation Planner
CC: Scott McCullough, Director of Planning & Development Services
Date: July 8, 2015
Re: MPO Activity Updates

The following list is a summary of selected projects and a brief description of recent MPO staff work since the last MPO meeting held on June 11, 2015.

**Regional Pedestrian Plan** – MPO staff is working on drafting the pedestrian plan implementation scenarios based on the community feedback from the 473 collected surveys and the pedestrian demand matrices.

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Issues Taskforce** - MPO staff attended the kickoff meeting for the Taskforce on June 29th.

**2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2** – MPO staff put out a call for changes and additions to the TIP. Project sponsors have until July 17th to provide information. The TIP amendment will be out for public comment from July 28th to August 12th and is planned for consideration at the August 20th MPO meeting.