

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Summary

January 11, 2023

Members/Alternates & Visitors in Attendance

Andrew Ngui, City of KCMO
Art Gough, Cycling KC
Athena Huynh, City of Independence
Bailey Waters, City of KCMO
Bobby Evans, City of KCMO
Brett McCubbin, City of Shawnee
Brian Anderson, City of Leawood
Brian Geiger, City of Overland Park
Brian Shields, City of Overland Park
Charles Soules, City of Smithville
Christa McGaha, City of Lenexa
David LaRoche, FHWA-KS Division
Drew Pearson, Wilson & Company
Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC
Garrett Kauss, Wilson & Company
Jan Faidley, City of Roeland Park
Jean Carder, Louisburg
Leslie Herring, City of Westwood *
Matt Davis, Jackson County *
Michael Brooks, Jackson County Health Dept.
Michael Kelley, BikeWalkKC

Michael Park, City of Lee's Summit
Mike Scanlon-City of Osawatomie
Mira Felzien, KCATA
Nicole Brown, Johnson County Health and Environment
Patrick Cierpiot, #SaveOurBLVDS
Steve Rhoades, Vireo
Tod Hueser, City of Olathe
*co-chair

MARC Staff in Attendance

Beth Dawson
Eileen Yang
Josh Rubio
Karen Clawson
Kate Ludwig
Lauren Winter
Martin Rivarola
Patrick Trouba
Selina Zapata-Bur
Taylor Cunningham

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Vote: Approve November 2022 Meeting Summary

- i. Brian Shields motions to approve, Bailey Waters seconds

3. Presentation: Osawatomie planning efforts -Mike Scanlon

- i. Osawatomie is mile zero on the Flint Hills trail; city trying to increase pull factor through trail head and tourism to attract people to city to live.
- ii. Found inspiration from other areas and looked at low-cost options for trail infrastructure
- iii. Found partnerships to attract trail users
 - i. Invited Midwest Endurance Race Company for an ultra marathon
- iv. Invited other communities to create a working group
- v. Tried to create a buzz around the trail
- vi. Created trail loops that tie the trailhead to the downtown, historic site, and levee system.
- vii. Involved members of the community to be part of the process
- viii. Michael Kelley asked whether changing tables and other family amenities will be added to the trail restrooms?
 - i. Design leaves room for another portable restroom or conversion into a full-service bathroom
- ix. Michael Kelley asked about resolution process to bring other cities together to create the Association of trail towns?
 - i. Agreements can be made through planning in Kansas to form an interlocal agreement and joint resolution.
- x. Contact Mike Scanlon at mscanlon@osawatomieks.org for slides or additional questions.

4. Discussion: MARC Active Transportation program feedback

- i. MARC would like information about feedback on the program. Some program funding is not eligible for all of the same uses as in the past.
- ii. There are new activities in active transportation, and some anticipated activities.
- iii. MARC wants to ensure that Active Transportation program is serving the region well
- iv. Current activities include:
 - i. Regional Trails & Bikeways Map
 - ii. Bike/ped counter loaning
 - iii. Planning products such as the Complete Streets Network Assessment, Complete Streets Handbook, Regional Bikeway Plan, and Regional Pedestrian Policy Plan
 - iv. Committee and funding activities through BPAC, ATPC, and suballocated federal funding programming
 - v. Seasonal cycling/walking promotional campaigns
 - 1. Bike Month and fall walking campaign
 - vi. Webinars from APBP hosted monthly
- v. Anticipated Activities

- i. Regional bike and pedestrian counting program per the Regional Bikeways Plan
 - ii. Regional Sidewalk Inventory per the Unified Planning Work Program and Regional Pedestrian Policy Plan
- vi. Core competencies and program purposes
 - i. MARC core competencies
 - 1. Data, connections, and funding
 - ii. Stated program purposes
 - 1. Public outreach, monitoring, and planning work
- vii. Proposed plan for 2023
 - i. Introduce new cartography for trails and bikeways data; de-emphasizing signed bikeways and emphasizing trails and protected bikeways
 - 1. Use this in Regional Bikeways Plan Report, Bikeways and trails map
 - ii. Complete Streets Network Assessment
 - 1. Determine other streets to include in network, update segments, street types, and segment length standards
 - 2. Present information to outside groups in summer/fall
 - 3. Update policies using CSNA
 - 4. Brief annual reports
 - iii. Find successful promotional campaigns
 - iv. Counters
 - 1. Continue searching for funds to purchase counters and buy data
 - 2. Integration of city's counts into regional counting program
 - v. Sidewalks data inventory
 - 1. Establish objectives and intended use
 - 2. Start with "clearing house model" and move to standardized model
 - 3. Create original data as needed
- viii. Questions for committee discussion:
 - 1. Which active transportation activities does MARC do well? What activities could be improved?
 - 2. What active transportation support do you look for from MARC?
 - 3. What activities or projects would you like to see MARC start?
 - 4. How can MARC better focus on pedestrian-specific issues?
 - 5. How can MARC better account for land use in active transportation planning?
- ix. Breakout Rooms in Zoom
- x. Discussion of committee discussion:
 - i. Patrick Trouba's breakout group
 - 1. Looking at last mile analysis
 - 2. Streetscape demonstrations
 - 3. Sidewalk connections between neighboring jurisdictions
 - ii. Taylor Cunninghams's breakout group
 - 1. Like response from MARC staff
 - 2. Permanent counters to get regional database
 - 3. Connecting neighboring communities together

4. Focus of pedestrian issues as this is seen more in smaller communities
 5. Look at activity center scoring for smaller communities
 6. Look at awarding funding for missing sidewalk links, repairs and maintenance.
 7. More strict with Complete Streets criteria
- iii. Selina Zapata-Bur's breakout group
1. Tracking progress looking at implementation strategies of CSNA over time
 2. Simplify process for applying for funding and how the process works, especially smaller communities
 3. Collect traffic ticket data for pedestrian tickets as a predictive metric for pedestrian data
 4. Look at fix it stand inventory
 5. Look at opportunities to buy sidewalk sweepers as part of funding applications
- iv. Beth Dawson's breakout group
1. Look at 15 minute city as how that may apply
 2. Opportunity to bring communities together to discuss how to get developers to construct sidewalks
 3. Continue and expand counter program because it helps midsize and smaller communities
 4. Visiting with PSP sponsors to see who is implementing and publishing information
 5. Educating communities about how private ownership effects implementation
 6. Offering proof of concept for implementation projects
- v. Karen Clawson's breakout group
1. Like data from bike counter program and bikeway map
 2. Improve suballocated funding process to invest in best projects; simplify process and ensure best projects are funded
 3. Planning resources from MARC are helpful for smaller communities
 4. Amplify voices to help guide MARC work and projects
- vi. Questions and comments
1. Ask about wayfinding plan and tracking that information
 2. Art Gough emphasized importance of signed bikeways because it can lead cyclists to protected infrastructure. Shows expertise of planning that signed routes are the safest opportunities in that area.
 - a. Eric responded that level of stress could be part of mapping because stress level is different from presence of infrastructure alone.
 3. Leverage Complete streets program to connect with stress
 4. How are google maps updated with bike signage and infrastructure?
 - a. Worth exploring how to get data onto google.
 5. For World Cup, how will MARC get involved with bike/ped connections?

- a. How to convene people together to think about bike and pedestrian connections in preparation for the event.

5. Other Business

- i. 2023 committee workplan brief review
 - i. Included in meeting packet
- ii. MARC bicycle/pedestrian counters update
 - i. Counters are out at the following locations
 - 1. Line Creek Trail at NW 60th Street
 - 2. 152 trail at Line Creek Parkway
 - 3. Shoal Creek Trail at NE Barry Road
- iii. BPAC roster update
 - i. New members still needing confirmed by TTPC co-chairs
 - 1. Brett McCubbin of Shawnee
 - 2. Jan Faidley of Roeland Park as primary voting member
 - 3. Michael Brooks as alternate for Nicole Brown
 - ii. Other vacant positions for primaries and alternates
- iv. 2023 PSP Supplemental Call for Projects
 - i. Kansas only
 - ii. \$159,000 following same PSP guidelines
 - 1. Strong emphasis on transportation
 - iii. Maximum federal funding is \$150,000 with no minimum grant award
 - iv. Must have 20% local cash match of 20% of total budget; Not federal portion
 - v. Contact Beth Dawson for questions and to attend pre-bid workshop on January 12th
 - vi. Deadline for applications is January 27th at 4pm central
 - vii. March 2023 will be TTPC and MARC Board adoption

6. Roundtable updates

- i. Tod Hueser of Olathe shared that Cedar Creek trail from Lake Olathe to Old Highway 56 is now open with extension to Cedar Lake opening bids
- ii. Jean Carder of Louisburg shared that Amity Trail issue with property easement has been resolved.

iii. Nicole Brown with Johnson County Health and Environment is starting planning for SRTS for next school year. They are looking for municipalities and schools that may be interested.

7. **Meeting Adjourned**

- i. Michael Kelley motions, Nicole Brown seconds
- ii. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8th, 2023 at 1:30 pm and will be held both in person and online.