

**Attendance:**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Herring (Alt)	City of Eudora
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chad Voigt (Alt)	Douglas County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed Courton (Chair) (Alt)	Baldwin City
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott McCullough	L-DC PDS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Koerner	Lawrence Transit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynley Sanford	Lecompton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allison Smith	KDOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aaron Quisenberry	KU Transportation Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Soules (Vice-Chair)	Lawrence MSO

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Foundoukis	FHWA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Nguyen	FTA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Hartsig	L-DC Health Dept.

**STAFF PRESENT**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Mortinger, AICP	L-DC MPO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Myers, AICP	L-DC MPO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cece Riley	L-DC MPO

**GUESTS PRESENT**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Fertig	Resident
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**1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

Chuck Soules called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM. A quorum was present.

**2. Public Comment**

There were none.

**3. Action Item: Approval of minutes from the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting**

Leslie Herring motioned to approve the minutes from the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Aaron Quisenberry seconded; the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**4. Action Item: Recommend Approval of FFY19 TIP Amendment 4**

<https://assets.lawrenceks.org/mpo/tip/2019-2022TIPA4-Summary.pdf>

Ashley Myers presented the TIP Amendment 4. The public comment period was September 5-20. No public comments were received. A no-cost revision was added to project 302 (Intersection of US-40/K-10 at Wakarusa/27<sup>th</sup> St Signal) on September 19. Leslie Herring motioned to recommend approval of TIP Amendment 4, Allison Smith seconded; the motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**5. Action Item: Recommend Approval of the Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plans**

[https://assets.lawrenceks.org/mpo/title\\_vi/TitleVI-Draft.pdf](https://assets.lawrenceks.org/mpo/title_vi/TitleVI-Draft.pdf)

[https://assets.lawrenceks.org/mpo/title\\_vi/LEP-Draft.pdf](https://assets.lawrenceks.org/mpo/title_vi/LEP-Draft.pdf)

Ashley Myers explained staff updated these federally required plans, which were last updated in 2016. The Title VI plan details how the MPO complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which states people cannot be excluded from participation based on race, color, or national origin. The Limited English Proficiency (LEP) plan outlines how the MPO identifies people who may need language assistance and our process for providing it. Chuck Soules asked what residents should do if they need further assistance. Ms.

Myers explained the tools community partners have used are listed within the LEP which the MPO could use if needed. Furthermore, "I speak" cards are also available to help identify which language residents are speaking. Allison Smith motioned to recommend approval of the Title VI and LEP plan, Aaron Quisenberry seconded; the motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**6. Action Item: Recommend Approval of the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 1**

<https://assets.lawrenceks.org/mpo/upwp/2019A1draft.pdf>

Jessica Mortinger introduced the changes being made to the UPWP. This amendment is to reallocate money for a new plotter as well as Ms. Mortinger's interim position as Transit Manager as during this interim period she will be part-time with the MPO. The Countywide Bikeway Plan and ADA Transition Plan are both being pushed to the 2020 budget in order to remain realistic about what the MPO has time and resources to accomplish. The public comment period was October 1-15. No public comments have been received to date.

Scott McCullough entered the room at 1:47pm.

Leslie Herring motioned to recommend approval of the 2019 UPWP Amendment 1, Aaron Quisenberry seconded; the motion passed unanimously 8-0.

**7. Discussion Item: 2020 UPWP**

Jessica Mortinger started the discussion by noting the MPO intends to be fully staffed in 2020. The 2020 UPWP will receive the funding rollover from what is unspent in 2019. The main elements of the 2020 work plan include: the ADA Transition Plan and Countywide Bikeway Plan, finishing the Safe Routes to School Plans for Lawrence, Eudora, and Baldwin City, Creating the FFY21 TIP, and Bike/Ped counts to name a few. Allison Smith noted ITS Architecture update was last completed in 2015 and involved a \$100,000 consultant study and needs to be updated every 5 years- but Ms. Mortinger was under the impression it is "as needed", not every 5 years. Both agreed they would follow-up with a discussion about the ITS plan, the need to update and how to incorporate it into the 2020 UPWP. Leslie Herring talked about obstacles and interest in providing a bus service within Eudora. Her interest was not in adding this to the 2020 UPWP but rather just beginning to discuss the historical context of transportation within Eudora and look into assessing the market and interest in a bus service from Eudora to Lawrence and potentially Kansas City. Wendy Koerner agreed this conversation is important but suggested there be a meeting set after the first of 2020 to discuss further with new transit administrator. Ms. Mortinger wrapped up the conversation saying the draft will be available for 30 day public comment and will return to TAC in November for approval.

**8. Discussion Item: 2020 Safety Targets**

<https://assets.lawrenceks.org/mpo/T2040/2020SafetyTargets-Draft.pdf>

Ashley Myers explained performance measures need to be set for the 2020 safety target. Data shows fatalities have decreased. She discussed the trend shows the 2020 target should be set at 7.1. This number is a rolling average of fatalities within the last 5 years within Douglas County roadways. She asked if the committee felt it was an appropriate target. Aaron Quisenberry then asked if there was any way to set the goal to zero, as he felt having any number higher than zero was unacceptable due to this number correlating with human lives being lost. Ms. Myers said it is up to TAC to decide what number is listed as our goal, however the number should be realistic and achievable and if next year's fatalities are zero the rolling average will still measure 5.6. This started a dialogue about the methodology that should be used by the committee to set targets. Allison Smith mentioned KDOT requires certain information and language be

represented within the report which although unfortunate to list any fatalities as a “target” is required by the federal government. Jessica Mortinger then said the target must be realistic and achievable because in the performance based planning realm, the planning process should incorporate these data and targets to communicate priorities for funding. She mentioned this is a greater discussion of values and resource allocation from the public and city/county officials. Leslie Herring agreed with Ms. Mortinger and said this is such a difficult question due to the funding for safer practices which is allocated by the individual jurisdictions, not the committee. Members discussed and agreed other factors such as the personal responsibilities of drivers, walkers, bicycle riders, and gas prices impact the number of crashes just as much as the funding committed to improved safety. Chad Voigt asked if the report can be written in a different way to reflect the differences between the city and county. Ms. Mortinger said in the future this may be a possibility but for now the information was gathered in a specific way and it would not allow the two to be separated for this report. Leslie Herring spoke for Eudora and felt as though the way information is currently displayed makes sense and she did not feel the need to have it be changed. Ms. Myers then asked if the committee was comfortable sending the 2020 Safety Targets out for the 15-day public comment period (October 11<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>). Ms. Smith mentioned the safety targets do not require a public comment period. Ms. Myers and Ms. Mortinger both explained public comment is a part of the MPO’s Public Participation Plan and it is the goal of the MPO to be as transparent as possible and be diligent about incorporating individual comments. Ms. Myers said the 2020 Safety Targets will come back to TAC after the public comment period for final review in November.

## **9. Quick Updates**

Ashley Myers asked for an update on which municipalities were applying for KDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding. Leslie Herring announced Eudora will not be applying for TA Projects; however, the City is continuing to work with KDOT to pursue conversations regarding the Church St pedestrian bridge over K10. Chuck Soules said Lawrence is applying for 3 TA grants: Safe Routes to School phase two, Lawrence Loop, and a shared use path along 6<sup>th</sup> St. Ms. Myers mentioned Ed Courton, of Baldwin City, is applying for phase two and three of the West Baldwin City Pedestrian Connectivity Plan. Ms. Myers then asked information regarding the TA applications be sent to her so she can write letters of consistency.

Ms. Myers stated the MPO is tabling at parent teacher conferences in Eudora and Baldwin City to gain valuable parent input regarding travel information for students. A SRTS parent survey was conducted for Lawrence and there will be an open house on November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Flory Building at the fairgrounds.

## **10. Other Business**

Chuck Soules thanked Scott McCullough for his 12 years of leadership, support, and valuable input. Mr. McCullough said he was proud of the work TAC has done during his time on the committee.

## **11. Next Meeting: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 or another date set by the TAC**

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.