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MTPO Futures 2040 Topeka Regional Transportation Plan

4 Public Neighborhood Meetings Announced

(Topeka, KS) - The Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization (MTPO), along with the consulting team of RDG Planning & Design, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff and Venice Communications, Inc., is developing Futures 2040, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Topeka metro. Futures 2040 will guide major transportation decisions for the Topeka region in the coming years, including local, state and federal transportation projects. It does so holistically, and looks at all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit, cars and trucking.

In order to determine localized priorities across the region, the MTPO is holding **Public Neighborhood Meetings** in four separate geographic focus areas during November. The meetings will highlight transportation projects already funded in that area and provide an opportunity for the public to identify other projects/issues. The project team would like to invite the public to join them to share their input. It is imperative that the Futures 2040 plan reflect the desires of the people who live, work, shop and play in the metropolitan Topeka region. Funding for future State, County, City and Transit projects ultimately start with this plan. Here is the schedule:

Central & South – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th

North – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, Garfield Community Center, 1600 NE Quincy

Southeast – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, Highland Park High School, 2424 SE California

Southwest – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, Washburn Tech, 5726 SW Huntoon

To find out when and where you can participate, see the map for each focus area here

<https://www.topeka.org/planning/Documents/MTPO/F2040NeighbodMeetingsMap.pdf> . If you cannot attend the meeting in your area, please feel free to join us at another meeting. For more information about Futures 2040 visit www.topekampo.org or call (785) 368-3728.

There are two primary purposes for developing Futures2040 for the metropolitan Topeka region. The first is to plan for and provide a balanced transportation network that accommodates all modes of transportation. The second is to consider how transportation impacts land use, social justice, economic development, urban design and the environment.

The MTPO is the federally designated transportation planning body for the Topeka region comprised of four partners – City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority, Kansas Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration. The regional transportation plan is required to be updated every 5 years to be eligible for continued federal/state transportation funds. MTPO staff support is provided by the City of Topeka Planning Department. XXXX