

**Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board Meeting
Minutes- Thursday, February 15, 2018**

Attendance:

Organization	Name	Present
Voting Members		
Lawrence City Commission	Lisa Larsen	
Lawrence City Commission	Matthew Herbert	X
Douglas County Commission	Michelle Derusseau	X
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Eric Struckhoff	
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Bryan Culver	X
City of Eudora		
Kansas Department of Transportation	Cory Davis	X
Non-Voting Members		
Federal Highway Administration	Paul Foundoukis	
Federal Transit Administration	Daniel Nguyen	
University of Kansas	Jeff Severin	
City of Lecompton	Jimmy Wilkins	
City of Baldwin City	Brian Cramer	
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
Lawrence – Douglas County MPO	Ryan Pearson	X
Others		
Kansas Department of Transportation	Allison Smith	X
Public/ Siemens	Chris Snyder	X

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Cory Davis called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

2. Public Comments

No public comment was made.

3. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from January 18

Cory Davis asked if anyone had comments on the minutes from January 18th and there were no comments. Matt Herbert motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Bryan Culver. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

4. Discussion Item: Old Business and Correspondence

Ashley Myers and Jessica Mortinger presented the old business, correspondence, TAC minutes and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

5. Action Item: Approval of the TIP Amendment 4

Ashley Myers presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 4. There was one new KDOT project which is to complete access consolidation on 23rd St east of Naismith Dr. and seven other projects adjusting funding and project years. She stated two public comments were received regarding the Sante Fe Depot Restoration project. One was in support of the project and the other was from KDOT adjusting the funding on the project based on the signed contract. Ms. Myers asked if anyone

had questions and there were none. Bryan Culver motioned to approve the TIP Amendment 4, Michelle Derusseau seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

6. Action Item: Approval of the Safety Performance Measure Targets

Ashley Myers presented the proposed safety targets, which were based on discussion at last month's Policy Board meeting. It was determined the MPO should set our own targets rather than accept the State's as it is more localized and meaningful to our residents and planning process. These safety targets are due by February 27, which is before T2040 is expected to be approved in March. Therefore, these targets need to be set in February and incorporated into T2040.

MPO staff calculated the difference between the annual averages to determine a ratio to be applied to the data to create trend lines for each of the five data sets. This evaluation included examining VMT, which according to the T2040 model is expected to increase by 2% every year. Five year rolling averages were created for each data set and plotted on a graph. Matthew Herbert asked about injury data for June and Jessica Mortinger said that the data isn't available at this time but will be added to the dataset to form new rolling averages as it is received. Ms. Myers mentioned these bicycle/pedestrian crashes are crashes that involve automobiles because the data is based from police reports. Ms. Mortinger raised the point that as pedestrian vehicle miles traveled (VMT) increase, it can be anticipated that more crashes will occur. She continued to describe the data, noting that although the trend line is variable it does indicate a general decrease in the total number of crashes. Mr. Herbert asked if there is anything specific that may have led to the reduced number of crashes. Ms. Mortinger responded that roadway design and other protective measures have improved conditions but there is no single tell all which the staff can confidently point to. Ms. Mortinger also mentioned that different jurisdictions have different methods for reporting injury and so validity will inevitably be questioned before analysis can even take place.

Matthew Herbert motioned to approve the safety performance measure targets, Bryan Culver seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously, 4-0.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM. The MPO Policy Board will meet next for its regularly scheduled meeting on March 15, 2018 or another date set by the MPO if needed.