

# MARC

## MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

### BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next BPAC meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 12, 2010, in the Broadway Room on the 1st Floor of the Mid-America Regional Council, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

### AGENDA

- 1) Welcome/Introductions (1:30 p.m., 5 min)
- 2) Welcome New Members and Kansas Co-Chair (Bartlett, 1:35 p.m., 5 min)
- 3) Summary Notes (Bartlett, 1:40 p.m., 5 min)\*
- 4) Transportation Outlook 2040 update (Bartlett, 1:45 p.m., 5 min)
- 5) MODOT District 4 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Study Team (Doyle, 1:50 p.m., 20 min)
- 6) The Next Mile America's To-Do List of Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects (Bartlett, 2:10 p.m., 5 min)
- 7) May National Bike Month Activities [bikekc.org](http://bikekc.org) (Shippley, 2:15 p.m., 10 min)
- 8) Sunday Parkways – Car Free Weekends on Cliff Drive (KCMO Parks, 2:35 p.m., 5 min)
- 9) National Trails Day June 5, 2010 [www.marc.org/metrogreen](http://www.marc.org/metrogreen) (Hishaw, 2:40 p.m., 5 min)
- 10) Open Forum (2:45 p.m. 10 min)

*Next Meeting – July 14, 2010*

**\* Action Item**

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**Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
May 12, 2010**

**Members / Guests Present**

Art Gough, KCBC  
Noel Challis, Platte County Parks  
Lynn Jameson  
Becky Pepper, KDOT  
Neil Davidson, Platte County  
Mark McHenry, KCMO Parks & Rec  
Ron McLinden  
Greg Ruether, City of Overland Park  
Mark Stuecheli, Overland Park  
Deb Ridgway, KCMO Public Works  
Danielle Murray, City of Mission Planning

Lee Ann Kell, MoDOT District 4  
Heidi Downer, KCMO Parks & Rec  
Helene Miller  
Victoria Rowley, Leavenworth Port Authority  
Dr. Bill Drake, Children's Mercy Hospital  
Charlie Barr, Clay County Parks  
Gerri Doyle, MoDOT District 4  
Dave Clements, City of Olathe Planning  
Branden Leay Criman, Port Authority of  
Kansas City

**MARC Staff Present**

Aaron Bartlett, Bicycle Pedestrian Planner  
Marlene Nagel, Community Development Director  
Heidi Schallberg, Transportation Planner  
Doug Norsby, Air Quality Planner  
Jillian Hishaw, Water Quality Planner  
Eliza Waterman, Community Development  
Andy Dandino, Public Affairs

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**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Mark McHenry welcomed the meeting attendees and invited all to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

**2. Welcome New Members and Kansas Co-Chair**

Mark Stuecheli was welcomed at the BPAC Kansas Co-Chair; new members were welcomed as well.

**3. Approval of Summary Notes**

A motion was made to approve the January, February and March, 2010 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded, the motion passed.

**4. Transportation Outlook 2040 Update**

Aaron Bartlett informed the committee that the TTPC and MARC Board reviewed the draft TO2040 document in April and that it will be released in May for public comment. The committee was made aware of the website dedicated to this public review period and related public workshops. Ron McLinden commented that it is good for BPAC to be behind this and push for bikeability/walkability/liveable cities and to be advocates for new types of development that doesn't give preference to roadway activity. Mark McHenry noted that while there is a lot of support for this, there is also a counter movement and mentioned the North East's resistance in particular.

## **5. MODOT District 4 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Study Team**

Gerri Doyle informed the committee of the new direction that MoDOT is taking for bicycle – pedestrian studies which will steer away from a project-by-project approach. She continued, there will be a systematic, streamlined approach to create a network and determine how to prioritize projects. This is a work in progress but they are on a short timeline for the first draft which is being undertaken by a multi-discipline MoDOT team and planning partners. Ms. Doyle said MoDOT believes that this will be good education for its internal staff as well. They are mid-way through the draft right now and hope to have it ready by July. There will be a total of five meetings which will culminate in finalizing an initial set of corridors; to this end, there is an on-line survey that will be up until the end of May for gathering information from the community. The next steps will be applying the corridor classifications and putting tools together for each type of area, urban and rural. The toolbox components will help designers as projects get programmed. The suggestion was made that special districts get redefined. Ron McLinden encouraged MoDOT to reinforce place making and said that it should be their first priority

## **6. The Next Miles America’s To-Do List of Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects**

Aaron Bartlett reported to the committee on a America Bikes initiative being promoted throughout the nation and encouraged members to promote this locally. The purpose is to collect a database of communities’ best projects. A lot of information that will be collected is really what local jurisdictions would have access to, not MARC. This gives each community the ability to choose what they believe are their best projects. This will ultimately be good capital for the next transportation bill. Mr. Bartlett said he would send an email out to all with more details about this initiative. Mark Stuecheli asked for clarification as to whether the list should include projects that are funded and/or under construction. Mr. Bartlett noted that only real, or realized projects, should be included.

## **7. May National Bike Month Activities**

Deb Ridgway noted the website for information regarding May’s National Bike Month Activities and encouraged members to participate if possible. Mr. McLinden asked if there is a National Walk Month and while there is not, National Trails Day is on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Committee members were directed to the MetroGreen website for more information about this day’s events as well.

## **8. Sunday Parkways**

Heidi Downer with the Parks and Recreation Department shared information about car free Sunday Parkways including the planned May 16<sup>th</sup> kick-off activities. This program is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and the thought was to bring it beyond just Cliff Drive and extend into the neighborhood. Information was also shared about the City of Fountains Bike Tour taking place on June 20<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the KC Bike Club, KCMO Bike-Ped and Public Works.

## **10. Open Forum**

The question was asked if anyone was aware of how the Tour of Missouri funding which has been taken away was being redirected. Mark McHenry responded that this is a political issue at the state level. Charlie Barr asked for the BPAC membership to be updated to reflect his participation at the mandate of the Clay County Commission. Art Gough noted that another round of TE funding was upcoming; Lee Ann Kell noted similarly that another funding round for STP/CMAQ would be happening in July.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.**