

**Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
(MPO) Policy Board Meeting Minutes-Thursday, April 28, 2016**

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**Attendance:**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Voting Members</b>		
Lawrence City Commission	Matthew Herbert	<b>X</b>
Lawrence City Commission	Stuart Boley	<b>X</b>
Douglas County Commission	Nancy Thellman	<b>X</b>
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Eric Struckhoff	
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Bryan Culver (Chair)	<b>X</b>
City of Lecompton	Jimmy Wilkins	<b>X</b>
Kansas Department of Transportation	Cory Davis	<b>X</b>
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		
Federal Highway Administration	Paul Foundoukis	
Federal Transit Administration	Daniel Nguyen	
University of Kansas	Paul Graves	
City of Eudora	Tim Reazin	
City of Baldwin City	Marilyn Pearse	
<b>Staff</b>		
Lawrence - Douglas County MPO	Jessica Mortinger, AICP	
Lawrence – Douglas County MPO	Ashley Myers	<b>X</b>
City of Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development Services Dept.	Scott McCullough, AICP	<b>X</b>
<b>Others</b>		
Kansas Department of Transportation	Allison Smith	<b>X</b>
Lawrence – Douglas County MPO	Adam Weigel	<b>X</b>
Lawrence Public Library	Logan Isaman	<b>X</b>
Lawrence Transit	Bob Nugent	<b>X</b>

**1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions**

Bryan Culver called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm and introductions were made.

**2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the February 18, 2016 MPO Meeting**

Bryan Culver presented the minutes and asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Approval of the minutes was moved by Matthew Herbert, seconded by Cory Davis and passed unanimously (5-0).

**3. Discussion Item: Old Business and Correspondence**

Ashley Myers provided highlights from the project updates memo including the Transit COA study, the Bike Share Feasibility Study, the Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan, the KDOT Title VI Review, Bike Month activities, and the Bicycle Friendly Application that is due on August 9. Adam Weigel updated the Board on the Regional Pedestrian Plan progress. Bryan Culver asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

#### **4. Action Item: Review the Lawrence Transit/KU on Wheels TIGER Grant Application and MPO Support Resolution**

Bob Nugent said Lawrence Transit has been working on a transit center for five years. In October of 2015, the City Commission denied the proposed Stewart Avenue location. The City Commission asked for the transit center to be in the Central district of KU. Recently there was an epiphany that KU has a parking garage already planned for Lot 90. Thus it was decided to do a multi-modal transit center instead of only a transit center or only a parking garage. The proposal includes a transit center with bathroom facilities and bike storage on the first floor with parking in the levels above. The eighth and possible last year of the TIGER grant opportunity was released in February. The grant application is due tomorrow. The City Commission approved the use of \$4 million of City funds in the project if the TIGER grant is awarded. The university will put in \$11 million and the total cost of the project will be \$35.89 million.

Nancy Thellman said she knows a family that lives near Lot 90 who has questions about bus fumes and idling. Mr. Nugent said it shouldn't be a problem as 1/3 of the fleet is hybrid, which means the air particulates are very low. Matthew Herbert said there is a University Place community meeting tonight. Mr. Nugent said yes and there was a public meeting last night. The neighborhood association is trying to get the information out to people. Ms. Thellman asked if the \$4 million of city funds is consistent with the proposal from October of 2015. Mr. Nugent said yes, the City's commitment has been \$4 million since the start of discussing developing a transit center.

Mr. Nugent also said there will need to be a new roundabout at 18<sup>th</sup> and Naismith to accommodate bus traffic. Cory Davis applauded Mr. Nugent and staff for getting the application done so quickly. KDOT provided a letter of support. Mr. Herbert said the City Commission supported the grant application with a 5-0 vote. Approval of the support resolution was moved by Nancy Thellman, seconded by Matthew Herbert and passed unanimously (6-0).

#### **5. Action Item: Review and Approval of the 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4**

Ashley Myers explained there were no new projects in the TIP amendment, only small changes to dates and project estimations. Stuart Boley asked about the Sante Fe Depot project. Allison Smith said the final cost was different than it was originally estimated. Approval of the support resolution was moved by Matthew Herbert, seconded by Jimmy Wilkins and passed unanimously (6-0).

#### **6. Action Item: Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update**

Ashley Myers said the public participation plan details how the public can be involved in the four main planning documents the MPO creates – MTP, TIP, UPWP, and PPP. It discusses strategies and the public participation process for MPO documents. TAC recommended approval at their April meeting. Approval of the Public Participation Plan was moved by Jimmy Wilkins, seconded by Nancy Thellman and passed unanimously (6-0).

#### **7. Action Item: Transit COA/Bike Share Study Steering Committees**

Ashley Myers presented the TAC recommended steering committees for the Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) and the Bike Share Feasibility Study. She said the Health Department was added as a member to the Bike Share Study by TAC and the addition didn't make it on the sheet which was included in the agenda packet. Thus she provided a handout showing the complete steering committee list. Approval of the Transit COA/Bike Share Study Steering Committees was moved by Matthew Herbert, seconded by Cory Davis and passed unanimously (6-0).

## **8. Other Business**

Ashley Myers mentioned the May MPO Policy Board meeting may be canceled, unless something comes up then the meeting will be held.

Cory Davis said the Lawrence Safe Routes to School Transportation Alternative grant was awarded. The MPO supported the application. Scott McCullough said it was a good project.

## **9. Public Comments**

There were none.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm.

Next Meeting: The MPO Policy Board will meet next for its regularly scheduled meeting on May 19, 2016 at 3:00 pm or another date set by the MPO if needed. The meeting will be in the City Commission Room at Lawrence City Hall (6 East 6<sup>th</sup> St.).