

Success Reporting

CHAPTER

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The planning process is one that addresses complex issues to balance conflicting interests. The narrative of MOVE 2040 shows the flow of the four phase planning process – “Asking for Directions,” “Mapping the Route,” “Final Approach,” and “Safe landing and Check out.” The essence of performance-based planning is the tracking of the stated outcomes through the implementation of the plan’s prescribed actions (projects and programs). The development of a long range plan is not linear and self-evident. The process includes iterative steps, adjustments to changing conditions, and points of view during the effort, and is intricate in the elements and actions to be balanced. Achievement of stated outcomes is evidenced in the trends of the performance measures, project completions, system characteristics, and general satisfaction with the activities of the transportation modal networks.

During the outreach activities, participants were give a survey to address the questions for the reporting and monitoring phase initiatives. The questions were:

- What do you want to know? Performance measure changes, statistical changes with regard to specific transportation related concepts, or the condition of infrastructure.
- How do you want the progress reported? State of the system report; biannual reports, periodic progress reports tied to project completion, equipment acquisition and service utilization, completion of significant planning studies, a web based dashboard, or some other report.
- How often do you want informational updates?

During the Phase 3 outreach effort the most frequent responses to the questions were:

- The changes in the conditions as measured by the goal statements’ performance measures, general transportation operations statistics, the status of proposed projects and significant changes since the previous report.
- The desired format is an annual report with the format of the information presentation to be around a performance measures-based dashboard and trend analyses.
- The report should be formally presented at a regularly scheduled meeting to the member jurisdictions’ governing bodies, the public at organizational meetings, and the WAMPO website and those of WAMPO’s planning partners.

The Technical Advisory Committee will oversee staff’s development, schedule, interim document development of the Progress Report, and the dashboard post-adoption of MOVE 2040. The TAC will report a draft of the initial progress report by September 2016.

AMENDING THE PLAN

MOVE 2040 was developed based on future projections of population, employment, and land use delineations and settlement patterns. Changes in these areas are likely and must be addressed through periodic updates. Changes in the revenue forecasts and cost assumptions are also an integral part of the plan update process. At the time of the plan development there is significant uncertainty in the level and distribution for federal funds and future commitments by KDOT. If funding projections need to be revised following significant actions by the U.S. Congress or the Kansas legislature, this will be done within three to six months of the actions by these governing bodies and presented to the Transportation Policy Body for action.

Currently the WAMPO region is in attainment for air quality. This status could change during the planning period and adjustments will be made to address the change in compliance. The related change in activities will be handled as urgent changes and will be handled through the Technical Advisory Committee providing recommended actions to the Transportation Policy Body. These requests may be initiated by Transportation Policy Body members, primarily air quality related organizations, or WAMPO staff.

Project sponsors are not “guaranteed” funding identified with projects if they are unable to complete the included project within the time band.

An amendment request may be made by any member of the Transportation Policy Body and the Kansas Turnpike Authority. The Kansas Turnpike Authority is not a member of the TPB but is an independent authority owning and operating a transportation facility in the region. The request will be considered by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that will recommend action to the TPB.

The TAC will use the following guidelines to evaluate amendment requests:

- Funding changes – e.g. grant program application, new funding categories, private sector investment.
- Government mandate.
- Emergency response – sever weather damage, seismic activity related repairs, acts of God.
- Project sponsor unable to provide local match or otherwise meet fiscal constraint requirements.

Each plan amendment for a project, program or planning related study must:

- Demonstrate consistency with the Investment Strategy.
- Have regional significance.
- Include estimated costs – federal share, source of match funds.
- Consistency with MAP-21(or the federal law in place at the time of the proposed amendments).

Public input shall be solicited consistent with the WAMPO Public Participation Plan in effect at the time of the requested amendment. The Technical Advisory Committee shall review the public input and provide a recommendation on final action to the Transportation Policy Body.

Final Thoughts

South Central Kansas is the largest metropolitan area wholly within the state of Kansas. It is home to the nation's aviation capitol, a thriving agri-business community, and the site of one the largest global oil and energy companies. It is projected to continue moderate growth in population and jobs during the planning period. It is forecasted that the current transportation system can accommodate the changes without significant impact on the current levels of reliability and travel times.

MOVE 2040 ventures to show that the region can continue to provide quality transportation through the region's modal networks to the residents, tourists/visitors, businesses, and academic institutions. The plan is a blueprint for strategic transportation investments that will keep the WAMPO region MOVING.

