

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Summary

March 08, 2023

Members/Alternates & Visitors in Attendance

Andrew Ngui, City of KCMO
Athena Huynh, City of Independence
Bailey Waters, City of KCMO
Brian Shields, City of Overland Park
Brett McCubbin, City of Shawnee
Bobby Evans, City of KCMO
Charles Soules, City of Smithville
Drew Pearson, Wilson & Co.
Eric Rogers, Bike Walk KC
Jan Faidley, City of Roeland Park
Jared Elbert, City of Grandview
Jean Carder, City of Louisburg
Jeff Bender, KS Department of Wildlife & Parks
Jeff Dorsett,
Krystal Jolly, MoDOT
Leslie Herring, City of Westwood
**co-chair*
Matt Davis, Jackson County
**co-chair*
Michael Kelley, Bike Walk KC
Nicole Brown, JCDHE
Rachel R. Thomas, MoDOT

MARC Staff in Attendance

Beth Dawson
Jakob Goldman
Karen Clawson
Lauren Winter
Martin Rivarola
Patrick Trouba
Ron Achelpohl
Taylor Cunningham

Agenda:

- Welcome
- VOTE: Approval of January 11th, 2023, BPAC summary
- Presentation: Carbon Reduction Program
- Presentation: Connected KC 2050 update
- Presentation: Flint Hills RAISE grant and community trail work in Osawatomie
- Planning: Regional Counting Program and Regional Sidewalk Inventory – priority objectives
- Presentation: Regional Trails & Bikeways Map –mapping standards
- Roundtable updates

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

2) **Vote: Approve January 2023 Meeting Summary**

- i) Jan Faidley motions to approve, Bailey Waters seconds

3) **Presentation: Carbon Reduction Program – Karen Clawson**

- i) The purpose is to reduce transportation CO2 emissions
- ii) A \$6 billion federal program with 65% of funds allocated for MPOs
- iii) MARC Region Programming Process:
- Developed a small task force
 - Met three times during the fall of 2022 to define:
 - (1) The process
 - (2) Priorities
 - (3) Criteria to guide the project selection process
 - Members of the committee included representatives from TTPC, Air Quality Forum, SPPC, and Climate & Environment Council.
- iv) Programming CR Funds:
- 2023 Call for projects for FY22-24 CRP funds (\$14 million)
 - 20% match requirement
 - Favor to implementation activities
 - Effort addresses Justice40 initiatives and encourages sustainability and equity-focused projects
 - Emissions calculations will be required – CMAQ resources available
- v) Tentative Timeline:
- March 30th: Call for projects open
 - April 6th: Pre-application workshop
 - May 19th: Applications due
 - May-June: Staff scoring and public comments
 - June-July: Workgroup deliberation
 - August-October: TIP public comments & TTPC/Board Approvals
- vi) Eligible Projects:
- https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/crp_fact_sheet.cfm

4) **Presentation: Connected KC 2050 Update – Martin Rivarola**

- i) An update to Connected KC 2050 is starting to be developed and will be published in 2025
- ii) Long-Range Transportation Plan:
- Establishes regional vision
 - Develops policies and strategies
 - Identifies significant projects
 - Required of all metro areas
 - Guides spending for 25-30 years
 - Update every five years

iii) Financing and Projects:

- \$52B revenues and expenditures
- 289 constrained projects at \$7.3B
- 136 illustrative projects at \$6.9B
- 30% more transit service
- 3% more road capacity

iv) Plan Update Objectives:

- Outreach & Engagement
 - (1) Disadvantaged populations, rural groups, etc.
 - (2) Equity, Justice 40 and resilience considerations
- Alignment & Integration
 - (1) Stronger buy-in from stakeholders
 - (2) Planned investments alignment
 - (3) Preferred investment scenario
 - (4) Climate and safety goals integration
- Policy
 - (1) Identify workforce transportation needs/constraints
 - (2) Integrate housing considerations

5) **Presentation: Flint Hill RAISE grant and community trail work in Osawatomie – Jeff Bender & Jeff Dorsett**

- Flint Hill Trail is a rail trail that will be 118 miles long from Osawatomie, KS to Herington, KS
 - It will go through 19 communities and 11 cities
- Since 2015, there have been six phases and 64 miles of trail have been completed
- Next Step: Phase 7 –West of Ottawa (not RAISE project)
 - \$5.5 million in TA funding
 - 2.3 miles with new railroad bridge, three other bridges, replacing 10 pipes, and new ditching
- Awarded 2022 RAISE Grant funds of \$24.8 million
 - Project scope: broken into 3 phases
 - (1) 40.5 miles of trail with surfacing, fencing, signage, and gates
 - (2) New and improved piping and drainage
 - (3) 14 bridge improvements and one bridge replacement
 - (4) 6 new trailheads
 - (5) Two highway crossings and crossing grades

6) **Planning: Committee ranking of priority objectives for a Regional Counting Program and a Regional Sidewalk Inventory**

- Postponed until next meeting

7) **Presentation: Regional Trails & Bikeways Map: new cartographical styles & mapping standards – Patrick Trouba**

- Factors driving the need for map changes:
 - New types of bikeways – currently not well accounted for
 - Inability to verify some data through imagery
 - Desire for harmonization between map data and guidance from professional associations

ii) Results from changes:

- New cartographical map style with new classifications
- Written guidance for what will be added and removed from map
 - i) Written guidance will hopefully provide clarity and transparency, and a future update process

8) **Roundtable updates**

i) Postponed until next meeting

9) **Meeting Adjourned**

i) Bailey Waters motions, Matt Davis seconds

ii) The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th, 2023

