

Meetings

Collaboration and communication with the eight cities, three counties, the Mid-American Regional Council, and the Kansas Turnpike Authority along the K-7 corridor required an input process that considered local needs and regional goals. The study team gathered and provided information to develop the corridor recommendations through:

- Meetings and workshops
- Presentations
- Surveys

Meetings and Workshops

Individual meetings with each community throughout the study process encouraged an on-going open dialogue about community needs and concerns. The committee meetings allowed for the opportunity for communities to share information and learn from each other. The Technical Committee, made up of traffic engineers and planners from each community, provided important information and feedback on local traffic conditions, future growth/anticipated land use, and street network/access issues. The Advisory Council, made up of key decision-makers from each community, provided feedback at the highest levels for the study team on recommendations and policy discussions. The Public Official Briefings provided additional coordination with elected officials and provided educational opportunities on several of the study concepts. Finally, the Public Meetings allowed the study team to present the corridor plan and recommendations to the general public as yet another opportunity for input and feedback.

The long-term needs of K-7 will continue after the conclusion of this study. A foundation for communication between KDOT and the local communities has been established through the intensive efforts made through each meeting held to date and through the written Memorandums of Understanding that formalize a partnership to work on K-7 issues together. This communication and collaboration will hopefully continue through the anticipated K-7 Review Committee that will continue to meet and work toward implementation of the commitments made on the K-7 Corridor Plan.

The meeting matrix shown in the following pages (Figure 3 a and b) identifies the communities engaged, purpose and outcomes for the meetings.

Presentations

In order to provide updates and information to local officials and civic interests throughout the region, presentations were made to various groups, including:

- Mid-America Regional Council Total Transportation Policy Committee
- Leavenworth Area Development Council
- Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce
- Basehor/Tonganoxie Chamber of Commerce
- Olathe City Council
- Shawnee Public Works Committee
- Basehor City Council
- Leavenworth County Commission
- Wyandotte/Leavenworth County State Legislators
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Surveys

Measurement is an important tool to gauge progress, but it is also important to gauge attitudes regarding transportation issues. During the first two Advisory Council meetings the study team provided surveys to gather information about values, preferences and familiarity with transportation planning. These tools helped the study team measure where there was agreement and where more work through education needed to be done. Each survey had four sections:

- Experience with transportation and land use planning
- Attitudes about land use planning and transportation trade-offs
- Beliefs and attitudes regarding the K-7 Corridor today
- Beliefs and attitudes regarding the K-7 Corridor in the future

The results from the surveys provided the study team with information that assisted in the development of a recommendation for the facility type and helped focus discussion on other areas like access management, the local street network and corridor preservation.

Three important observations from the survey results include:

- Regional mobility is more important than local access.
- Preserving land for future transportation use is needed.
- Coordinating with KDOT and other communities will be essential.

More details about specific surveys can be provided upon request.

Meeting Matrix - 2004 Figure 3a

Technical Committee

Who: Public works officials, engineers and city and county staff who have expertise in the areas of land use, traffic, and local streets. They know the ins and outs of implementation in their community.

Purpose: To work through the details of issues, such as land use and traffic, to gather input and help develop support for approaches and methodology.

Advisory Council

Who: Two representatives from each community that are decision makers (mayors, public works directors, city council members, planning directors, etc.) Two representatives from KDOT and a representative from KTA and MARC also participated.

Purpose: To serve as a sounding board throughout the project and work to understand the study process. The Advisory Council was also a forum to discuss interests and concerns about growth, development and transportation as it related to the K-7 corridor.

Public Officials

Who: Local and state elected officials.

Purpose: To provide information for elected officials on project objectives and progress as well as communicate the importance of planning and corridor preservation.

City/County Meeting #1 Introduction
Purpose: To meet individually with all the cities and counties to explain the purpose of the project and gather input on issues and concerns.
Outcome: The communities shared their information related to growth, land use, traffic plans and the importance of K-7 in their community.

Technical Committee Meeting #1
Purpose: Establish methodology for traffic and land use scenario developments, present information gathered and early model development.
Outcome: Initial reaction to growth scenarios and comment on model development.

Public Officials Briefing
Purpose: To provide information on study status, objective and goals. Also communicate the importance of planning ahead and to introduce the concepts of corridor preservation and access management.
Outcome: Public Officials have better understanding about purpose and goals for the study.

Technical Committee Meeting #3
Purpose: Review preliminary traffic demand model.
Outcome: Refinements and development of 'what if scenarios'.

	Community	City/County Meeting #1 Introduction	Advisory Council Meeting #1	Technical Committee Meeting #1	Technical Committee Meeting #2	Public Officials Briefing	Advisory Council Meeting #2	Technical Committee Meeting #3	Advisory Council Meeting/Technical Committee Meeting #3
SECTION 3	City of Leavenworth	April 19, 2004							
	Leavenworth County	April 29, 2004							
	Lansing	April 21, 2004							
Basehor	April 28, 2004								
Unified Government	May 18, 2004								
SECTION 2	Bonner Springs	April 27, 2004							
	Shawnee	May 18, 2004							
	Lenexa	April 30, 2004							
SECTION 1	Johnson County	May 10, 2004							
	Olathe	April 29, 2004							
	Spring Hill	April 15, 2004							
	Miami County								
	KTA	April 21, 2004							
	Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)	TTPC-Presentation March 23, 2004							
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Advisory Council Meeting #1
Purpose: Project Kick-off—review project background, objectives and schedule. Information on land use and traffic was presented. A summary of City/County meetings was provided.
Outcome: Goals, expectations and Advisory Committee role for study established.

Technical Committee Meeting #2
Purpose: Land use information summary to help develop traffic model.
Outcome: Input and feedback on information provided and more refinements to data for the traffic model and build out scenarios.

Advisory Council Meeting #2
Purpose: Project review and status. Right Turns Exercise Part 1—review issues, and constraints in each segment.
Outcome: Update on study and refined information on transportation trade-offs.

Advisory Council/Technical Committee Meeting #3
Purpose: Present preliminary draft facility type recommendation.
Outcome: Gather input/feedback and thoughts on draft recommendation.

Meeting Matrix - 2005 -2006 Figure 3b

Technical Committee

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City/County Meeting Round 2
Purpose: Opportunity for individual thoughts on draft facility type recommendation.
Outcome: Provide more detail to communities and answer questions.

Advisory Council Meeting/Public Officials Briefing #4
Purpose: Present refinements to draft facility type recommendations and local street network.
Outcome: Review of draft recommendations and information to be presented at Public Meeting.

Phased Implementation Workshop
Purpose: Begin discussion of access management and corridor preservation in a general workshop format with break out sessions.
Outcome: Further reinforce and introduce the access management approach and to the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) process.

Individual Meetings for MOUs Round 2
Purpose: Continued discussion and refinement of MOUs.
Outcome: Some meetings with communities or presentations to governing bodies on MOUs.

Advisory Council Meeting/Public Officials Briefing #5
Purpose: Summarize project and celebrate MOU agreements.
Outcome: Signed MOUs and commitment to the K-7 Corridor Plan.

	Community	City/County Meeting Round 2	City/County Meeting Round 3-Street Network Meetings	Advisory Council Meeting/Public Officials Briefing #4	Public Meeting #1	Phased Implementation Workshop	MOU Meetings Round 1	MOU Meetings/Presentations Round 2	Public Meeting #2	Advisory Council Meeting/ Public Officials Briefing	
SECTION 3	City of Leavenworth	January 26, 2005	July 13, 2005	August 28, 2005	September 13, 2005	September 14, 2005	October 7, 2005	February 23, 2006	March 28, 2006	April 13, 2006	
	Leavenworth County	June 9, 2005					November 10, 2005				
	Lansing	April 27, 2005					October 12, 2005				
	Basehor	May 16, 2005					July 25, 2005				October 20, 2005
	Unified Government	May 2, 2005					July 28, 2005				October 13, 2005
SECTION 2	Bonner Springs	June 20, 2005	July 22, 2005				November 15, 2005				
	Shawnee	May 16, 2005	July 13, 2005				October 13, 2005				
	Lenexa	No Meeting Scheduled	July 19, 2005				October 20, 2005				
	Johnson County	May 2, 2005	No Meeting Scheduled				October 19, 2005				
	Olathe	March 23, 2005	July 18, 2005				October 14, 2005				
SECTION 1	Spring Hill	January 30, 2005	July 14, 2005	October 12, 2005	December 15, 2005						
	Miami County			October 17, 2005							
	KTA	No Meeting Scheduled	July 14, 2005	No Meeting Scheduled							
	Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)	January 17, 2005	May 25, 2005								
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City/County Meeting Round 3 - Street Network Meetings
Purpose: Information on the local street network, so that it can support the facility type recommendation and help alleviate traffic concerns on K-7.
Outcome: Information to develop or refine local street network system.

Public Meeting #1
Purpose: To present draft corridor recommendation and facility type for Public Review.
Outcome: Nearly 100 people from all along the corridor attended and provided 19 comments.

Access Meetings - MOU Meetings
Purpose: Individual opportunity to discuss particulars of MOUs.
Outcome: Understand MOUs and gather initial feed back.

Public Meeting #2
Purpose: Present final report and corridor plan for general public.
Outcome: Opportunity for review and comment.