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## MEETING NOTICE

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
**January 11, 2012**  
**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. November 11, 2011 Meeting Summary\* (Bartlett, 3 min)
3. Report: Draft Section 5302 Local Bicycle Design Guidance\* (Bartlett, 20 min)
4. Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Henderson, 10 min)
5. Pedestrian Accommodation Bridge Inventory (Bartlett, 15 min)
6. Kansas Rails to Trails Efforts (Crawford, 10 min)
7. Open Forum (10 min)

\*Action Item

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**Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
January 12, 2012**

**Members / Guests Present**

Art Gough, KCBC	Noel Challis, Platte County
Bill Heatherman, UG/WycoKCK	Paul Plotas, KC Inst. of Transportation
Dale Crawford, KANBikeWalk	Sarah Shipley, BikeWalkKC
Dave LaRoche FHWA	Sheila Styron, The Whole Person
Deb Ridgway, KCMO	
Elizabeth Bejan, Revolve, Inc.	Alonzo Linan, Olathe
Greg Ruether, Overland Park	Eric Bunch, BikeWalkKC
Joseph Peeples, Leawood Police	Kaye Johnston, UMKC
Lee Ann Kell, MoDOT	Laura Turnbull, Lenexa
Mark McHenry, KCMO Parks & Rec	Regina Weir, Safe Kids Metro KC
Mark Stuecheli, Overland Park	Ron McLinden, Transit Action Network
Mike Kaullen, Clay County	
Neil Holman, Shawnee	

**MARC Staff Present**

Aaron Bartlett, Bicycle Pedestrian Program Manager  
Andrea Repinsky, GIS Planner  
Andy Dandino, Public Affairs Coordinator  
Heidi Schallberg, Transportation II  
Jim Hubbell, Transportation III  
Luke Pitts, Environmental Services Intern  
Ron Achelpohl, Assistant Director of Transportation  
Sara Wilbur, Transportation Intern  
Tom Gerend, Assistant Director of Transportation  
Whitney Morgan, Transportation Intern

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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 affiliation.

**2. Approval of November 11th Meeting Summary**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from November 11<sup>th</sup>; the motion was seconded, the motion passed.

**3. Report: Draft Section 5302 Local Bicycle Design Guidance**

Aaron reported on the status of the work that the BPAC subcommittee had been working on to update this document with the local APWA chapter. It is still in a draft form but the team has made a lot of progress, and it has been made available to BPAC for comments. The task team is meeting to incorporate the feedback from the open comments period. Mr. Bartlett invited BPAC today to make any additional comments while the group is convened. Once it has gone through the MARC channels for approval, it will get forwarded to APWA for their approval process. Dale Crawford made a comment about his concern with calling both a side path and shared-use path "shared-use paths" because each one has different safety implications, and he believes this conveys false information to the public. He also added that he did not feel that this document

expressed anything, particularly innovative or that set Kansas City apart from other cities. Mark McHenry asked if the committee felt that it could recommend that it be put forward as a draft to TTPC at their February meeting.

Art Gough pointed out under the section titled “Special Considerations” for Shared Use Paths, the fourth bullet point on page 12 was correct. It recommends a share use path if there an alternate on-street route exists. Should it be changed to "an alternate on-street route does not exist? Ron McLinden said he wondered what TTPC would see as important and unique in this version. Aaron Bartlett replied that this is a document which is relevant with current information and practical advice for professionals. Mr. McLinden followed up to ask if traffic signals are adequately covered. Mr. Bartlett noted that they were to the degree necessary in this document. A brief discussion ensued about the details of moving the document forward, and the motion was made to recommend that this version of the draft get sent to TTPC for review. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

#### **4. Surface Transportation Reauthorization**

Mell Henderson reviewed the current status of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill. SAFETEA-LU expired two years ago but we have been working under extensions since then and it is supposed to expire again in March. MARC has historically convened a committee to craft and provide a position statement regarding reauthorization of the bill and has done so again recently. Mr. Henderson reviewed the focus of the statement which is that a bill will allow for adequate and predictable investments in transportation projects. The House and the Senate both need to work on their versions of the bill and noted that the Senate has been more active in this process. They are proposing a 2-year bill funded primarily at the same level, though there is some consolidation of programs in this current scenario. This is still not a lot of clarity about the role of MPOs in the development of performance standards. Additional funds need to be raised, and the finance committee needs to work on this. The House has not come up yet with any legislative language and there are varying ideas on that side for how to fund the bill and at what level; overall less clear where we are headed on the House side. Mr. Henderson speculated that there will be another extension funded at a lower level.

#### **5. Pedestrian Accommodation Bridge Inventory**

Aaron Bartlett, Andrea Repinsky and Sara Wilbur, MARC Intern shared some basics regarding their findings. Mr. Bartlett noted that this is important because if bridges lack pedestrian facilities, they become major barriers to pedestrian activity. They wanted to be able to prioritize pedestrian need based on potential demand. The starting point was the national bridge inventory and also building off of work that MARC’s GIS department has done. They worked to create one data set to begin looking at demand and now need to look at the supply side. Once a more comprehensive inventory is compiled, they will want to present it to stakeholders. There are some data issues to work through, and that will need to be addressed to best of our ability. Mr. McLinden made a comment about barriers to non-motorized transit such as the area under a bridge, and he wanted to know if this inventory contained this type of information too. Mr. Bartlett said they are still working on sorting through this data. Mr. McLinden doesn’t want the focus to just be on facilities but need to fix the pedestrian access issue. BPAC members agreed that bigger picture issues do need to be considered, but this is just a starting point. Mr. McLinden asked what the timeframe is for having a list of priorities. Mr. Bartlett was not able to give a definitive answer since the data filter is not yet complete. The completion of this work will not occur before the new call for projects around.

## **6. Kansas Rails to Trails Efforts**

Dale Crawford showed some maps inventorying rail trail projects in Kansas, which he counted to be about 40. The map shows where the trails are open and where they are going to be doing work. They have \$70,000 for ten miles of trails will be accomplished all through this voluntary organization. Another effort that KRTT is working on is a section south of Topeka. A discussion ensued about trail surface materials, maintenance and accessibility.

## **7. Open Forum**

Aaron Bartlett noted that MARC is collecting updated information about new bikeways in the area and hopes to have a new version of the bikeways map for some time April. There should be a lot of new information since the last map covered the period from 2006-2008.

Meeting announcements and webinar session dates were shared.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm