REGIONAL TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)
Minutes for Thursday May 29th, 2014 Meeting

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:
Carrie Lindsey (Lawrence Housing Authority)
Danny Kaiser (KU on Wheels Administrator)
LaNeece Jardon (Independence Inc.)
Heather Thies (Cottonwood Inc.)
Tina Roberts (Douglas County Senior Services)
Tracy Kihm (Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:
None

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

OTHER:
None

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Tracy Kihm called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM, a quorum was present and introductions were made.

2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the March 5th, 2014 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 Danny Kaiser, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion/Action Item: Regional Pedestrian Plan
Jessica Mortinger told the RTAC that the major special study for the MPO staff during 2014 will be the work on the Regional Pedestrian Plan. She reviewed the invitation from the MPO Policy Board to appoint a member from RTAC (and several other groups) to serve on the Steering Committee for this plan, noting that Bob Nugent would serve in a staff role on the committee already. A motion was made by Danny Kaiser to appoint Tina Roberts as the primary representative and Heather Thies as the alternate representative for the steering committee. The motion was seconded by Heather Thies and passed unanimously.

4. Discussion Item: Provider Updates
Tina Roberts and Carrie Lindsey thanked Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Nugent for providing the optional service agreement for vehicle maintenance. Carrie Lindsey indicated that this example of coordination was a great success for RTAC and should be noted as such. Jessica Mortinger said she would share this success with Pat Weaver at the KU Transportation Center for consideration as a feature in the Kansas Local Technical Assistance Program Newsletter.

Tracy Kihm shared news about the recently completed Outside for a Better Inside Trail at the Sandra J. Shaw Community Health Park. Bert Nash owns the old VFW property and will be finalizing donations of the park to the City of Lawrence soon.

Tina Robert invited everyone to the Saturday June 14th Biscuit and Gravy fundraiser for the Baldwin Bus.
Danny Kaiser noted that the next Transit Center presentation would be made to the City Commission on Tuesday June 3rd.

5. Other Business
Providers asked MPO staff about SLT announcements for closures and project plans. Jessica Mortinger indicated that staff would send the link to the KDOT plans and brochure for the roadway. Todd Girdler noted that there was an online list serve you could sign up for to receive routing and roadway construction notices. Providers asked staff to forward them the ones about the SLT.

Tracy Kihm asked if KU still has the short-term car rental operation on campus. Danny Kaiser told the group that it is still there, but the vendor has changed from Hertz to Enterprise.

Heather Thies asked about what is happening with the Retiree Task Force. Jessica Mortinger told the group that the task force has been disbanded but city staff is still working on the recommendations from that group.

6. Public Comments - No public comments.

7. Next Meeting - The next meeting will be scheduled as requested by RTAC members. The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 PM.