



US-56 Workshop #2 – Meeting Summary September 16, 2009 Nike Elementary School

The second US-56 Corridor Workshop was held on September 16, 2009, at the Nike Elementary School located at 19500 S. Gardner Road, Gardner, Kansas. Workshop attendees were comprised of representatives from the US-56 Stakeholder groups, Advisory Committee, Partners group, and the Corridor community, including several interested residents along the corridor. There were 41 people in attendance, including 16 members of the planning team and Partners group.

David Gurs with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) opened the meeting by briefly discussing the goals and outcomes of the Corridor Management Plan. The study team then gave a presentation outlining the planning process, corridor character, and access management principles for US-56. A copy of the presentation is available to view on the project website. There were no general questions following the presentation.

Three stations were set up for the stakeholders to view and ask questions or give feedback. Station #1 was related to “Land Use Scenarios”, hosted by Ms. Briscoe and Blair Sells with Patti Banks Associates. Station #2 captured “Corridor Character” hosted by Mr. Kenneally, and Station #3 discussed “Access Management” hosted by Mr. McKerrow. Stakeholders were given the option to fill out comment cards with their input, or they could ask questions and comment at each station. A summary of the conversations from each station are presented below; exhibits from each station are available to view on the project website.

Station #1: Land Use Scenarios

Low-Growth, High-Growth and Consensus Land Use Scenarios were presented at this station. These scenarios were based on a 20-year planning horizon and took into account future market demand, environmentally sensitive areas, adopted land use plans throughout the corridor, and various infrastructure constraints. The Consensus Scenario was a combination of the Low-Growth and High-Growth Scenarios, reflecting input from the Advisory Committee and Partners. It applied the Low-Growth Scenario for Baldwin City and Gardner, and the High-Growth Scenario for Edgerton.

Based on widespread support of the Consensus Scenario from representatives of Gardner, Edgerton and Baldwin City, the study team will proceed with the Consensus Scenario as shown. Several locations were discussed where development may occur beyond 2030, but would not impact the Consensus Scenario.

Station #2: Corridor Character

The second station took a look at the four different character zones that occur along US-56 (Rural/Agricultural, Suburban, Town Center, and Industrial) and discussed possible areas where the existing character may change due to future development and roadway changes. A general consensus was reached on the corridor characteristics, with no specific comments made in objection.



Station #3: Access Management

At the third station, stakeholders were able to give input regarding access management policies that would allow for a proactive implementation approach to be taken throughout the corridor. Additional discussion was framed around funding opportunities and constraints. At this station, information was also provided on existing driveways, traffic volumes and crash history along US-56.

Finally, a third Workshop will be held this winter (date to be announced) as the study team approaches Phase 3: “Formulate a Fit” to develop a preferred alternative and appropriate implementation tools. Once again, all Stakeholders, Advisory Committee members and Partners will be invited to attend this workshop. To ask additional questions or provide further comments, please visit the “Contact Us” page of the project website at <http://www.us56corridorplan.org/contactus.asp>.

This summary was authored by Blair Sells and reviewed by Lisa Briscoe.

If any omissions, additions, corrections or clarifications are thought necessary by any of the participants, then comments should be sent to Patti Banks Associates by **October 6, 2009**.

If no comments are received, then these minutes will be considered as the FINAL minutes and attendees will be notified by e-mail.