



BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 1, 2022

Location and Time: Benton Community Building, 150 S. Main, Benton, KS 67017, 11:30AM

I. Call to Order

President Kelly Herzet, Butler County Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

Members in attendance:

Kelly Herzet, Butler County, President	Scott Koopman, KDOT
Mike Janzen, USD 375, Vice President	Don Snyder, KDOT
David Dillner, El Dorado, Treasurer	Mayor Ashley Velazquez, Kechi
Mayor Jim Benage, Bel Aire	Kamme Sroufe, Kechi
Ty Lasher, Bel Aire	Thomas Bevan, Kechi
Chief Darrell Atterbury, Bel Aire	Glenn Scott, KTA
Chief Braden Moore, Benton	Mayor John Lehnerr, Park City
Lois Young, Benton	Sean Fox, Park City
Will Johnson, Butler County	Kristen Zimmerman, PEC
Darryl Lutz, Butler County	Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County
Scott Rickard, El Dorado	Jim Weber, Sedgwick County
Dave Alfaro, Butler County EDO	Marc Howell, SCKEDD
Sandi Willis, Community Nat'l Bank	Paul Erickson, Towanda
Loren Jack, Hogoboom Trucking	Brett Letkowski, TranSystems
Mike Moriarty, KDOT	John Prather
Brent Terstriep, KDOT	Dee Roths
Tom Hein, KDOT	Laura Rainwater
David Seitz, KDOT	

II. Approval of February 4, 2022, K-254 Corridor Development Association Meeting Minutes

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Jim Benage motioned to approve the February 4, 2022, K-254 Meeting Minutes. Dee Roths seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Treasurer’s Report: David Dillner, Treasurer, K254 CDA
Dillner provided the following overview of the receipts and expenditures of the K254CDA:

BEGINNING BALANCE (February 1, 2022)			\$22,055.43
<u>INCOME (Deposits)</u>			
<u>Date</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02/01/22		Deposit	\$1,050.00
02/07/22		Deposit	\$ 500.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$1,550.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02/16/22	1011	Workforce Alliance	\$4,674.60
02/16/22	1012	Workforce Alliance	\$ 178.98
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$4,853.58
ENDING CASH BALANCE (March 31, 2022)			\$18,751.85
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS:			
03/17/22		Deposit	\$ 500.00
OUTSTANDING CHECKS:			
03/15/22	1013	Workforce Alliance	\$ 98.04
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE			\$19,153.81

ACTION TAKEN: Dee Roths motioned to approve the April 1, 2022 Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Ashley Velazquez seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. KTA Exit 71 Study Update: Brett Letkowski, Senior Vice President, TranSystems, and Glen Scott, Engineering Program Manager, Kansas Turnpike Authority

- Scope of Services
 - Data Collection
 - Traffic Counts – Evaluate Overall Impacts
 - Property Boundaries
 - Transportation – including freight
 - Utilities
 - Drainage
 - Review FEMA Flood Insurance Study
 - Delineated Drainage Basins
 - Identify Anticipated Permitting

- Utility & Property Research
 - Review Record Utility Mapping
 - Outline Potential Utility Relocation Needs
 - Approximate ROW Needs
 - Research Pipeline Leases & Surface Rights
- Environmental Scan
 - Identify Impacts from Pipelines and Oil Wells
 - NEPA Review
- Traffic Forecasting
 - West Industrial Park
 - Other known/anticipated development information
 - Historical traffic growth patterns
 - Develop microsimulation model (Vissim) for project area
 - Existing conditions
 - Future scenarios
- Concept Development
 - Local/Industrial Park Access vs. Regional Access
 - Alternatives to prioritize/balance these needs
 - Short/Long Term Concepts – build now vs. phased
 - Tolling Concepts/Infrastructure
 - Bridges/Structures
 - Maintenance of Traffic
 - Environmental Scan
 - Right of way Impacts
 - Construction Costs
 - Utility Impacts
- Stakeholder Engagement: July through September
- Schedule
 - Notice to Proceed: February 1, 2022
 - Survey/Data Collection
 - Concept Development/Analysis
 - Draft Report: July 2022
 - Concept Review Meetings/Stakeholder meetings: July-Sept 2022
 - Final Report: November 2022

V. KDOT Corridor Management Plan: Mike Moriarty, Chief of Transportation Planning, Kansas Department of Transportation, and Brent Terstriep, District Five Engineer, Kansas Department of Transportation

- Local support and funding commitment from seven city and two county governments was key to approval
- David Seitz will be program manager
- Summary of Key Elements
 - Public and Stakeholder Involvement
 - Community and business interests
 - Existing and Future Land-Use Projections
 - Traffic and Mobility Analysis
 - Travel patterns
 - Freight impact
 - Multimodal elements
 - Safety Analysis
 - Consider crash history and safety risk factors
 - Link desired safety outcomes to project selection
 - Corridor Visioning and Improvement Recommendations
 - Immediate + mid-term + ultimate
 - Implementation Strategies
 - Consultant-led planning process
- Proposed Study Area
 - Eastern limits of the North Junction project - ½ mile east of Hydraulic
 - Western limits of KTA/KDOT/City study in El Dorado - West ramps of K-196 interchange
 - Approximately 22-mile corridor study area
 - Highway + local roadway network - Within 1 mile of K-254
- Key Points to Consider
 - KDOT will manage consultant contract – Multi-jurisdictional and lengthy corridor
 - Project will be led by committee - Typically, governmental entities along the corridor (K254 CDA)
- Consultant Procurement Process
 - Issue Request for Proposals (RFP) in early May
 - 7-week process to advertise and select
 - KDOT will circulate RFP beforehand for review by K-254 CDA
 - Local partners will help select consultant
 - Targeting kickoff in late summer
 - Anticipated cost: \$750K+

- Planning Process
 - 12-15 month planning process
 - Press release next week!
- Group Discussion and Comments
 - Is WAMPO involved? (Yes)
 - K-254 CDA started because of safety concerns along the corridor
 - Long-term goal: Freeway with frontage roads
 - Planning area originally to Shumway – now to K-296
 - Six communities directly on corridor
 - Safety – more freight carriers
 - Amazon facility
 - Fuel/petro-chemical trucks
 - Ag-related trucks
 - K-254 cuts through school areas
 - Grain trucks use Butler County Road but can't use interstates because of weight restrictions
 - Industrial development in adjacent communities
 - Uptick in truck traffic from Amazon (Park City)
 - Could define future growth of cities and ability to annex
 - Impact on local roads
 - Rail impacts corridor and communities and should be factored in
 - How does selection process work?
 - List of KDOT-approved contractors
 - K-254 CDA will be involved in selection process
 - What can communities do now?
 - Review city's own plan for growth
 - Spend money on study, then what happens?
 - Plan makes funding available
 - Having a plan helps work projects through the KDOT selection process
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): federal grants may be available
 - Non-highway issues on the table too
 - When plan is completed there will be periodic updates – the plan is flexible
 - Impact of Jabara airport on both Webb Road and Greenwich Road – City of Wichita has a master plan for development
 - Other Corridor Studies are on KDOT website: US24 and K-7 are good examples
 - Access control important

- Interlocal agreements help to prioritize funding for improvements
- Current and future economic development is considered
- KDOT hosting BIL meeting: April 14, 9-11AM, Kansas Aviation museum
- Media release will be issued by KDOT later today
- K254 CDA will help guide decisions

VI. Safety Committee Update: Laura Rainwater

- Met February 25, 2022 at Stearman Field to discuss safety program expenditures at El Dorado, Circle and NE Magnet High Schools
- Discussed an inter-active assembly at each school
 - ThinkFast Interactive - developed in 1997 to and educate participants on important information on traffic safety and distracted driving while simultaneously entertaining them in a safe, relaxed and fun environment
 - Costly - \$3,000-3,500 per school
- 100, \$10 gift cards to each school
 - Distributed by high school principal and/or law enforcement/school resource officers
 - Give to students who are buckled up as they are leaving
 - Attach an information card on distracted driving and the importance of buckling up
- Need to include Heights High School
- Chief Braden Moore volunteered to produce an hour-long assembly on distracted driving
- Laura Rainwater will contact building principals

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Jim Benage motioned to authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000 for safety presentations at El Dorado, Circle, NE Magnet and Heights High Schools. Mayor Ashley Velazquez seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 3, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at Kechi City Hall