TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting and notes from the March 20, 2017 meeting (attached)

3. Action Item: Recommend Corridors for Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFC) and Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFC) Designation (attached)
MPO Staff will present recommended corridors identified in the March 20th TAC discussion.

4. Quick Updates
   a. T2040 Update
   b. RFPs

5. Other Business

6. Next Meeting: May 2, 2017 or another date set by the TAC

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1. **Call to Order and Welcome**

Danny Kaiser called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. A quorum was present and introductions were made.

2. **Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the February 14, 2017**

Danny Kaiser asked if anyone had changes to the attached minutes. There were none. Allison Smith moved to approve the February minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Scott McCullough and passed unanimously, 6-0.

3. **Action Item: Review and Recommend Approval of the Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA)**

Robert Nugent presented the Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis. Mr. Nugent stated the study analyzed each route and their respective needs. The data will be utilized if the service needs to be redesigned to accommodate a transit center. It will also provide justification for which stops receive amenities, like shelters or benches.

Keith Browning arrived at 1:35.

Scott McCullough asked if the current transit system is the best way to operate in Lawrence. Mr. Nugent responded that the current system does work best for the City and a transfer hub would best serve the needs of the community. A motion was made to recommend approval of the Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) by Scott McCullough, seconded by Leslie Herring and passed unanimously, 7-0.

4. **Action Item: Review and Recommend Approval of the Lawrence Bike Share Feasibility Study**

Ashley Myers presented the Lawrence Bike Share Feasibility Study. The study found that a Bike Share system would be feasible in Lawrence. Allison Smith asked to clarify who would be responsible in running a bike share system in Lawrence. Jessica Mortinger responded that the study found that the bike share would be best facilitated by KU due to student interest. Conversations between the KU Center for Sustainability and Student Senate are
occuring. Ms. Mortinger noted that the City would work with KU in implementing the bike share system throughout Lawrence. The viability of electric bikes or smart bikes are unknown due to capital costs. KU Endowment is another funding source that could be looked at. Keith Browning asked what liability is provided with the bike share system. Ms. Mortinger said that a user waiver is typically required. Operating expenses are incorporated in the study, which covers cleaning and replacing batteries. Some bike share systems also use trailers to re-locate bikes to high-demand docking stations. A motion was made to recommend approval of the Lawrence Bike Share Feasibility Study by Leslie Herring, seconded by Robert Nugent and passed unanimously, 7-0.

5. Discussion Item: Designation of Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFC) and Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFC)

Allison Smith presented the Critical Rural Freight Corridors and Critical Urban Freight Corridors and the MPO’s role in the Kansas Classification of the CRFC and CUFC. Ms. Smith noted that the state of Kansas has 75 miles of Critical Urban Freight Corridors and 150 miles of Critical Rural Freight Corridors. The deadline for a list of possible projects that could qualify as CRFC or CUFC projects is May 15th. Jessica Mortinger said pertinent members of TAC will meet to provide a recommendation of projects to send to KDOT prior to the April TAC meeting and will bring a draft recommendation to the April meeting.

Keith Browning suggested that Highway 59 could qualify due to the requirements given and asked why the MPOs are responsible for presenting qualifying projects on state routes instead of KDOT. Ms. Smith clarified that KDOT is responsible for areas outside of MPO areas, and MPOs are responsible for their given areas. She also added that the 75 miles CUFC and 150 mile CRFC limitations are federal regulations. Scott McCullough asked if these proposals were projects or roads. Ms. Mortinger explained that these will be projects on qualifying roads that need improvement. Mr. McCullough asked if Venture Park would qualify. Ms. Smith said it would need to explain its relation to freight and if future access is planned. Mr. Browning also suggested that Highway 56 and its connection to Gardner might also be a possibility. Ms. Smith suggested that the 5-County Regional Transportation Study be utilized to help chose projects. Mr. McCullough asked if railroads could count. Ms. Smith said they possibly could.

Leslie Herring asked if any projects in Eudora would be considered. Keith Browning suggested that possibly a bypass or route connecting K-10 and I-70 might be justified with the freight needs for a connection. Ms. Mortinger indicated that a connection was considered as part of the 5 County Transportation Study. Ms. Smith added that KDOT can reassign designation of CUFCs and CRFCs, so continue to look at new opportunities and land uses that could be used in the future. Members agreed that they would meet prior to the next TAC meeting to discuss the issue and give staff time to draft a proposal to be considered in April.

6. Quick Updates

T2040 Update – Jessica Mortinger updated the committee on the Public Participation Plan for the T2040 Update, including public events and open houses scheduled for March and April. She noted that the survey ends at the end of April.

7. Other Business

There was none.

8. Next Meeting: April 4, 2017 or another date set by the TAC

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
Notes for Monday, March 20, 2017 Meeting

**Voting Members**  
Allison Smith (KDOT)  
Ed Courton (City of Baldwin City)  
Keith Browning (Douglas County Public Works Director)  
Charles Soules (City of Lawrence Public Works Director)  
Leslie Herring (City of Eudora)  
Scott McCullough (Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development)

**Non-Voting Members**  
None

**Staff**  
Jessica Mortinger (Senior Transportation Planner)  
Ashley Myers (Transportation Planner)

**Public**  
John Maddox (KDOT)  
Michael Almon

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**  
Jessica Mortinger called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. She said this was published as an official TAC meeting because we anticipated having a quorum of voting members; however, no action will be taken today. Whatever discussion is had today will be brought to the regularly scheduled April 4th TAC meeting.

2. **Discussion Item: Designation of Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFC) and Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFC)**  
John Maddox from KDOT discussed the Critical Rural Freight Corridors and Critical Urban Freight Corridors, which came about under the FAST Act. Once a project is designated a CRFC or CUFC it can be submitted for a FAST Lane grant, which is similar to the TIGER grant process in that it is highly competitive. The state has 75 miles of critical urban to designate and they anticipate splitting the mileage between all of the MPOs in the state and 150 miles of critical rural. Rural miles could fall within the MPO Planning area, but outside of the urban area. The Interstate system is already a FHWA freight corridor, so we need to look at connections down to the local level.

After discussion about possible corridors, the following were identified:  
- West leg of K-10 (Capacity/Interchange access/Connection at I70)  
- Farmers Turnpike  
- 23rd St-Venture Park to K-10  
- Highway 56

Jessica Mortinger indicated that MPO staff will develop a draft document to be considered for submission to KDOT at the April 4th TAC meeting.

3. **Other Business**

4. **Next Meeting: April 4, 2017 or another date set by the TAC**  
The meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM.
TAC Proposed Critical Urban/Rural Freight Corridors for Douglas County

- **K-10 - US-59 to I-70**
  West leg of K-10-Capacity/Interchange access/Connection at I-70)
  Serves as a connection between K-10/US-59 and I-70. K-10 is planned to have 5 interchanges with access to the arterials street network in Lawrence. This section has two connections to Lawrence truck routes. Borders the Urbanized area.

- **Farmers Turnpike/Route 438/N 1800 Road (West of Kasold) | Lakeview Rd (East of Kasold)**
  - North Iowa to K-10 access
  Connects I-70/K-10 to current industrial and zoned industrial land. West of Kasold not in the Urbanized Area, East of Kasold in the Urbanized Area. Serves as a truck delivery route for the section inside the Urbanized Area.

- **23rd Street - Venture Park to K-10**
  Connects 23rd Street Venture Park and East Hills Business Park (current industrial and zoned industrial land). This segment is in the Urbanized Area. 23rd Street serves as a truck route on the Lawrence Truck Route Map.

- **Highway 56 - from US-59 East**
  Serves as a connection between US-59 and the Logistics Park Kansas City Intermodal Facility. This segment is not in the Urbanized Area.  

The following projects along these proposed corridors are currently in T2040.

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<td>DG County - Lawrence</td>
<td>Wakarusa Drive Extension - SLT/K-10 Access &amp; Safety</td>
<td>New road construction to extend Wakarusa Drive from planned K-10 interchange to Route 458. New bridge over Wakarusa River</td>
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<td>Reconstruction and addition of paved shoulders, intersection improvements and other safety upgrades</td>
<td>US-59 east to the Douglas/Johnson County Line</td>
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Other possible projects that have been identified as part of the West Leg Widening Study- that will be included in the T2040 Update currently underway as the EIS develops:

I-70 to K-10 System to System Interchange or other Interchange improvements

The Lawrence Douglas County region has not applied for FASTLANE grant money.