

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

4:00 p.m.

-Convene

-Consider proclamation for September 7, 2011 as "International Literacy Day" (Betty Parks)

CONSENT AGENDA

(1)(a) Consider approval of Commission Orders

REGULAR AGENDA

(2) Receive information on the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Transportation 2030) update. Todd Girdler will present the item (Todd Girdler)

(3) Presentation by AmeriCorps (Leah Noakes & Johnna Godinez)

(4) Other Business

(a) Consider approval of Accounts Payable (if necessary)

(b) Appointments:

Building Code Board of Appeals - vacancy

Douglas County Advocacy Council on Aging – vacancy

Douglas County Community Corrections Advisory Board - 12/2011

Douglas County Senior Services, Inc. Board of Directors - 12/2011

Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors – 09/30/11

Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging Tri-County Advisory Council - vacancy

Fire/EMS District No. 1 - 12/2011

(c) Miscellaneous

(5) Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

-Receive information regarding the Kansas Forest Service partnership with the Planning and Development Services Department to conduct an assessment of the forest resource in Douglas County. The staff memo and attachments outlines the goals of the assessment, describes the process, and defines the Planning Departments participation in the project. (Mary Miller is the Planner)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

-Masonic Temple project NRA request (Dianne Stoddard)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 - 4:00 p.m. only

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011

-CPA-10-8-10: Consider Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Chapter 14 – Southeast Area Plan, to reference and reflect the accepted Preliminary Alignment Study for 31st Street and to update the plan to reflect changes since adoption. (PC Item 7; approved 8-0 on 8/24/11) Michelle Leininger is the Planner.

Note: The Douglas County Commission meets regularly on Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M. for administrative items and 6:35 P.M. for public items at the Douglas County Courthouse. Specific regular meeting dates that are not listed above have not been cancelled unless specifically noted on this schedule.



Office of the County Commission
PROCLAMATION
For Douglas County, Kansas

WHEREAS: *There are over 774 million adults worldwide who lack the literacy skills needed to obtain good jobs or to actively participate in the education of their children; and it is estimated that more than 75 million children worldwide do not attend school and over 150,000 people in the state of Kansas over the age of 16 lack the ability to read or write.*

WHEREAS: *Altrusa International, Inc., an organization of executive and professional women committed to community service, has pledged to work toward worldwide literacy; and*

WHEREAS: *The community of Lawrence has residents of all ages, in every neighborhood, who are functionally illiterate; and*

WHEREAS: *Altrusa International, Inc., of Lawrence is the underwriting sponsor of the River City Reading Festival. They have supported New York Elementary School with a large donation of books, as well as, volunteers for elementary reading companions. Altrusa has given books to Women's Transitional Care Services (WTCS) and First Step House, along with annual scholarships for women. They have provided large print books and subscriptions to Lawrence Senior Services, newspaper subscriptions to Health Care Access, and have implemented the ongoing Newborn Book Project at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and thereby encourages reading and the promotion of life-long literacy for the residents of Lawrence;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim September 8th, 2011 as*

“INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY”

and urges all citizens of this community to continue working together in addressing literacy needs in Lawrence and Douglas County.

ADOPTED *this 7th day of September, 2011.*

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS**

Nancy Thellman, Chairman

Jim Flory, Vice-Chair

Mike Gaughan, Member

Memorandum

Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (L-DC MPO)

TO: Craig Weinaug, Douglas County Administrator

FROM: Todd Girdler, L-DC MPO Senior Transportation Planner

CC: Scott McCullough, L-DC MPO Secretary
Jessica Mortinger, L-DC MPO Transportation Planner

Date: August 30, 2011

RE: Information related to the Completion of the Next Required Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Transportation 2030-Lawrence/Douglas County Long Range Transportation Plan (T-2030), the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), will expire on March 26, 2013. By federal law and regulation, the regional transportation plan must be updated by a newer version before it expires in order for our region to continue to receive certain USDOT funding for road and transit projects. The new MTP, which the MPO staff is now working on, will be titled Transportation 2040 (T-2040), and staff plans on having that version ready for MPO approval by the end of 2012.

As part of the Transportation Plan update process the MPO Policy Board approved the formation of a new advisory committee to assist MPO staff with drafting this new plan. This new committee contains all of the current members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) plus some other local officials. A membership list for the new T-2040 Advisory Committee and the TAC are attached to this memo. The MPO has also approved a timeline for this plan update. That timeline is also attached to this memo. Local governing bodies will be kept informed about the development of this new transportation plan periodically during the process.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact Todd Girdler at (785) 832-3155 or by email at tgirdler@lawrenceks.org.

Attachments: T-2040 Advisory Committee – membership list
Technical Advisory Committee – membership list
Timeline for Completing the Next Required Update of the MTP

**Lawrence - Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization - L-DC MPO
T-2040 Advisory Committee - Member List**

TAC Voting Members					
	Organization	Name	Address	Phone	Email
1	Douglas County Public Works Director or designee	Keith Browning	1242 Massachusetts Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-5293	browning@douglas-county.com
2	Lawrence Public Works Director or designee	Charles Soules	6 East 6 th Street Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-3124	csoules@lawrenceks.org
3	Eudora Public Works Director or designee	Mike Hutto	4 East 7th Street PO Box 650	(785) 542-2153	mhutto@cityofcudora.com
4	Baldwin City City Manager or designee	Pam Irely	803 Eighth Street PO Box 86	(785) 594-6427	pamirely@baldwincity.org
5	Lecompton City Clerk or designee	Sandy Nichols	PO Box 100 Lecompton, KS 66050	(785) 887-6407	clecompton@yahoo.com
6	Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development Services Director or designee	Scott McCullough	6 East 6 th Street Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-3154	smccullough@lawrenceks.org
7	Kansas Department of Transportation Urban Planning Manager or designee	Stephanie Watts	700 SW Harrison Topeka, KS 66603	(785) 296-8864	swatts@ksdot.org
8	Lawrence Transit System Transit Administrator or designee	Robert Nugent	PO Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-3464	rnugent@lawrenceks.org
9	University of Kansas KU on Wheels Manager or designee	Danny Kaiser	1501 Irving Hill Road Lawrence, KS 66045	(785) 864-7275	dkaiser@ku.edu
TAC Non-Voting Members					
	Organization	Name	Address	Phone	Email
10	Federal Highway Administration Kansas Division Office	Paul Foundoukis	6111 SW 29 th St., Suite 100 Topeka, KS 66614	(785) 228-2544	Paul.Foundoukis@dot.gov
11	Federal Transit Administration Region 7 Office	Daniel Nguyen	901 Locust Street, Suite 404 Kansas City, MO 64106	(816) 329-3936 (816) 329-3938	Daniel.Nguyen@dot.gov
12	Lawrence Public Transit Advisory Committee Chair or designee	Lyle Hettinger	1410 Claire Ct. Lawrence, KS 66046	(785)842-2053	lyduhett@sunflower.com
13	Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair or designee	Lisa Halberg	2516 Cimarron Drive Lawrence, KS 66046	(785) 418-6221	half_full@yahoo.com
Others					
	Organization	Name	Address	Phone	Email
14	Lawrence Public Works Department City Engineer	Shoeb Uddin	6 East 6 th Street Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-3130	suddin@lawrenceks.org
15	Lawrence Public Works Department City Traffic Engineer	David Woosley	445 Mississippi Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-3034	Dwoosley@lawrenceks.org
16	Douglas County Administration Planning Resource Coordinator	Linda Finger	1100 Massachusetts Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-5377	lfinger@douglas-county.com
17	Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development Services Long Range Planner	Michelle Leininger	6 East 6 th Street Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-3163	mleininger@lawrenceks.org
18	Lawrence-Douglas County Metro Planning Commission Chair or designee	Charles Blaser	4404 Heritage Drive Lawrence, KS 66047	(785) 843-8776	cblaser@sunflower.com
19	Douglas County Sustainability Coordinator	Eileen Horn	1100 Massachusetts Street 2nd level Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 330-2873	ehorn@douglas-county.com
Staff					
	Organization	Name	Address	Phone	Email
	Lawrence - Douglas County MPO	Todd Girdler, AICP	6 East 6th Street Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-3155	tgirdler@lawrenceks.org
	Lawrence - Douglas County MPO	Jessica Mortinger	6 East 6th Street Lawrence, KS 66044	(785) 832-3165	jmortinger@lawrenceks.org

MPO approved on June 16, 2011

Lawrence - Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization - L-DC MPO

Technical Advisory Committee - TAC

Voting Members

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Lawrence Public Transit Advisory Committee Chair or designee	Lyle Hettinger	lyduhett@sunflower.com
Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair or designee	Lisa Hallberg	half_full@yahoo.com

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Lawrence - Douglas County MPO	Jessica Mortinger	jmortinger@lawrenceks.org

Timeline for Completing the Next Required Update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

March 26, 2008

The current MTP called the Transportation 2030 - Lawrence/Douglas County – Long Range Transportation Plan (T-2030) was approved by the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which at that time was the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

December 8, 2008

The MPO for the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Area was re-designated to its current form composed of mainly local elected officials.

April 20, 2009

T-2030 Amendment #1 that updated Chapter 8 – Bicycle System Plan including extensive updates to the Bikeway System Map was approved.

T-2030 Amendment #2 that updated Chapter 14 – Financial Plan to add possible American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects to the plan was approved.

December 21, 2010

The Lawrence City Commission approves Ordinance # 8590 that makes the latest version of the MPO-approved MTP document the Transportation Chapter in the Lawrence-Douglas County Comprehensive Plan.

January 26, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners for Douglas County approves Resolution # 11-02 that makes the latest version of the MPO-approved MTP document the Transportation Chapter in the Lawrence-Douglas County Comprehensive Plan.

March 2011

The MPO staff requests non-competitive carryover funding from KDOT to assist with funding MTP model updates and public involvement work. The MPO staff expects to find out about the approval of this funding in May.

June 30, 2011

- Ø The MPO appoints the Transportation 2040 Committee (T-2040 Committee), and this group holds its first meeting to review the Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) map, roadway network map, and demographic data for the travel demand model. This group sets its meeting schedule for 2011-2012.

July 29, 2011

- Ø The MPO staff and consultants complete the final updates to the TAZ map, roadway network map, and demographic input data for travel demand model.

August 31, 2011

- Ø The consultant and MPO staff completes the calibration of the new model with 2010 base year, and the Existing Plus Committed (E+C) transportation system model runs with base year and horizon year 2040 demographic data.
- Ø The MPO staff will meet with TAC members including KDOT and local transit representatives to discuss and consider financial projections for the T-2040 plan

September 30, 2011

- Ø The consultant and MPO staff will complete the initial round of future year model scenarios and discuss the model results with the T-2040 Committee, TAC and MPO.
- Ø The MPO staff and the TAC will complete a review of the current T-2030 document and begin working on the updates to the following chapters:
 - Chapter 1 – Context and Issues
 - Chapter 2 – Existing Conditions
 - Chapter 4 – Transportation Goals & Objectives (coordinate with the Lawrence-Douglas County Comprehensive Plan)
 - Chapter 5 – Land Use and Transportation

- Chapter 7 – Transit System Plan
- Chapter 8 – Bicycle System Plan
- Chapter 11 – Intermodal, Freight, and Other Transportation
- Chapter 13 – Security Plan
- Chapter 14 – Financial Plan
- Chapter 15 – Impacts of the Plan

October 31, 2011

- Ø The MPO will hire a consultant for T-2040 Public Participation work and begin the public information outreach efforts for this MTP update (hiring consultant contingent on funding from KDOT).
- Ø The MPO staff will meet with TAC members including KDOT and local transit representatives to approve the financial projections for use in the T-2040 document and discuss the process for making it a fiscally constrained plan

November 30, 2011

- Ø The MPO staff will begin working on the updates to the following chapters:
 - Chapter 3 – Community Participation
 - Chapter 6 – Roadway System Plan
 - Chapter 9 – Pedestrian Plan
 - Chapter 10 - Operation and Management Strategies
 - Chapter 12 – Safety Plan
 - Chapter 16 – Implementation of the Transportation Plan

December 30, 2011

- Ø The MPO staff and consultant will complete a Public Involvement Plan for this MTP update and present it to the TAC and MPO for approval.
- Ø The consultant and MPO staff will begin work on public surveys, stakeholder interviews, website development and other methods to collect comments about the region’s transportation needs and issues.

January 31, 2012

- Ø The consultant and MPO staff will complete the refinement of all future year model scenarios and present them to the T-2040 Committee, TAC, and MPO for review and recommendations.

February 29, 2012

- Ø The consultant and MPO staff will complete schedule and meeting arrangements for public involvement activities including the launching of the T-2040 MTP Update web site.

March 30, 2012

- Ø The consultant and MPO staff will present the preferred future year model scenario to the T-2040 Committee, TAC and MPO for review and approval.
- Ø The MPO staff and consultant will complete the draft updates to the following MTP chapters:
 - Chapter 1 – Context and Issues
 - Chapter 2 – Existing Conditions
 - Chapter 4 – Transportation Goals & Objectives
 - Chapter 5 – Land Use and Transportation
 - Chapter 7 – Transit System Plan
 - Chapter 8 – Bicycle System Plan
 - Chapter 11 – Intermodal, Freight, and Other Transportation
 - Chapter 13 – Security Plan

April 30, 2012

- Ø The MPO staff and consultant will complete the draft updates to the following MTP chapters:
 - Chapter 3 – Community Participation
 - Chapter 6 – Roadway System Plan
 - Chapter 9 – Pedestrian Plan

- Chapter 10 - Operation and Management Strategies
- Chapter 12 – Safety Plan
- Chapter 14 – Financial Plan
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- Chapter 16 – Implementation of the Transportation Plan

May 31, 2012

- Ø The consultant and MPO staff will complete the compilation of all public comments received to date and present those comments to the TAC and MPO for review, and report to those groups on how those public comments have been addressed and/or incorporated into the draft MTP update.
- Ø The MPO staff and consultant will prepare a **Public Meeting Draft** of the T-2040 document and post it online for public comment, and make this draft available at locations listed in the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP).
- Ø The MPO will host the first round of public information meetings about the draft T-2040 document and collect public comments at these meetings.

June 29, 2012

- Ø The MPO staff and consultants will collect public comments from the web site, meetings, interviews and other methods used, and then incorporate them into the T-2040 draft as directed by the TAC and MPO.

July 31, 2012

- Ø The MPO staff and consultant will prepare a **Preliminary Public Hearing Draft** of the T-2040 document and post it online for public comment, and make this draft available at locations listed in the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP).

August 31, 2012

- Ø The MPO will host the second (and possibly the last) round of public information meetings about the draft T-2040 document before it is scheduled for MPO approval.

September 28, 2012

- Ø The MPO staff and consultants will collect public comments from the web site, meetings, interviews and other methods used, and then incorporate them into the T-2040 draft as directed by the TAC and MPO.
- Ø The MPO staff and consultant will prepare a **Final Public Hearing Draft** of the T-2040 document and post it online for public comment, and make this draft available at locations listed in the MPO's PPP.

October 31, 2012

- Ø The MPO staff will present the **Final Public Hearing Draft** of the T-2040 document to the TAC and MPO for approval, and upon approval the MPO staff will transmit the T-2040 document to all MPO and TAC members.
- Ø The MPO staff will post the approved new MTP (i.e., the T-2040 document) on the MPO web site to replace the T-2030 Plan.

March 26, 2013

This is the deadline for the MPO to approve a new MTP to replace the Transportation 2030 - Lawrence/Douglas County – Long Range Transportation Plan. If a new MTP is not approved by the MPO before this date then the MPO will be out of compliance with federal MPO planning regulations and that will prevent the MPO from making changes to its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) including the addition of federal money awarded to our region.

Note: All of these dates are subject to change.

AmeriCorps VISTA In Numbers
Douglas County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
Douglas County Courthouse
1100 Massachusetts, Lawrence, KS 66044

Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) members are available to serve:

- 365 days a year
- 52 work weeks
- 2,080 hours of valuable service

Volunteer Value:

- One volunteer hour is valued at \$21.36, per www.independentsector.org
- 2,080 hours multiplied by \$21.36 per hour is \$44,428 per year of service value going into Douglas County
 - In exchange, VISTAs receive a living stipend of approximately \$10K

Impact on Douglas County:

- Currently there are 8 AmeriCorps VISTAs serving
- 8 VISTAs = \$355, 424 worth of resources applied toward capacity building, sustainability and raising funds
- VISTAs also spend their living stipend in the community that they serve