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## MEETING NOTICE

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
**September 14, 2011**  
**1:30 PM**  
**Broadway Room, 1st Floor**  
**600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri**

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## AGENDA

1. Welcome (McHenry, 2 min)
2. July 13th Meeting Summaries\* (Bartlett, 3 min)
3. Update: KCAPWA Task Team (Bartlett, 5 min)
4. Pedestrian Barriers Discussion (Bartlett, 15 min)
5. Complete Streets Policy and Guidebook (Schallberg, 10 min)
6. MO/SRTS Funding in Underserved Communities (Hugh, 20 min)
7. International Walk to School Day, *Hike it Bike it I like it.* (Shiple, 15 min)
8. *Active Living KC* (Winchell, 15 min)
9. Open Forum (5 min)

\*Action Item

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**Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
September 14, 2011**

**Members / Guests Present**

Art Gough, KCBC	Elizabeth Bejan, Revolve, Inc.
Ron McLinden, Transit Action Network	Deb Ridgway, KCMO
Mark Stuecheli, Overland Park	Ashley Winchell, Safer Routes, KCMO
Mark McHenry, KCMO Parks & Rec	Helene Miller
Noel Challis, Platte County	Joseph Peeples, Leawood Police
Brent Hugh, MoBikeFed	Danielle Murray, Mission
Sarah Shipley, BikeWalkKC	Jeff Froman, UG/WycoKCK
Eric Bunch, BikeWalkKC	Phyllis Larimore, Children's Mercy Hospital
Dave Clements, City of Olathe	Danielle Murray, Mission
Dale Crawford, KANBikeWalk	Gerri Doyle, MoDOT
Alonzo Liñán, Olathe	

**MARC Staff Present**

Aaron Bartlett, Bicycle Pedestrian Planner  
Andy Dandino, Public Affairs  
Heidi Schallberg, Transportation  
Tom Gerend, Transportation  
Eliza Waterman, Community Development

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**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Mark McHenry BPAC's Missouri Co-Chair, welcomed attendees and invited them to introduce themselves and their organizational affiliations.

**2. Approval of July 13 Meeting Summary**

The motion was made to approve the July 13th, 2011 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded, the motion passed.

**3. Update: KCAPWA Task Team**

Aaron Bartlett reported that the KCAPWA Task Team subcommittee has been working on completing its final draft which it hopes to have finished by late October-early November. The final draft will be shared with both BPAC and TTPC. A "sister guide" on pedestrian facilities is being considered as an action item for next year.

**4. Pedestrian Barriers Discussion**

As an issue that regularly plays a part on the committee's discussion, time was given to more pointedly discuss pedestrian barriers (natural and built) and ways that we can help communities prioritize. Aaron Bartlett referenced a National Bridges inventory (all roads and all bridges) as a potential resource for help with this prioritization though staff is still determining whether this is a dataset that is going to be useful for us. Gerri Doyle with MoDOT offered the agency might be able to help with this review. Mr. Bartlett prepared a hand-out with a definition of a pedestrian barrier, a list of common barriers, and strategies to address-pedestrian barriers and opened it up to the committee for discussion. Committee members noted the following as issues missing from the hand-out including: lack of streetlights / stoplights, major arterials, "dead zones"- the sheer distance that one needs to cross between the last land-use on one side and the first land-use on

the other side. Ron McLinden commented that while the list is good, he is in favor of MARC preparing some sort of report / white paper on the issue and raising awareness of pedestrian barriers. He does not think that using a national source as a starting place is really the best approach. He thinks it might result in time lost and reviewing in the field would be more productive to come up with a crude priority list and have an impact on how we score / review applications for crossings in the future. Mr. Bartlett agreed that if we are going to be strategic, we need to be able to narrow it down to those locations that have a big demand for pedestrian facilities and other priority areas. Art Gough commented that we need to consider how we can avoid new barriers.

### **5. Complete Streets Policy and Guidebook**

Heidi Schallberg reported on MARC's initiative to develop a complete streets policy and noted the high turnout of representatives from the modal programming committees, including BPAC that agreed to volunteer (approximately 30 volunteers). The goal is to develop the policy over a 6-month period. Ms. Schallberg also noted that today is the deadline for an RFP that went out to create a guidebook to assist local governments in implementing the complete streets policy.

### **6. MO/SRTS Funding in Underserved Communities**

Brent Hugh reported on this initiative which is linked to the SRTS partnership and is taking a closer look on the policy level to see how SRTS can be made to work better. They decided to look at the question: are underserved communities are receiving their fair share { minimum of 30% } of MO SRTS funding and benefits? This comes from an executive order regarding all federal programs to look at minority and low-income populations. Eric Bunch reported on the results of the findings: prior to 2011, communities were not doing a good job of reaching minority and poverty populations though this has been improving. If SRTS grants were distributed based on population, there would be less of a disparity. Applications show a good population distribution, but awards are still not a good representation of that population and not reaching enough urban areas. Sarah Shipley noted that efforts have been made to help communities apply for funding, a simple intervention that is effective. She added that the same data for Kansas is also needed. Deb Ridgway commented that KCMO has submitted a SRTS grant for the past few years and has not been funded. Ron McLinden asked what can be done about the scoring criteria itself in determining how the funds get distributed. Mr. Hugh replied that there should be extra bonus points if applications address minority / low wealth populations. Heidi Schallberg noted that Molly McGovern, MARC's Small Cities Program Coordinator is able to provide technical assistance for grant writing if that is a need. Gerri Doyle reported that MoDOT just named Jeff Kramer as the new SRTS coordinator.

### **7. International Walk to School Day**

Sarah Shipley noted that they are working on a regional SRTS initiative. A planning meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> to which school principals are invited. Eric Bunch added that they could use the committee members' help to reach the communities in the urban core.

### **8. Active Living KC**

Ashley Winchell with KCMO's Active Living KC program – an initiative of the City of Kansas City encouraging healthy eating and increased physical activity - reported on her specific program, Safer Routes KC, a program being piloted in the Hickman Mills School District. Last year, only one school participated in International Walk to School Day and there are now three schools in 2011. The Walking School Bus program has been a very positive community building experience.

## **9. Open Forum**

Dale Crawford went back to Brent Hugh's presentation and asked what was the breakdown of infrastructure and non-infrastructure; Eric replied that it was pretty even.

Aaron Bartlett distributed the Conflict of Interest Policy that MARC has adopted and encouraged all committee members to review it.

Some comments were made about the concern that TE is in serious trouble of getting cut in the next extension and that there our advocates working hard to defend a straight extension without the cut.

Andy Dandino announced that MetroGreen's 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be taking place on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Lee's Summit. Heidi Schallberg announced that if anyone wants to become a certified Bicycling Instructor through the League of American Bicyclists, Family Bikes and ReVolve are working with them to host some upcoming trainings on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 23rd.

Mark McHenry noted the retirement reception for Neil Davidson.

Elizabeth Bejan announced that two Kansas City businesses will be receiving Bicycle Friendly Business designations.

Gerri Doyle noted that MoDOT also has a new bicycle / pedestrian coordinator, in addition to its new SRTS coordinator.

Brent Hugh announced that there will be a Missouri Trails Summit on October 6-7<sup>th</sup> and a Missouri Livable Streets training in Raytown on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm**