



Long Range Transportation Plan Subcommittee Meeting

Mid-America Regional Council

8:30 – 9:15 AM

October 21st, 2008

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Transportation Outlook 2040- Progress Briefing
 - a. Update on schedule and timeline
 - b. Review of modal committee engagements- preliminary findings
 - c. Review of public meeting outcomes
 - d. Data sharing
 - Financial reports and summaries
 - Traffic Modeling
 - Other
3. Discuss project coordination with related efforts (T-Link, 5-County Study, etc)
4. Update on population and employment forecasts
5. Next Meeting Date & Time

SUMMARY

Long-Range Transportation Plan Sub-Committee

10/21/08

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting participants introduced themselves after Marge Vogt called the meeting to order.

Meeting participants included Ron Norris, John Rod, Ron Achelpohl, Steve Lebofsky, Mac Andrews, Ron McLinden, Linda Clark, Ed Ford, Lisa Pool, Karen Clawson, Tom Gerend, Dick Jarrold, Alison Smith, Alice Amrein, Lee Ann Kell, Frank Lenk, John Cooper, and Bob Steinkamp.

2. Transportation Outlook 2040 – Progress Briefing

Tom Gerend provided a *Transportation Outlook 2040* progress briefing:

- We are in the middle of the 1st phase, which includes public conversations and meetings with MARC committees.
- Things will slow down for the remainder of the fall.

Tom walked the committee through a PowerPoint presentation:

- Regarding the committee discussions, we have been hearing key issues and consistency across committees.
- Air Quality Forum:
 - Key issues: climate change, public health, integration of land use with transportation, technology, funding, more than ground-level ozone.
 - Strategies: Federal regulations, regulatory strategies, transportation demand management, economic benefits of habitat management, environmental justice, Clean Air Action Plan.
 - Measures: vehicle miles travelled, green jobs, and other traditional air quality measures.
- Highway Committee:
 - Demand management, congestion reduction, system preservation, multi-modal options, access management, safety, and land use integration
 - Strategies: Public education, technology, ITS applications, alternative work schedules, transportation and land use (reduce distance between work and home).
 - Measures: traditional happiness, mode split – service coverage, funding totals and distribution
- Transit Committee: Funding, environment, impact of land use decisions on transit, fixed routes, and para-transit.
- Regarding the public engagements, five events are scheduled and 3 have occurred so far:

- In the public engagements, we are identifying the issues, challenges, and values.
- We start with warm up questions and then go into break-out sessions
- What we're hearing: grow in a sustainable/equitable way, density/infill/redevelopment, consume less undeveloped land, energy consumption/climate change, funding, water run-off, opportunity to live close to jobs and daily needs, collective mentality about how we grow, etc...
- An on-line survey is being developed – Should be ready by the next meeting.
- We are looking at having a speaker's bureau and piggy backing on other meetings (neighborhood organizations, local governments, etc...).
- We're going to talk with the Northland Chamber this week.
- The standard public meeting format is not enough to get ample feedback – Need multi-faceted approach.
- It was noted that we are collecting demographic information about participants and will supplement the engagements where needed to fill in holes.
- The number of participants that have been attending these meetings was discussed – about 10 at first few and about 25 at the 3rd meeting.
- Ron Norris has issues with the public engagements because the locations are clustered – He doesn't think these are good ways to get feedback b/c the groups are self-selective. This is a narrow geography – He would heavily discount this data from a regional standpoint. We should meet with governing bodies and chambers.
- Tom G. said that, ultimately, the decisions will be made at a committee level.
- Ron Norris said that we need to be more deliberative in our engagement approach.
- Linda Clark asked if we were hosting an LRTP blog. MARC staff said yes.
- Tom G. said that we are not discussing specific projects right now.
- Ron Norris said that the time is right to get information from policymakers – It's a transition time.
- Marge Vogt said that we can glean information from multiple processes currently underway.
- Tom G. said that we will be generating a list of folks that we're engaging more specifically.
- We will be looking at engaging specific neighborhoods and churches.
- Ron Norris said that we should open up the list to suggestions – He's not disagreeing with the public comments.
- Marge said to let Tom G. know which groups they would like to see engaged.
- Marge Vogt asked if we're getting feedback r.e. what folks are willing to personally invest in. This is going to be a real problem.
- Tom G. said that the MO transportation planning process has been informative – We will look to that information for this process.

3. Discuss Project Coordination with Related Efforts (T-LINK, 5-County Study, etc...)

Process coordination with KDOT's work was mentioned – Don't want to be redundant – There is strong agreement to work jointly:

- For the KDOT 5-county study, MARC and KDOT are sharing data – The 5-county study is currently in Phase 1, which comprises project identification.
- Also need to look at how our process ties in with T-LINK.
- We are working on data and policy coordination.

4. Update on Population and Employment Forecasts

Frank Lenk briefly discusses land use forecasting:

- Looking at current (2 million people) and future land use (5 million people).
- Only will have 1/10 of this growth – Which portions will actually develop?
- Will be looking at different scenarios with Paint the Town.
- Walkable, transit-friendly nodal structure – 2 major kinds of nodes.
- Which areas will continue to decline?
- Marge Vogt asked Frank to bring this information back before the group to continue the conversation.
- It was asked if Frank is looking at social justice issues and dispersion of employment centers.
- Frank said if we were to redevelop the core, it would likely be successful.
- Frank said they are looking at proximity to transit stations – Also looking at sewer availability (likelihood) – Sewers in KCMO are not in the model.
- Can boost probability of development in any area.
- Tom G. said that baseline and alternative forecasts can be used with performance measurements – Will tie in with adopted forecast (impacts with transportation system).

5. Next Meeting Date & Time

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m.