

**Lawrence-Douglas County
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Policy Board**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Attendance:

Organization	Name	Present
Voting Members		
Lawrence City Commission	Michael Dever	
Lawrence City Commission	Robert Chestnut, Mayor	X
Douglas County Commission	Mike Gaughan	
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Lisa Harris	X
L-DC Metropolitan Planning Commission	Stanley Rasmussen	
City of Eudora	Maria Nelson	X
Kansas Department of Transportation	Davonna Moore (Via Phone)	X
Non-Voting Members		
Federal Highway Administration	Paul Foundoukis	
Federal Transit Administration	Joni Roeseler	
University of Kansas	Margaret (Peg) Livingood, ASLA	
City of Baldwin City	Ken Wagner, Mayor	
City of LeCompton	Christina M. Mallonee	
Staff		
Lawrence - Douglas County MPO	Todd Girdler, AICP	X
Lawrence - Douglas County MPO	Bart Rudolph	X
City of Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development Services Dept.	Scott McCullough, AICP	
Others		
City of Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development Services Dept.	Sheila Stogsdill (For Scott McCullough)	X
City of Baldwin City	Jeff Dingman	
City of Lawrence	Cynthia Boecker	
City of Lawrence	David Corliss	
City of Lawrence, Public Works	Charles Soules	X
City of Lawrence, Public Works	Shoeb Uddin	
Douglas County Public Works	Keith Browning	X
Kansas Department of Transportation	Christy H. Lane	
Kansas Department of Transportation	Thomas Dow	
Douglas County	Linda Finger	
Federal Highway Administration	Steve Foust	
City of Lawrence	John Miller	
Kansas Department of Transportation	David Gurs	
Lawrence Public Transit	Robert Nugent	X
University of Kansas	Danny Kaiser (For Peg Livingood)	
Kansas Department of Transportation	John Maddox	

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Lisa Harris called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM and a quorum was assured with Ms. Moore participating via speaker phone.

2. Correspondence

Mr. Girdler called reference to the Project Updates Memo included in the agenda packet and asked if any members of the Board had additional questions. There were no questions from the Board.

3. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the September 17, 2009 MPO Meeting

Approval of the minutes from the September 17, 2009 meeting was moved by Mr. Chestnut, seconded by Ms. Nelson and passed unanimously.

4. Action Item: Approval of the 2010 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Girdler presented the 2010 UPWP to the Board for approval. The 2010 UPWP highlights the MPO's accomplishments from 2009, lays out what the MPO plans to accomplish in 2010, and defines the 2010 budget and funding sources. Mr. Girdler stated that at the end of 2010, the MPO will have a remaining balance of about \$33,000. He also noted that staff is still working with KDOT to determine the exact amount of Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds the L-DC MPO would be given and if any "In-Kind" match would be available. Currently, the budget reflects no "In-Kind" match from KDOT, but could be amended when more details are known about the statewide budget. "In-Kind" match from KDOT would decrease the amount of local cash match needed to support the activities outlined in the 2010 UPWP.

Ms. Moore agreed with what Mr. Girdler stated and added that KDOT probably wouldn't know the exact amount each MPO would receive in CPG funds until the end of the year, at which time the UPWP could be amended to reflect the accurate amount.

The 2010 UPWP was reviewed and approved by the Technical Advisory Committee at its October 6, 2009 meeting. There were no public comments received during the public comment and review period that ended on October 13, 2009.

A motion to approve the 2010 Unified Planning Work Program was made by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Chestnut and passed unanimously.

5. Action Item: Approval of the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program - Amendment #6

Mr. Girdler presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment to the Board for approval. He noted that this amendment to the TIP adds engineering funds for the planned new interchange at 15th Street/Bob Billings Parkway and Highway K-10 and revises the funding split and program year for the Kasold Drive improvement project between 23rd and 31st Streets.

Mr. Chestnut agreed that this amendment would align the MPO with KDOT's recent announcement to program engineering funds for the 15th Street and K-10 interchange. He asked how the process works at KDOT to prioritize the list of projects and where does the interchange place in receiving construction dollars. Mr. Girdler replied that the engineering dollars are confirmed in KDOT's 2010-2012 program. He also mentioned that the interchange is on the short list of projects for the next Comprehensive Statewide Transportation Program (CTP), so there is a good chance that the interchange will

remain on that list and construction dollars will be programmed during the next CTP. Currently, there are a number of local consultation meetings taking place across the state as part of the T-LINK process to discuss these projects and the criteria used to prioritize them. Mr. Girdler remained confident that the interchange would remain on the list.

Ms. Harris asked if the interchange was being designed for the 2 lane road that currently exists or a future 4 lane road. Mr. Soules replied that the interchange would be designed to accommodate the future construction of 4 lanes.

Ms. Harris also asked about how the idea of Complete Streets was being incorporated into the Kasold project. Mr. Soules mentioned that they have discussed adding medians, but the typical cross-section shows 5 lanes with no medians due to the added cost and maintenance associated with medians. He also noted that the turning lanes in some areas would prevent the installation of medians due to the amount of right-of-way available. In the longer areas between access points, he noted that there is a possibility of adding medians and his staff is currently looking at those areas and weighing the pros and cons, but no decision has been made. Ms. Harris stated that it would be nice to have a place where pedestrians could cross the road safely, given how wide the street is and the amount of traffic it carries. Mr. Soules mentioned that they have discussed some possibilities to accommodate pedestrians crossing the street and have heard from the neighborhoods requesting a safe crossing. Mr. Chestnut mentioned the importance of incorporating those comments into the design and when the project goes to the City Commission, it would be nice to have some scenarios available that address those concerns. Mr. Soules noted that the City Commission will discuss this project at its November 3, 2009 meeting.

The 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6 was reviewed and approved by the Technical Advisory Committee at its October 6, 2009 meeting. There were no public comments received during the public comment and review period that ended on October 13, 2009.

A motion to approve the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6 was made by Mr. Chestnut, seconded by Ms. Nelson and passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item: KDOT Projects Briefing to Lawrence City Commission and Douglas County Commission

Chairperson Harris suggested deferring this item to allow more Board members to participate in the discussion. The Board agreed and the item was deferred.

7. Other Business

Mr. Girdler suggested not meeting on November 19, 2009 and meet next on the regularly scheduled date in December. The Board agreed and the MPO will meet next on December 17, 2009.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments

9. Adjournment

Mr. Chestnut moved to adjourn the MPO Policy Board Meeting at 4:38 PM. Ms. Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.