

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Minutes for Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Meeting

Voting Members

Allison Smith (KDOT)
Charles Soules (City of Lawrence Public Works Director)/David Cronin (City of Lawrence City Engineer)
Leslie Herring (City of Eudora)
Scott McCullough (Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development)
Aaron Quisenberry (KU on Wheels)
Bob Nugent (Lawrence Transit)

Non-Voting Members

Paul Foundoukis (Federal Highway Administration)

Staff

Jessica Mortinger (Senior Transportation Planner)
Ashley Myers (Transportation Planner)
Ryan Pearson (Transportation Planning Intern)

Others

Charles Fertig

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Leslie Herring called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. A quorum was present.

2. Public Comment

Charles Fertig expressed concerns about a specific intersection on Fairfield St near the Tractor Supply Store. David Cronin said he would follow up with Charles after the meeting. Leslie Herring asked for additional comments and there were none.

3. Action Item: Approval of minutes from the February 13, 2018 meeting

Leslie Herring asked if anyone had changes to the minutes. Scott McCullough moved to approve the minutes from February 13, 2018; the motion was seconded by Chuck Soules and passed unanimously 6-0.

4. Action Item: Recommend Approval of Transportation 2040

Jessica Mortinger presented the draft Transportation 2040. Ms. Mortinger spoke about the recently completed process for updating the long-range transportation plan, noting that throughout the 18 month process there were 1,600 survey results which were received throughout nine open houses and 36 stakeholder interviews.

Ms. Mortinger outlined the process used to develop the list of needs and existing conditions as well as how the list is used to prioritize future projects. Ms. Mortinger continued to describe the goals of the plan, adding that T2040 does not include any mode specific design updates, rather it is intended to bring together existing planning documents in such a way that leads to their implementation. Ms. Mortinger spoke about the differences in financial projections between the 2012 version of T2040 and the new update. Scott McCullough asked whether new projects would be added to the list as they surface, thus impacting the financial projections. Ms. Mortinger responded that yes the list is updated on a rolling basis as necessary. Speaking about the recently completed period for public comment,

Mr. McCullough asked what the top issue raised by the public appeared to be. Ms. Mortinger responded that without a doubt the greatest concern pertains to updates along 19th street between Haskell and O'Connell. Chuck Soules said that some people probably don't understand the importance of improving routes and options in order to proactively mitigate population growth before it has negative impacts on the

road network, and therefore some concerns might be a simple misunderstanding. Ms. Mortinger clarified that while the concerns pertaining to 19th street are valid as they relate to safety and livability, it needs to be known that the plan doesn't include specific roadway design and so the concerns may be preemptive. She voiced the importance of establishing a thorough public engagement process for 19th Street once roadway design decisions are more pertinent in order to mitigate these concerns.

Ms. Mortinger said that there were comments about the role of autonomous and electric vehicles but said that those factors will require a separate study which doesn't fit into the context of this plan. Ms. Mortinger also mentioned that there are concerns about the absence of specific bicycle and pedestrian updates, but continued to explain that it's likely because the structure of this plan might not be fully understood by the public as it relates to existing efforts and noted that a specific bikeway update will occur in 2018 and 2019.

David Cronin moved to recommend approval of Transportation 2040; the motion was seconded by Bob Nugent and passed unanimously, 6-0.

5. Quick Updates

TIP Amendment – Ashley Myers noted only one project was received for the TIP amendment and the project could wait until the scheduled summer amendment cycle. Thus no TIP amendment will be completed at this time.

6. Other Business

Ms. Mortinger asked if anyone would like a printed copy of the T2040 once it is approved. Leslie Herring said the City of Eudora would like two copies.

Allison Smith mentioned Transit Day at the Capital on February 28 had very good representation.

7. Next Meeting: April 3, 2018 or another date set by the TAC

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.