

Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board Meeting Minutes- Thursday, August 17, 2017

Attendance:

Organization	Name	Present
Voting Members		
Lawrence City Commission	Lisa Larsen	X
Lawrence City Commission	Matthew Herbert	X
Douglas County Commission	Michelle Derusseau	X
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Eric Struckhoff	X
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Bryan Culver	
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 3:01pm

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. Matthew Herbert motioned to approve minutes, Lisa Larsen seconded, and passed unanimously, 5-0.

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. There were none.

4. Action Item: Approve the FFY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2

Ashley Myers presented the TIP amendment. She reviewed the project additions being requested as part of the amendment, including additions of the funding 5310/5311 transit operations and capital grants that were awarded by KDOT to local paratransit providers and the Massachusetts Street 11th to 14th Street lane reconfiguration project to establish a center turn lanes and bikeway. Ms. Larsen asked if the Mass St project was budgeted in the City of Lawrence Capital Improvement Program Budget. Ms. Myers reviewed the City of Lawrence submission form for the project which noted that the local funding was noted to be CIP reserve, which means it was budgeted, but not specially called out in the budget. Ms. Mortinger noted that the HSIP funding allocated to the project was dependent on the design and the issue had been considered by the Transportation Commission at their August meeting.

A motion to approve TIP Amendment #2 was made by Eric Struckhoff, seconded by Lisa Larsen, and pass unanimously, 5-0.

5. Discussion Item: 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Jessica Mortinger said it was time to start thinking about what projects the MPO wishes to identify for inclusion in the 2018 work program. Ms. Mortinger said the MPO staff will be finishing the Transportation 2040 update in March. Other planning projects MPO staff have discussed to include an updated countywide bikeway plan, to reconcile all the recent bikeway planning since the last plan was approved especially the Lawrence Ped/Bike Issues Taskforce and the Lawrence Loop Alignment Study; and coordination with City of Lawrence Public Works on an updated ADA transition plan. Ms. Mortinger noted Consolidated Planning Grant funding can only be used on what is in the public ROW and what is applicable to transportation. MPO staff received a request to consider a wayfinding study for the Lawrence Loop and/or wayfinding throughout Lawrence. Cory Davis noted that Topeka completed one that we could look at. MPO staff feel like this project will be best to consider for a competitive application and a scope would need to be discussed as part of that process.

Jessica Mortinger noted that the end of 2017 is a claw back year, so any remaining MPO funding will be clawed back by KDOT, with the MPO being allowed to retain 20%. This would mean the amount of Consolidated Planning Grant funding available would be closer to the annual amount.

Allison Smith noted that there were no federal emphasis areas for 2018, but that the air quality designations have been un-delayed from their previous delay. At this time, Douglas County doesn't have an air quality monitor, but the proxy monitor is in Leavenworth. The Leavenworth monitor is in compliance. KDOT and MPO staff will continue to track any change with air quality and conformity.

Ms. Mortinger asked MPO Policy Board members to provide input on work the MPO should consider for 2018.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm. The MPO Policy Board will meet next for its regularly scheduled meeting on September 21, 2017 or another date set by the MPO if needed.