

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Minutes for Tuesday, August 4, 2015 Meeting**

Voting Members

Allison Smith (KDOT)

Serena Pearson (Alternate for Robert Nugent -Lawrence Transit Administrator))

Chad Voigt (Alternate for Keith Browning -Douglas County Public Works Director)

Donna Hultine (Alternate for Danny Kaiser -KU on Wheels Administrator)

Scott McCullough (Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development)

Bill Winegar (City of Baldwin City)

Chuck Soules (Lawrence Public Works Director)

Non-Voting Members

Paul Foundoukis (Federal Highway Administration)

Chris Tilden (Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department)

Others

None

Staff

Jessica Mortinger (Transportation Planner)

Item 1: Call to Order

Scott McCullough called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Item 2: Welcome and Introductions

Scott McCullough welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Item 3: Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the July 7, 2015 Regular Meeting

Scott McCullough asked if anyone had any changes to the minutes. There were none. Scott McCullough moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Allison Smith and passed unanimously.

Item 4: Action/Discussion Item: 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2 (www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/tip)

Jessica Mortinger presented the TIP amendment and passed out the project changes list and noted it included the changes to the regionally significant definition approved at the July TAC meeting. Ms. Mortinger noted that there were a significant number of projects added in this amendment. Allison Smith asked why the TIP definition did not include additional standards to meet the definition of regional significance, indicating that this definition could mean any project on a collector or higher was significant, when it might not meet a cost or length threshold. Jessica Mortinger indicated that over time the TAC has decided to use different definitions of regional significance and that at the July TAC meeting had decided to set it as collector or higher to be able to simplify the current two page definition. Chuck Soules indicated that there were pros and cons of having stricter vs. less strict definitions of regionally significant. Jessica Mortinger suggested to the TAC they could exclude the regional significant definition changes from the TIP Amendment #2 and include them at the next amendment. This could be done while leaving all the proposed projects in the TIP Amendment #2 and removing projects later if they did not meet the definition of regionally significant. TAC members agreed with this suggestion, project sponsors not present could participate in the discussion. A motion to approve the TIP Amendment #2 without the proposed changes to the definition of regionally significant was made by Chuck Soules, seconded by Allison Smith and passed unanimously.

Item 6: Quick Updates

a. K-10 Widening Study Session planned for Joint City/County meeting, Tuesday, September 1, 4:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

b. Regional Pedestrian Plan

Jessica Mortinger told the TAC that the first part of the Pedestrian Plan draft was posted, and the MPO was currently awaiting funding estimates from Public Works for the Lawrence recommendations. MPO staff met with Eudora to discuss their proposed recommendations and would set up a meeting with Bill Winegar in Baldwin City soon.

c. Lawrence Bicycle-Pedestrian Task Force

Jessica Mortinger told the TAC that the taskforce had set a meeting schedule and was beginning their work on their charges.

Item 7: Other Business

Allison Smith noted that National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone standards are expected to be finalized October 1, 2015.

Allison Smith noted that there is a pending call for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. It is expected to be open mid-September and due in November. Chris Tilden asked if there would be a call for SRTS. Allison Smith indicated that SRTS projects could apply under the TAP call but that there wouldn't be a separate call for SRTS projects.

Item 8: Next Meeting-September 1, 2015 or another date set by the TAC

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.