

Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board Meeting Minutes- Thursday, July 20, 2017

Attendance:

Organization	Name	Present
Voting Members		
Lawrence City Commission	Lisa Larsen	X
Lawrence City Commission	Matthew Herbert	
Douglas County Commission	Michelle Derusseau	X
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Eric Struckhoff	
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Bryan Culver	X
City of Baldwin City	Christi Darnell	
Kansas Department of Transportation	Cory Davis	X
Non-Voting Members		
Federal Highway Administration	Paul Foundoukis	
Federal Transit Administration	Daniel Nguyen	
University of Kansas	Paul Graves	
City of Lecompton	Jimmy Wilkins	
City of Eudora	Tim Reazin	
Staff		
Lawrence - Douglas County MPO	Jessica Mortinger, AICP	X
Lawrence - Douglas County MPO	Ashley Myers, AICP	X
Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development Services Dept.	Scott McCullough, AICP	X
Others		
Kansas Department of Transportation	Allison Smith	X

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Cory Davis called the meeting to order at 3:02.

2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2017

Cory Davis presented the minutes and asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Lisa Larsen motioned to approve minutes, Bryan Culver seconded, and passed unanimously, 4-0.

3. Discussion Item: Old Business and Correspondence

Jessica Mortinger presented the old business, correspondence, TAC minutes and asked MPO members if they had any questions. She spoke about the T2040 Update Survey responses. There were over 1,500 responses. A Themes and Priorities document was put together as an executive summary of the survey responses. The MPO is also overseeing three consultant conducted studies. The Lawrence Loop Alignment Study had its first open house in June and had about 100 people in attendance. From the input given, three alignments will be chosen to study further using tools such as a SWAT Analysis. Results of this analysis will be brought back to the public for further input in late July/August. The Transit Center Location Analysis will have a public meeting on August 3rd. The last study is the Safety Analysis. Three years of crash data is being analyzed for Douglas County to identify 12 locations that are crash hotspots. The MPO will then work with the consultants to come up with mitigation techniques.

Bryan Culver asked if the status of the sales tax vote will affect the transit center analysis. Ms. Mortinger said that the study will not be completed before the sales tax vote. This analysis will have a much higher level of public participation in the process that was not introduced in

the previous study. The community values identified as key to the transit center location will be used in selecting sites. Cory Davis said that there has been a rise in public engagement statewide.

4. Action Item: Adopt the initial KDOT targets for the Statewide Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan

Cory Davis presented the TAM plan KDOT targets for adoption. It is a federal requirement for targets that deal with Useful Life Bench (ULB). The ULB is the point at which we can reasonably consider a vehicle or facility to last in usable condition. Mr. Davis asked for the adoption of the plan, which would be included as part of the T2040 update. Jessica Mortinger mentioned the University of Kansas only operates on an abbreviated schedule, which changes the Useful Life of their fleet. She said there might need to be a discussion about having a separate category for KU to better represent the county and allow for funding designation. There is not a lot of funding earmarked for capital so the government is requesting information on the fleet inventory nationwide to know how much funding will be needed in the future. A motion was made to adopt the initial KDOT targets for the Statewide Transit Asset Management Plan by Bryan Culver, seconded by Lisa Larsen, and passed unanimously, 4-0.

5. Discussion Item: Receive the Functional Class Administrative Revision

Ashley Myers explained that the Functional Classification Map is a federal requirement. There were several small technical issues identified by KDOT that needed to be addressed. These were processed as an administrative revision because there were three small technical changes that didn't change the intent of the map. At N 1950 Road, the classification was changed to Minor Collector from Local to connect with the road classification in Leavenworth County. At 23rd Street east of Franklin Road, the classification before the opening of the east leg of K-10 was Other Freeway and Expressway but has now been changed to Minor Arterial due to 23rd Street no longer serving as K-10. At 23rd Street/N 1400 Road and East 1900 Road, the original classification of Minor Arterial was too high of a classification due to the classification of surrounding streets. There is a Federal rule that states a higher classification cannot terminate at a lower classification because it causes the network to be incomplete. The entire area was reclassified, including these two roadways changed to Major Collector to complete the network.

6. Discussion Item: Receive the Unified Planning Work Program Administrative Revision #1

Jessica Mortinger explained that the UPWP required an administrative decision to reflect several differences in the actual cost versus the predicted. There were also merit changes for staff time that need to be reflected in the UPWP. She also said that an amendment will be done later this year.

7. Other Business

Cory Davis said that 39 applications were received for TA funding. Jessica Mortinger said that next time there needs to be a clarification in the application on what is required by the Policy Board and the MPO staff. Several local governments expressed the desire for more time between the application opening and the end date.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm. The MPO Policy Board will meet next for its regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 2017 or another date set by the MPO if needed.