Advance Plans Committee

Meeting Summary
Thursday, July 7, 2022
Meeting is conducted virtually via GoTo Meetings and in-person in the
MAPC Conference room on the second floor of the Ronald Reagan Building

Attendance

AP Committee Members:	Ann Fox (Chair), Chuck Warren, Rob Hartman, Cindy Miles, Bob Dool, Joe Johnson, and John McKay;
Members Absent:	None
MAPD staff:	Scott Wadle, Mary M. Hunt, Stephen Banks, ThaiBinh Ninh, Tia Raamot, and Natalie Walls;
Other:	Lynn Packer, P.E., Paul Cavanaugh, Alyson Fletcher

Discussion Summary

1. The meeting commenced at 10:31 am with Chair Ann Fox welcoming all attendees. Commissioner Joe Johnson asked for a moment of silence to remember Mr. Billy Williams, husband of former Council Member LaVonta Williams, who passed away recently.

2. The June 2, 2022 meeting summary was approved with corrections 6 votes to zero with one abstention.

3. Mr. Lynn Packer, P.E., Assistant Director of Sedgwick County Public Works and Mr. Paul Cavanaugh, Project Services Manager for Sedgwick County presented the Capital Investments Program (CIP) for 2023 through 2027. Upon approval the five-year Program will go forward to the full Planning Commission in late July.

   The purpose today is to provide information on the CIP, justify that the Program meets the goals of the Comprehensive Plan (Community Investments Plan) and obtain a determination that the County CIP conforms to the Comprehensive Plan.

   Mr. Paul Cavanaugh presented information on the Facilities portion of the Plan. Facility projects are divided into Priority 1 through 4, with 1 being the highest priority. Priority 1 projects include a flood control maintenance project and a DNA laboratory expansion, among others. The total for category 1 is $20.3 million. Category 2 projects are not as urgent as the first category; they include the Historic Courthouse data center and construction of an EMS garage facility. This group of projects total $8.5 million over the five-year CIP period. Category 3 is yet a lower priority or sense of urgency. These projects total $5.2 million. Category 4 is a watch list and requires more information and study including the Historic Courthouse stone repair. The total for all funded projects is approximately $34 million over five years.

   Mr. Lynn Packer, P.E. Assistant Director of Public Works for Sedgwick County presented information on the Roads and Bridges portion of the CIP. The County maintains 609 miles of road; 63 bridges; 19.5 miles of bike/ped facilities; 5 miles of sidewalk; 14,542 traffic signs and 32 traffic signals.

Projects are aligned with the Comprehensive Plan by using project categories including Maintenance, Enhancement, Expansion and striving to create Quality of Place.

There are two goals for the County road system: conduct preventive maintenance on roads every six years and replace, or rehabilitate 30,000 square feet of bridge deck each year. There are more projects with less funding; consequently some projects are delayed. There is less sales tax revenue for drainage projects and road replacement. Grant funds from KDOT allowed a bridge project to be moved up by one year. Lynn explained the types of road maintenance they provide totaling more than $57 million.

$28.1 million is devoted to maintaining the bridge system including the Zoo Boulevard bridge over the M.S. Mitchell Floodway.

Enhancing roads totals $9.7 million for projects including the North Junction Interchange and paving that serves the Maize Industrial Park.

The Maple Street bike path is the Quality of Place project totaling $1.65 million.

Total expenditure for the five-year period is $129 million with 67% directed to maintenance; 24% to enhancement; 8% to expansion of the road system, and1.3% for Quality of Life. Lynn explained how these projects are compatible with the Community Investments Program.

Commissioner Joe Johnson moved to take this presentation to the full MAPC. Commissioner Hartman second the motion. The Committee voted 7 to 0 to move this item forward to the full MAPC at their July 21, 2022 meeting for consideration.

4. Tia Raamot, Transportation Planner with the City's Transportation Department introduced Alyson Fletcher of Nelson Nygaard, the consultant who produced the Wichita Downtown Streets Plan – Adoption Process. This part of the plan is the process of finalizing the Plan to enable it to go forward to the Advisory Boards and through the adoption process. Ms. Fletcher pointed out that downtowns go through changes over time and it is once again time for Wichita. Currently, the street system downtown has an oversupply of lanes and the system is not intuitive to an outsider as some areas are unpredictable. Project Downtown, an earlier plan showcased the street hierarchy and key stakeholders were involved in the engagement process. Other features of the earlier plan were presented. Tia Raamot shared that the city is very interested in getting this plan implemented and shared the adoption process between now and mid to late fall. Public comments are being collected through August 15, 2022. There will be continued public input through the remainder of the public engagement process.

5. Scott Wadle, Planning Director provided information on MAPD activity. The latest closing date included a normal level with 7 applications.

   The Short Term Rental information has been sent to other departments for input with a meeting next week with staff to discuss findings.

Nightclub in the City potential zoning changes has been presented to some District Advisory Board meetings and will continue into their July meetings. Thus far all responses have been positive.
Places for People now has a focus on the City providing incentives to encourage builders to use ideas outlined in the Places for People Plan. Discussion will continue in the coming months. The Land Bank continues with their monthly meetings managed through the Housing Department. The Duplex Design topic has been discussed with WABA (Wichita Area Builders Association). Staff plans to bring the topic to the Advance Plans Committee to obtain recommendations after receiving stakeholder comment.

6. The floor was opened to Public Comment; there was none.

7. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.