



**AGENDA
MANHATTAN
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION IN LIEU OF
JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
1101 POYNTZ AVENUE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009
4:00 P.M.**

- 1. Regional Planning Organization (RPO) Update with Consultants**

The Work Session will be **NOT be televised live on local Cable Channel 3.**



This meeting is being held in the City Commission Room at the City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue. In accordance with provisions of the ADA, every attempt will be made to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities. Please contact the Human Resources Department (587-2440) for assistance.

RPO PROJECT

Launching a Regional Planning Organization

RPO PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.

**Joint Session: Riley County/Manhattan/Small Cities
Riley County Commission Meeting Chambers**

115 N. 4th Street, Manhattan (Access off of 4th Street)

Light Refreshments Served, Please RSVP

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Meeting Topics

The following topics will be presented at the Regional Planning Organization Joint Session:

1. Where--What--How:

- Where the Regional Planning Organization (RPO) Project came from,
- What the RPO is today, and
- How we got here.

2. What's Next:

- What the RPO Project will create when it's launched this fall,
- What the RPO can do for the cities and counties and the general public of our 3-county and 7-county region, and
- What will be expected of the RPO participants.

3. Dialogue/Questions/Answers and Next Steps



The 3-county region has a rich history of intergovernmental and regional cooperation, including regional planning processes, such as the Flint Hills Regional Growth Plan. The RPO Plan approach is to build on this history and to engage other multi-jurisdictional and regional efforts in the design of the RPO.

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Please visit the RPO Project website at www.rpoproject.com or e-mail the project team at info@rpoproject.com for more information.

The website includes an overview of the planning process, meeting agendas and summaries, and access to news releases and other documents.

The RPO Project is a planning process to launch a new "Regional Planning Organization" (RPO) for the Riley County-Geary County-Pottawatomie County region.

The City of Manhattan, City of Junction City and City of Wamego (the county-seat cities) are also participants in the 3-county initiative. Joining the three cities and counties are representatives from Fort Riley, Kansas State University and the Chambers of Commerce from the 3-county region.

The multi-city/county/institutional initiative started this spring with monthly meetings of the RPO steering committee and public outreach efforts.

The RPO study will conclude by the end of 2009 with a "launch" of the new organization to closely follow.