

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

February 8, 2023
Meeting Summary

Attendees

AJ Farris, KCATA	John Neuberger, Sierra Club (Co-Chair)
Allison Smith, KDOT	Juan Yin, MoDOT
Amy Allison, Leavenworth County	Kelly Wray, Cass County
Athena Huynh, City of Independence	Kristie Reiting, Miami County
Bradley Hocevar, City of Edwardsville	Mario Vasquez, City of KCMO
Brian Nowotny, Jackson County (Co-Chair)	Mark Lee, City of Bonner Springs
Brian Shields, City of Overland Park	Mayra Toothman, City of Smithville
Bryant DeLong, City of North Kansas City	Michael Kelley, BikeWalkKC
DuRon Netsell, MO Community Representative	Mike Driskell, Clay County
Eleanor Matheis, KDOT	Nicole Brown, Johnson County
Grant Purkey, City of Harrisonville	Rodney Riffle, Johnson County
Jean Carder, City of Louisburg	Travis Hoover, City of Riverside
John Davis, Clay County	Wendy Shay, City of Independence
John Findlay, City of Liberty	

MARC Staff

Martin Rivarola
Patrick Trouba
Beth Dawson

Agenda:

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **VOTE: October 26, 2022 meeting summary:** approved
3. **Carbon Reduction Program (Tom Jacobs, MARC)**
 - a. In the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Congress created the Carbon Reduction Program, intended to reduce carbon emissions in transportation.
 - b. The Kansas City region's share of funds is about \$23.5 million over 5 years between Kansas and Missouri
 - c. FY 2022 funds are "in the bank."
 - d. MARC staff convened a task force to determine how to roll out the program.
 - e. Evaluation criteria are still under development
 - f. Call for projects to occur around March 30/April 1. To be out for 45 days.
 - g. Review committee would include representatives of various MARC committees.
 - h. The program's project eligibility suggests a need for a committee from different work areas.
 - i. Proposals complete in May, review in June, reviewed by committees after, finalizing recommendations in September, TIP amendment and TTPC approvals in October, November deadline for KDOT's STIP.

- j. Review criteria: accounting for resilience, transportation focused criteria (like in Planning Sustainable Places)
 - k. Martin Rivarola: we will be repeating this briefing to other committees, will share written material with ATPC when available.
 - l. Question, Brian Nowotny: Can only cities and counties apply? What about non-profits?
Answer: Cities and counties are eligible, non-profits not precluded?
 - m. Allison Smith: will get back about non-profit eligibility.
 - n. Question, Brian Shields: is it possible to have an e-bike rebate program like Denver's?
Answer: we've been in discussions about it, trying to figure it out.
 - o. Allison Smith: e-bike rebate program not an explicitly eligible response, but not prohibited, either. May have to go to FHWA headquarters for clarification.
 - p. Michael Kelley: Do we know if similar conversations/questions on eligibility have begun within MoDOT?
 - q. Marisela Ward: Have started with conversations, nothing to share right now.
- 4. VOTE: Scope changes: UG Levee Trail projects (Sarah Shafer)**
- a. (Changed in the agenda from Paseo Blvd. Bikeways)
 - b. UG Levee Trail, Armordale improvements**
 - i. Previously two trailheads, but due to increasing construction costs, cannot complete both. Asking to revise scope to include only Proctor & Gamble trailhead. Local funding will build other trailhead in line with UG's budgetary process. No change in award requested.
 - ii. UG Levee Trail Central Industrial District UP Underpass Segment – need additional time with the Corps of Engineers. Want to make location change in scope to trail improvements at James St.
 - 1. Allison Smith: Is this a totally different project? Will the UP underpass still be constructed? Answer: the underpass will still be constructed; costs went up 65%. Will be reapplying for underpass project. Allison: UG should get form 1302 to KDOT for both projects.
 - c. Scope changes approved by committee.
- 5. Status of Current Program**
- a. Program balances**
 - i. Patrick Trouba: Kansas and Missouri have large TAP program balances in earlier fiscal years. Unspent balances may start impacting each state and moving projects up is welcome.
 - ii. Marisela Ward, MoDOT: FY 2023 balance: \$13.5 million, \$9 million left over from FY 2022. In past 5 years, would use state appropriation to cover obligation limits, can't do that as much anymore. Could lose money in August Redistribution.
 - iii. Allison Smith, KDOT: Would echo much of what Marisela said. TA balance of \$2.4 million. Two projects haven't obligated yet. Have the same August Redistribution problem. Funds are not very flexible; KDOT would have a hard time spending funds for the MARC region.
 - iv. Patrick Trouba: reiterating last point of letting MARC know if you can move up projects.

- v. (Patrick Trouba: noted discrepancy in project up for scope change. KCMO not ready to bring project in front of committee, but UG was.)

b. Project status reports

- i. Bonner Springs (Mark Lee): 138th St. improvements: plans are going, ROW being acquired.
- ii. Edwardsville (Bradley Hocevar): Towne Center Connector: no updates, hiring a project manager for a related project, hoping to connect the two projects
- iii. Johnson County (Nicole Brown): Comprehensive SRTS: Continuing to implement BLAST and route planning programming; continuing to focus on Title I schools, doing neat community engagement. If any Johnson County cities have schools that are having issues that could use support, let Nicole know.
- iv. Louisburg (Jean Carder): Amity trail might start construction; an assisted living facility provided an easement. Council approved additional expense to move utilities due to the adjustment.
- v. Olathe (Zach Baker): Cedar Creek Trail phase 1 has been completed, is open to the public, phases two and three to be completed.
- vi. Overland Park (Brian Shields): Downtown wayfinding signage project has a consultant doing design. Other three are in the Capital Improvement Program now. Will come back in March to do first draft approval for operating budget.
- vii. UG (Sarah Shafer): SRTS outreach and education component is on track.
- viii. Independence (Wendy Shay): no updates from municipal services department.
- ix. Jackson County (Brian Nowotny): Greenwood Connector Jefferson to Hamblen Rd. – recently received the floodplain development permit from City of Lee’s Summit. Matt Davis working to update the MOA for the Rock Island Corridor. ROW documents are in process for Little Blue Trace/Rock Island Connector, which is a city-county project between Jackson County and Kansas City, MO. Rock Island Greenwood Connector Phase 2 just approved for funding.
- x. KCMO (Mario Vasquez): Bid opening on 152 segment 12, other projects are working through the process.
- xi. KCATA (AJ Farris): no updates
- xii. Platte Woods (Mario Vasquez, KCMO): Route 9 needs to go through environmental renewal; it lapsed, restarting
- xiii. Riverside (Travis Hoover): working on utilities, land acquisition is underway and hope to be out to bid soon.
- xiv. Smithville (Mayra Toothman): Smithville Streetscape Phase III in the process of finishing the ROW acquisition; final plans have been approved by the Board. Commercial Pedestrian Project: in engineering process for next year.

6. Feedback and discussion of the 2022 suballocated funding process

- a. Patrick Trouba: The STP committees have the opportunity to comment on the suballocated funding programming process, wanted ATPC to have the same opportunity to give feedback. Asked the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee to give feedback on the Active Transportation program. They said:
 - i. Sidewalks are important to small communities, but don’t score well.

- ii. Application process is complex, maybe extra challenging for small communities. Amend to fit small communities?
 - iii. Setting funding aside for sidewalks
 - iv. More stringent Complete Streets requirements for project funding
 - v. Create opportunities to purchase sidewalk maintenance sweepers
 - b. Mario Vasquez: Equipment purchases are an interesting ideas, purchasing sweepers for bike lanes would be beneficial. Set aside for sidewalks might not be a bad idea.
 - c. Marisela Ward: Buy America may make equipment purchases difficult.
 - d. Patrick Trouba: more opportunities to buy equipment in STP, rather than TAP.
 - e. Allison Smith: Buy America will apply to any pot of money, haven't heard that waivers are being offered again.
 - f. Mario Vasquez: Projects are being hit by inflation; consider increasing the funding cap again.
 - g. Patrick Trouba: Many projects were funded up to \$900,000; hopefully funding will be more predictable next time.
 - h. Wendy Shay: In favor of looking at additional opportunities for sidewalk projects, particularly for smaller communities.
 - i. Martin Rivarola: First step in application process is to determine project alignment with long-range transportation plan. We've run it this way a couple times now; almost everything was aligned or highly aligned. Seems to be raising the floor of applications. Do others have questions or concerns with the way MARC is running the process?
 - j. Brian Nowotny: changes have been positive, suggest continuing. Do we know when a new call will come out in the future?
 - k. Martin Rivarola: January or February of 2024 is when the preapplication starts, wrapping up by September/October.
 - l. Brian Nowotny: Have time to review process and make changes for the next round.
- 7. Other business – roster updates (Patrick Trouba)**
- a. New ATPC members since October 26 meeting: John Davis (Clay County, Member), Mike Driskell (Clay County, Alternate), Zach Baker (Olathe, Alternate)
 - b. Still need to fill Jackson County alternate, Olathe member, and Community Representative alternate.
 - c. Wendy Shay: Independence had a staff change for the alternate, will let MARC staff know when there is a replacement.

8. Adjournment