Approved
Summary Notes
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
May 9, 2018
MARC Broadway Room

Members/Alternates & Visitors
Art Gough – Cycling KC
Brian Shields PE – Overland Park Public Works
Doug Wesselschmidt – TranSystems
Eric Rogers – BikeWalkKC
Greg Ruether – Overland Park
James Kraatz – City of Lenexa
Justin Pregont – City of Atchison
Karen Campbell – BikeWalkKC
Katie Horner Gonzalez – City of Independence
Lauren Anderson – Leavenworth Co.
Matt Davis – Jackson Co. Rail Road Authority

Michael McDonald PE – City of Leavenworth*
Mike Kelly (Mayor) – City of Roeland Park
Mike Latka – City of Olathe
Neil Holman – City of Shawnee
Noel Challis – City of Riverside
Sarah Shafer – Leavenworth Co.
Sarah Shipley – KC Healthy Kids
Shawn Strate – KCATA
Tom Worker-Braddock – Olsson Associates
Zack Daniel – City of Edwardsville

*Co-Chair
MARC Staff
Aaron Bartlett – Senior Transportation Planner

1. Welcome/Introduction (3 min, McDonald)
   • Michael McDonald Kansas Co-Chair called the meeting to order and requested introductions from everyone.
   • The sign-sheet that being circulated.

2. Draft: March BPAC Summary* (2 min, Bartlett)
   • The summary notes were approved unanimously without revision.

3 Update: Multimodal Branding and Wayfinding Plan (10 min, Strate)
Shawn Strate, Planning Manager for the Kansas City Area Transit Planning Authority, introduced a proposal that will be submitted for Planning Sustainable Places funding. KCATA with assistance of MARC and has worked to garnered the support of multiple local government partners across the region. The plan would integrate bikeways, trails and transit modes into a seamless wayfinding system.

Wayfinding provides important navigational information to users of bikeway, trail, and transit systems. As such, several current regional planning efforts identify the need for wayfinding. The wayfinding plan will serve communities by providing a framework to support local and regional wayfinding planning
efforts and coordinate those efforts regionally through the Smart Moves Mobility Hubs, RideKC corridors, Regional Bikeway Network corridors and MetroGreen® corridors. The plan would integrate the three systems from a wayfinding and visibility perspective.

Shawn reviewed some of the proposed objectives:

- It will focus on navigational improvements between key destinations, such as activity centers, mobility hubs, and state and national systems.
- The work will build upon past investments in major transit corridors, regional bikeways and trails. This work will establish a hierarchy of destinations typologies ranging from regional to local.
- Additionally, it will address protocols for the look and design of signs and markings to identify regional corridors. Protocols will be established for destination, distance/travel time and for sign or marking placement.
- Local bikeway and trail wayfinding systems will be evaluated to promote consistency and compatibility between regional and local systems.

Benefits of the plan include.

- Enhance the quality of the user experience
- Improves connectivity between people and places
  - Destination(s)
  - Direction
  - Distance and or travel time
- Supports seamless transition between transportation modes.
- Digital systems provides transportation users with real time information and interactive feedback.
- Increase productivity and efficiency by identifying preferred route
- Strengthens system branding and public recognition.
- Supports stronger economy

**Discussion:**

Will this be a signage policy to create a unified approach? Yes, the plan would develop consistency through guidelines and basic specifications. This would not not identify the location of sign of specific
signs for all of the corridors. This level of detail would be required during implementation by local governments or other designated authorities. The group agreed that it was important for the project to address how existing and future wayfinding systems would integrate together.

The group discussed participation from local governments to leverage local funding. A coalition of communities in both Kansas and Missouri has formed and has met twice to vet the idea. Funding request have been proportional to population. Communities have been asked to pledge funding with a “Letter of Support” by June 11, a few weeks in advance of the application deadline of June 22. In recent days, additional communities have asked to join the ad-hoc coalition. There is strong support for the project proposal. Work is underway to bring additional partners into coalition.

If this project is awarded PSP funding, when would local governments be required to contribute funds? After the project selection process clears the SPPS, TTPC and MARC Board, we then would move towards the development of RFPs and local funding agreements in October. The RFP will release in November. In December proposals are reviewed, consultants shortlisted for interviews and recommendations made for selection. We would request local funding agreements to be ready for execution by January of 2019. The group agreed to coordinated ongoing discussions concerning the letters of support following the meeting.

4. Update: 2018 Call for Projects for federal transportation funds (5 min, Bartlett)

Aaron Bartlett provided a handout outlining the 2018 call for projects and the process for BPAC to review applications and make advisory recommendations.

- On January 18, 2018, MARC issued a call for FFY 2021-2022 funds in the federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STP) and STP -Set Aside (TAP) program.
- March 23, 2018 was the deadline for applications.
- MARC staff is now completing the process of draft scores that will be finalized. We anticipate sending out information to BPAC at the end of May.

This is a competitive round because requested funding exceed available funding. The role of BPAC is to provide input in the programming process by developing advisory priorities for projects that address active transportation modes. Two dates have been reserved for BPAC to meet (the second date is a reserve date). BPAC will meet on June 13 at 1:00 PM. This meeting is expected take the full 3 hrs. A
memorandum will be send to the approximate Programming Committee. We anticipate that they will complete their recommendations by August and forward funding recommendations to the TTPC in September.

**Discussion:** There was no additional discussion.

5. **Update: Draft Regional Pedestrian Policy Plan (5 min, Bartlett)**

Aaron Bartlett updated the group. This end of the process. The TTPC approved the plan on April 17. It was shared with the MARC Board in draft form on April 24. Based on feedback from the MARC Board the Plan Vision statement has been broadened to include “access to transit, jobs, goods, services, education, recreational opportunities …” The MARC Board will be asked to approve the Plan on May 29th.

**Discussion:** There was no additional discussion.

6. **Greater Kansas City Bikeway and Trails Map - Spring 2018 (5 min, Bartlett)**

Aaron Bartlett reported that the new maps are out. We worked with several partners to distribute the map to locations across the region. Distribution partners included:

- Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Clay County Economic Development Council
- Jackson County Health Dept.
- Johnson County Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Leavenworth County Port Authority and Economic Development Council
- Platte County Parks and Recreation Dept.
- City of Belton for Cass County
- Miami County Economic Development Dept.
- Wyandotte County Health Dept.
- Cycling KC
- BikeWalkKC
- KC Public Libraries
- Mid-Continental Libraries
- Johnson County Libraries
Discussion: Is it possible to get a report on the number of people accessing the online map? Yes, we can request this information provide information at a future meeting.

7. Update: KCbikemonth.com (10 min, Campbell)
Karen Campbell reported on the events occurring in this Bike Month. We have been promoting the website and the events on the site through a variety of media sources. We are seeing many images being posted with events. Karen mentioned a number of events from the website including:

- Reoccurring event - Two Wheeler Wednesdays at Boulevard Tours & Rec Center
- Reoccurring event - Women-Only Confident City Cycling
- May 9th - National Bike to School Day
- May 14 - OP Bike to Work Week Breakfast Stops: REI, Elite Cycling, Whole Foods, Corporate Woods, and OP City Hall
- May 14 - Bike to Work Week at VeloGarage
- May 15 - Bagels on the Boulevard
- May 16 - Ride of Silence
- May 17 - Bike-In Movie
- May 18 - National Bike to Work Day commuter stops:
  - The Roasterie
  - Family Bicycles in Waldo
  - BikeWalkKC in Midtown KCMO
  - Sloop Dental Co.
  - Wonderhub in the Crossroads
  - Lathrop Gage
  - MARC at 8th and Bank St.
- May 30 - Bike to Boulevard from KCMO City Hall

Discussion: There was no additional discussion.

8. ADA Transition Workshop - May 25 (10 min, Shipley)
Sarah Shipley, reported that in 2015 MARC worked with AARP, KC-Health Kids and hosted a workshop on the National Walk Friendly Communities program, conducted by the Pedestrian Bicycle Information Center housed in under the University of North Carolina. The workshop garnered lots of interest and was well attending. In the years that followed communities worked to complete the applications to the
program but found it very difficult to complete the assessments. We identified the need for an ADA Transition Workshop. This will provide communities an opportunity to learn more about the process of self-assessment and what communities need to do to develop transition plans.

9. **Local Round Table Reports (15 min)**

a) Mike McDonald with the City of Leavenworth announced that the new trail is almost complete.

b) Aaron Bartlett announced that MARC would host a Regional Assembly on June 8. The Regional Assembly typically host about 500 attendees and highlights work that is occurring in different sectors.

c) Aaron Bartlett reminded people about the PSP call for projects and provided handouts. A 20% local match is required.

d) Justin Pregont, with the City of Atchison announced the completion of a trail along K-7 mile long trail segment, another trail project is underway near the Missouri River, and a Safe Routes to School project is underway near the middle school near downtown.

e) Doug Wesselschmidt announced that he had recently retired from the City of Shawnee and is now working for TranSystems.

f) Neil Holman with the City of Shawnee announced a new mile of trail opened along Clear Creek Parkway.

g) Greg Ruether of Overland Park announced a new section of trail near 137th Street to create a connection. The City of Overland Park is also looking at extending the trails system near the Double Tree Hotel over to the I-435 area.

h) Noel Challis with the City of Riverside reported two trail projects, the Vivion Road trail project and new connection which branches off the Line Creek Trail.

i) Matt Messina with KDOT announced the completion of the 2018-2019 Kansas Bicycle Map. Quantities are available upon request. KDOT has also begun the development of a Pedestrian and Bicycle Emphasis Area in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. We are also working KDHE and CDC on other grant opportunities.

j) Mike Latka with the City of Olathe reported that the Meadow Lane Trail is about 75 percent complete. We hope to have it completed by the middle of June.

k) Sarah Shafer, with the Leavenworth Co. Public Works announced they are working funding for master planning that would include bicycles. This would include future signage to connect roadway and trails. This would require approval by our governing body.

l) Matt Davis, with the Jackson Co. Rail Road Authority reported that construction had started on the south phase. Repairs are being made Tunnel #4 under Bannister. The north section have final design completed shortly. We hope to begin construction on the north section this year.

m) Nichole Brown with the Johnson County Health and Environment Department announced that their department would begin a new round of community health assessments this fall. We work to engage a lot partners. We would especially like to work more closely with the municipalities. The next meeting be at the end of July. We have worked on issues related to farmer markets and safe route schools.

n) Katie Horner Gonzalez with the City of Independence reported on a few projects going to construction. We have three locations for new sidewalks for schools, sidewalks to parks, design projects for trails.

o) Eric Rogers with BikeWalkKC announced that the 4th Women’s Summit registration just opened for September 15th at the Southeast Community Center in Swope Park. He also announced that the 43rd BikeShare station located at 51st and Brookside. In a month the 44th station will open at Troost
and 30th Street near the Wonder Bread building. We are also kicking off a workshop series around neighborhood advocacy to engage with decision makers concerning sidewalks and crosswalks. Information is on their website.

p) Shawn Strate with the KCATA announced that construction would start this Summer on the Prospect Max Corridor project. Completion work is expected in late 2019. This Summer we will be building at 12th and Grand the first integrated bus station with protected bike lane. Similar projects are planned to follow at 12th and Charlotte transit center.

q) Zack Daniel with the City of Edwardsville announced 1,000 feet of new trail to connect the park to the trails system just north of the Kansas River. Funding came through the Unified Government-Hollywood Casino/Schlitterbahn Vacation Village Charitable Fund.

r) Brian Shields from Overland Park announced that in addition the Bike to Work Day commuter stops that they would be holding a drawing for free REI bike tune ups. Notice to proceed has been given for 30 miles of the new bike lanes and shared lane markings in the downtown area. We are looking at bike share options. The study will look at dock less bikes. This will compare operational models. Turkey Creek flooding in 2017 significantly damaged the trail. We are working with FEMA to see if there is funding to repair the 2017 damage. This is in early stages. Unfortunately, the repairs will be significant.

s) Mayor, Mike Kelly of the City of Roeland Park new trails opened in Nall Park. In addition, preliminary approval to update the Comprehensive plan look at bike lanes on major streets and corridor connectors.

t) Tom Worker-Braddock with Olsson Associates announced that they were working the Kansas City, Missouri to look at bikeway connections along Gilham Road. The final public meeting will be held on May 23rd.

u) Prairie Village has passed a new citywide plan for pedestrian and bicycle connections.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on June 13th 1-4 pm.