

Jessica Mortinger

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Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Jessica Mortinger
Subject: Re: UPWP comments

One more follow up comment. The organizations are coordinated/trained, but the public is not. For examples, seniors do not know what transportation is available and for what use. Senior Wheels is general transportation within Douglas County. Independence Inc will go to KC or Topeka or local. When is the T useful? The transportation is planned and coordinated. We need public education so that the community is aware of the services whether for use or for financial support. And, can we work more descriptive text into the plan? The senior population is increasing rapidly. I sent comments for the comprehensive plan that the senior population should be in Economic Development, Land Use, Transportation, Parks and Recreation, and Health and Human Services. The grey tsunami is coming.

~ Carol's phone

On Oct 2, 2017, at 8:08 AM, Jessica Mortinger <jmortinger@lawrenceks.org> wrote:

Carol,

Thanks for reviewing our planned work and providing us comments.

I wanted to follow-up on a few comments you provided, to give you some additional information. – see below in red.

We will share your comments with the TAC and MPO Policy Board as we work to approve our Work Program for 2018.

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From: Carol Bowen [<mailto:carolb@sunflower.com>]
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2017 2:29 AM
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Subject: UPWP comments

Hi Jessica, Here are my comments on the MPO plan.

Guide the development of new policies to reflect multimodal and land use.

Connections between land use and transportation. That's great!

3. Work to implement the Crash Analysis and identified Countermeasures and incorporate into MPO Planning Products. (as needed)

Incorporate as reference for decision-making. I noticed that the new Transportation Commission does not consistently use pertinent crash data.

When completed, the analysis will be shared with the Transportation Commission and City of Lawrence Public Works staff for their use in decision making. The City of Lawrence and Douglas County Public Works staff are also participating in the development of the analysis.

4. Report services provided to seniors and disabled. Include services beyond city services.

Senior Wheels and Independence Inc should be recognized as integral parts of the transportation network. Data from these organizations would be useful. The city relies on their services, but treats them like charities. The services could use some coordination so that riders know which to use and when.

We regularly meet with an MPO subcommittee called [the Regional Transit Advisory Committee](#) (RTAC) of which all transit providers including Independence and Senior Wheels are involved in coordination. We just recently updated the coordinated plan for all transit in Douglas County- you can read more about it here: [Coordinated Public Transit –Human Services Transportation Plan for Douglas County](#) (Approved by the MPO Policy Board on July 21, 2016)

Now, I have a thought on professional development for ped/bike planning. The training programs listed were pretty standard fare. For pedestrians especially, policies, design, and planning are new concepts for engineers and public works. I think the staff would benefit from exposure to ideas from bike and ped organizations.

The MPO hosted the Association of Bicycle and Pedestrian Professionals [webinar series](#) during 2017 for MPO planning partners and the public. We plan to continue to host webinars in 2018.

The plan had everything I was looking for.

Thanks,

~ Carol