

**REGIONAL TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)  
Minutes for Thursday August 30, 2012 Meeting**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Nugent (Lawrence Transit Administrator)  
Danny Kaiser (KU on Wheels Manager)  
Patty Gibbons (Independence Inc.)  
Heather Thies (Cottonwood Inc.)  
Tina Roberts (Douglas County Senior Services)  
Tracy Kihm (Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center)

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Scott Lein (KDOT CTD #1 Program Coordinator)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Todd Girdler (L-DC MPO Senior Transportation Planner)  
Jessica Mortinger (L-DC MPO Transportation Planner)

**OTHER:**

Randy Larkin (City of Lawrence Attorney)

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**Item 1: Call to Order** – Tracy Kihm called the meeting to order at 1:26 PM, a quorum was present.

**Item 2: Action Item: of Minutes from the March 15th, 2011 Regular Meeting** Tracy Kihm asked if anyone had any changes to the minutes, no changes were requested. Heather Thies made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Patty Gibbons, the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3: Discussion Item: T-2040 Stakeholder Interview**

Ms. Mortinger led the members through some exercises to document transportation issues, concerns and priorities. Members participated in the solicitation of ideas. A detailed summary of the issues discussed will be compiled via MPO staff and included in the public participation program for Transportation 2040.

**Item 4: Taxicab License- Lawrence City Code**

Ms. Mortinger shared the current regulations in the city code for taxicab license. Currently these regulations prevent providers from charging a fare. This has resulted in them only being able to request a donation. Ms. Gibbons said this has impacted the Independence Inc bottom line and that is why she asked Ms. Mortinger if there is anything that can be done about it. Ms. Mortinger said she spoke with Mr. Larkin to discuss the difference between providers at the table and a traditional taxi service. Since state and federally funded providers are required to meet a higher level of inspections for vehicles and driver training, it didn't make sense for them to be held to a lower city standard. Mr. Larkin said that following the discussion that the city would suspend enforcement of the Taxicab licensure for FTA 5310 and 5311 recipients until a code change could be written and approved by the City Commission. Ms. Mortinger and Mr. Larkin will work to write a code amendment and follow up with RTAC.

**Item 5: RTAC maintenance subcommittee**

Ms. Mortinger provided RTAC members with a draft copy of the meeting notes from the maintenance subcommittee's first meeting and Mr. Nugent reviewed the discussion. The next maintenance meeting will be in the next few months.

**Item 9: Other Business**

Mr. Nugent informed the RTAC members the Retiree Attraction Taskforce report has been submitted to the City Commission and the group is working to create alternatives or action steps for ongoing work.

**Item 10: Public Comments:** No public comments.

**Item 11: Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be scheduled and held in December or January and will follow up ongoing issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.