

Advance Plans Committee

Summary of Meeting

9:00 a.m., November 12, 2015

Attendance

AP Committee Members: David Dennis, Bob Dool, Matt Goolsby, Joe Johnson, Bill Ramsey, John Todd

MAPD staff: Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Jess McNeely, Dale Miller, Scott Wadle

Others: John Dailey, Jim Howell, Cindy Miles, Justin Waggoner, Lonny Wright

Discussion Summary

1. The Advance Plans Committee approved the summary of the July 16, 2015 Committee meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed the recommended changes submitted by the County Commission (November 4, 2015) to the *Community Investments Plan 2015-2035*, adopted by the MAPC on August 20, 2015 and submitted to the City and County for approval. The Committee also reviewed the November 10, 2015 recommendation of the City Council to the MAPC that the Plan stay as originally adopted. The following is a summary of the discussion dialogue and subsequent actions of the Committee on this matter:
 - o Jim Howell requested an opportunity at the commencement of the Committee's deliberations to speak to the recommended Plan changes submitted (3-2 vote) by the County Commission. Howell maintained that these changes are not the position of the Commission as whole, but rather the views of only two Commissioners – Jim Howell and Richard Ranzau. Furthermore, he has not read most of what Ranzau has recommended, and does not necessarily endorse those changes. Howell proceeded to outline reasons why the Committee should endorse his sole recommendation to include on page 29 of the Plan, proposed language that emphasizes:
 1. The importance of retaining the local County one-cent sales tax revenue stream to fund road-related projects and reduce property tax; and
 2. Keeping the distribution of this revenue stream as is.

Howell stressed the importance of retaining the local County one-cent sales tax revenue stream to fund road-related projects and reduce property tax. Howell indicated that if this revenue stream were to be disrupted, current County spending would be reduced – a revenue loss of over \$18 million a year for the County. Howell provided the Committee with several spreadsheets that summarized actual county-wide expenses supported with tax revenues for the year 2014. Howell stated that there is a risk that this thirty-year, local funding source could ultimately be lost if there were a re-distribution approved by Topeka, especially in today's political climate if the matter had to go to the citizens for a local referendum on retaining a redistributed local one-cent sales tax. All five County Commissioners are concerned about a possible redistribution of the County's one-cent sales tax. Commissioner Howell indicated that he wasn't confident that the County Commission would approve the Plan without the entirety of the wording that he has proposed.

In response, several Committee members expressed the view that the Wichita City Council would not support an amended Plan containing the entirety of the wording as recommended by Commissioner Howell. The Committee is torn between the

differing wishes of the two governing bodies. The Committee understands the importance of retaining the local one-cent sales tax. However, the Plan is a high-level, policy planning document that was never intended to get into such details related to recommended revenue sourcing, including whether or not property taxes should be raised/lowered, or whether the City should pass a new sales tax to fund certain City expenditures.

The following are the actions of the Advance Plans Committee on the individual recommended Plan changes received from the County Commissioners:

- **Plan page 3** - Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Goolsby, to not include Commissioner Ranzau's rewrite of 'Why This Plan'. *Motion carried 5-1*
- **Plan page 17** - Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Johnson, related to Commissioner Ranzau's rewrite of the 'Introduction', to add to the end of the first sentence the following words '*while protecting individual property rights.*'
Motion carried 6-0
- **Plan page 29** - Motion made by Todd to include Commissioner Howell's recommended Plan change. Motion failed to lack of a second.
- **Plan page 29** - Motion made by Dennis, seconded by Goolsby, to include the following portions of Commissioner Howell's recommended Plan change in the form of a new Funding and Financing Strategy C:
'C. *In 1985, Sedgwick County voters approved a countywide one-cent sales tax to help maintain or construct road projects as well as reduce property tax. The one-cent sales tax revenue distribution formula is determined by statute and is based on local jurisdiction property tax mill levy rates as well as population. It is imperative that this revenue stream remain.*' *Motion carried 5-1*
- **Plan page 30** - Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Dennis, to not include Commissioner Ranzau's rewrite of the third paragraph in Plan Element-Transportation, but instead add the following new sentence at the end of the existing paragraph, '*Opportunities for alternate, innovative solutions must be pursued.*'
Motion carried 6-0
- **Plan page 30** - Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Todd, to reverse the listing of Wichita transportation investment priorities so that it reads from highest to lowest priority.
Motion carried 6-0
- **Plan page 30** - Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Todd, to modify Commissioner Ranzau's comments regarding Wichita's transportation priorities by reframing them in terms of Sedgwick County's transportation priorities in a new paragraph to read as follows;
'*For Sedgwick County, the level of investment priority over the next 20 years varies across the major transportation infrastructure categories as follows:*
Very high priority – local streets and bridges
Medium-high priority – freeway enhancements
Medium priority – new bypasses
Low priority – public transit'
Motion carried 6-0

- **Plan page 30** - Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Todd, to not include Commissioner Ranzau’s rewrite of Strategy C under Transportation Goal 1.
Motion carried 5-1
- **Plan page 31** - Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Ramsey, to not include Commissioner Ranzau’s rewrite of Transportation Goal 2.
Motion carried 4-2
- **Plan page 31** - Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Ramsey, to not include Commissioner Ranzau’s recommended deletion of Strategy A under Transportation Goal 2.
Motion carried 5-1
- **Plan page 31** - Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Todd, to delete the work ‘public’ in Strategy B under Transportation Goal 2.
Motion carried 6-0
- **Plan page 31** – Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Ramsey, to not include Commissioner Ranzau’s recommended deletion of Strategy C under Transportation Goal 2.
Motion carried 5-1
- **Plan page 33** - Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Ramsey, to reposition the word ‘premier’ to follow the word ‘accessible’ rather than have it precede the word ‘arts’ in the Arts, Culture and Recreation Goal 1 statement.
Motion carried 6-0
- **Plan page 33** - Motion made by Goolsby, seconded by Ramsey, to not include Commissioner Ranzau’s recommended deletion of Strategy B under Arts, Culture and Recreation Goal 1.
Motion carried 6-0
- **Plan page 33** - Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Goolsby, to not include Commissioner Ranzau’s recommended deletion of Strategy F under Arts, Culture and Recreation Goal 1.
Motion carried 6-0
- **Plan page 33** - Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Ramsey, to concur with Commissioner Ranzau’s recommendation and delete the words “Establish a task force to” from the Strategy G statement under Arts, Culture and Recreation Goal 1.
Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation of the Committee to the MAPC:

The Advance Plans recommend that the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission return to the governing bodies the Community Investments Plan 2015-2035 adopted by the MAPC on August 20, 2015 with the following text amendments listed below:

Plan page 17. Add the following additional text (identified below with italics) to the first sentence of the introductory paragraph located in the left-hand column of the page:

The purpose of the Future Land Use Policies is to encourage orderly growth that meets future market demand while considering impacts to taxpayers, developer, the environment, and the community as a whole *while protecting individual property rights*.

(6-0)

Plan page 29. Add the following new Funding and Financing Strategy C statement (identified below with italics) under Goal 2 – Maintain a responsible and appropriate taxing level to address our community’s needs.

C. In 1985, Sedgwick County voters approved a countywide one-cent sales tax to help maintain or construct road projects as well as reduce property tax. The one-cent sales tax revenue distribution formula is determined by statute and is based on local jurisdiction property tax mill levy rates as well as population. It is imperative that this revenue stream remain.

(5-1)

Plan page 30. Add the following new sentence (identified below with italics) at the end of the last sentence of the second paragraph located in the right-hand column of the page:

Opportunities for alternate, innovative solutions must be pursued.

(6-0)

Plan page 30. Reverse the listing of transportation investment priorities for Wichita as contained in the third paragraph located in the right-hand column of the page, from highest priority to lowest priority as follows (indicated below with italics):

*Very high priority – local streets and bridges
Medium-high priority – public transit
Low-medium priority – freeway enhancements
Low priority – new bypasses*

(6-0)

Plan page 30. Following the third paragraph located in the right-hand column of the page, add the following new paragraph of text (indicated below with italics) listing the transportation investment priorities for Sedgwick County:

For Sedgwick County, the level of investment priority over the next 20 years varies across the major transportation infrastructure categories as follows:

*Very high priority – local streets and bridges
Medium-high priority – freeway enhancements
Medium priority – new bypasses
Low priority – public transit*

(6-0)

Plan page 31. In Transportation Strategy B statement listed in the left-hand column of the page, delete “public” (indicated below with a strikethrough) from the Strategy wording as follows:

B. Develop and implement a long-term ~~public~~ transit system plan that reflects the needs of our community.

(6-0)

Plan page 33. In the Arts, Culture and Recreation Goal 1 statement listed in the left-hand column of the page, reposition the word “premier” (indicated below with italics) to follow the word “accessible”, rather than precede the word “arts”:

Goal 1 – Improve quality of life and healthy lifestyles for all through an accessible, *premier* system of arts, culture, library, recreation and open space facilities. (6-0)

Plan page 33. In the Arts, Culture and Recreation Strategy G statement listed in the right-hand column of the page, delete the words “Establish a task force to” (indicated below with a strikethrough) from the Strategy statement as follows:

~~G Establish a task force to~~ Identify opportunity areas and regulatory adjustments necessary to support agritourism in the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County. (6-0)

3. The Committee discussed appropriate meeting days and times for future regular meetings of the Advance Plans Committee. The Committee unanimously agreed to meet on the first MAPC meeting day of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. Given today’s meeting, there may or may not be a need to hold a regular meeting of the Advance Plans Committee next month (December 3rd). Staff will send a meeting notification to all if there should be a need to meet.
4. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.