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**Technical Advisory Committee  
 Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 1:00 pm**

**Via Zoom**

Voting Members Present		
	Corey Trumpp	Geary Co. Public Works
x	Ray Ibarra (Vice-Chair)	Junction City Public Works
	Troy Livingston	Junction City/Geary County Zoning
x	Stephan Metzger	Pottawatomie Co. Public Works
	Casey Frisbie	Wamego Public Works
x	Gregg Webster	Pottawatomie County Zoning
	Ken Stein	Wamego Zoning
	Amanda Smeller	Riley County Planning
x	Brian Johnson (Alt)	Manhattan Public Works
	John Ellerman	Riley County Public Works
x	John Adam	Manhattan Community Development
x	Cory Davis (Alt)	Kansas Dept. of Transportation
x	Anne Smith	Flint Hills aTa Bus
	Jeff Barnes	K-State Transportation Services

Non-Voting Members Present		
x	Cecelie Cochran	Federal Highway Admin.
	Kelley Paskow	Fort Riley
	Eva Steinman	Federal Transit Admin.
	Angela Schnee	City of Ogden
	Vacant	City of Grandview Plaza
	Ben Wheeler	City of St. George

Staff Present	
x	Stephanie Peterson
x	Jared Tremblay

Allen Dinkel	City of Junction City

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

- Ray Ibarra, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm

**2. Public Comment Opportunity**

- There were no public comments.

**3. Staff Updates**

- Stephanie Peterson provided an overview of the five letters of support the MPO is providing for the upcoming Transportation Alternatives grant. All MPO letters of support have been written and distributed to the local jurisdictions.
- Stephanie Peterson informed TAC of her resignation, with her last day being May 5<sup>th</sup>. She stated the Policy Board will be meeting later in the week to decide next steps in the hiring process.

**4. KDOT Update**

- Cory Davis stated that KDOT will be hosting a series of information sessions on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) next week around the state, including an online version on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**5. ACTION ITEM – Approval of the January 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- With no quorum this item was tabled to a future meeting.

**6. ACTION ITEM – Recommend adoption of Amendment #2 to Connect 2040**

- Stephanie Peterson shared the two public comments received and asked for TAC's input on how potentially offensive language in one of the comments should be addressed.
- John Adam stated he found the language in the third paragraph in the comment submitted by Ben deplorable and this should be documented in the minutes. Stephan Metzger and Ray Ibarra expressed their agreement with John's sentiments.
- Cecelie Cochran recommended a disclaimer at the top of the page stating the language was not endorsed by the MPO or reflects the views or opinions of the MPO.
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- Anne Smith moved to approve the Amendment and to include a note in the minutes that "The members of TAC find the last sentence of the third paragraph of Ben's public comment to be deplorable". John Adam seconded. All voting members present were in agreement with the motion. . There were not enough members present to formally take action on this item.

**7. ACTION ITEM – Recommend approval of Amendment #2 to the Transportation Improvement Program**

- Stephanie Peterson highlighted the summary of changes.
- Ray Ibarra requested an update to the cost for the 7<sup>th</sup> St. Bicycle Boulevard. Stephanie Peterson will reach out to KDOT for updated project information.
- Stephen Metzger moved to approve the Amendment. John Adam seconded. All voting members present were in agreement with the motion. There were not enough members present to formally take action on this item.

**8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Chairperson at 1:28 pm