

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

May 13, 2020
Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Brian Nowotny, Jackson County Parks+Rec, Missouri Co-Chair
John Neuberger, Sierra Club, Kansas Co-Chair
Lideana Laboy, Unified Government
Michael Webb, City of Edwardsville/Wyandotte County Municipalities
Michael Landvik, MoDOT
David LaRoche, FHWA-KS
DuRon Netsell, Better BlockKC
Jimmy Odom, Cass County
Matt Oehlert, Miami County
Michael McDonald, City of Leavenworth
Cliff Middleton, Johnson County
Sara Copeland, North Kansas City
Shawn Strate, KCATA
Mario Vasquez, Kansas City, Missouri

Other Attendees:

Bill Noll, Leavenworth County
Charles Soules, Smithville
Dave Mennenga, George Butler Associates
Drew Pearson, Wilson
Jennifer Jordan-Spence, Gardner
Vernon Fields, City of Basehor
Jen Jordan-Spence, City of Gardner
Kevin Manning, Shawnee
Jose Leon, Raytown
Leslee Rivarola, Basehor
Lisa Donnelly, Olathe
Matt Henderson, McAfee Henderson Solutions
Melissa Schmitz, MoDOT
Michael Meadors, Olathe
Rachel Wooldridge, MoDOT
Rodney Riffle, Kansas City
Sean Partain, MoDOT
Wes Minder, McClure Engineering Company

Alternates Present:

Brian Shields, City of Overland Park
Nicole Brown, Johnson County Dept. of Health & Environment
Cheryl Lambrecht, Olathe
Grant Purkey, City of Peculiar
Jenny Kramer, KDOT
Lauren Anderson, Leavenworth County
Marisela Ward, MoDOT
Michael Winckler, Independence
Richard Allen, Kansas City, Missouri

MARC Staff:

Martin Rivarola
Alex Rotenberry
Patrick Trouba
Ron Achelpohl

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Missouri Co-Chair Brian Nowotny welcomed the attendees and began introductions.

2. Approval of the February 13, 2020 Meeting Summary

- Meeting Summary was approved.

3. Status of Current Program

- Mr. Landvik, from MoDOT, started. Missouri started 2020 with a balance of \$4.6 million with an apportionment of \$1.6 million, making the balance stand at around \$6 million. There were recent obligations by Raymore for Foxridge Drive SRTS and the City of Kearney project, Dogwood Elementary, just obligated as well. Others are expected to begin this process as well. Those two projects bring the balance down to around \$5.8 million.
- Mr. Landvik also mentioned that because of COVID-19, if projects have any issues with necessary actions, such as public meetings or public bid openings, there are entities doing that virtually, so keep that in mind as getting closer

to advertising projects. MoDOT will work with project sponsors to help keep the process moving. Additionally, as sponsors are preparing project schedules, entities doing right-of-way process, and in particular with condemnation, that they are seeing longer delays than normal because the courts are not open or have reduced working hours.

- Lideana Laboy, Unified Government, asked if in the future, when displaying projects, that the total cost of the actual project. The costs of a Safe Routes to School, including construction, was significantly higher than what Unified Government received and is that information that can be discussed at some point. Mr. Landvik commented that that information can be found in the TIP, though it is not always accurate and that during the programming debate that those costs are not always known at that point, with early conceptual estimates. Mr. Rotenberry showed a willingness to work with KDOT and MoDOT to show more accurate numbers of local match at future presentations/meetings.
- Jenny Kramer, from KDOT, stated that she was not able to present on projects. She offered to take questions and find answers to those questions.
- Dr. John Neuberger, Kansas Co-Chair, asked for more information about Unified Government's Metropolitan Avenue Area Bike Improvements. Lideana Laboy described the project in more detail (sharrows and bike lanes on Metropolitan from 12th street towards 42nd street).
- Mr. Rotenberry mentioned that he built in time for reporting on projects to give an update to the committee.
 - Unified Government's Metropolitan Avenue Area Bikeway Improvements – In design phase right now and is scheduled for bidding and contracting later in the summer of 2020 and should be completed by early summer 2021.
 - There is also a levee trail that has received \$450,000 that is also forthcoming. They are working with the Corps. Of Engineers to get this project done. The length will eventually be from the Missouri River to Interstate 635. COVID-19 may interrupt this process.
 - Gardner's Moonlight Road Safe Routes To Schools – Jennifer Jordan-Spence mentioned that she was following up about this project and mentioned that it still under design and a discussion with KDOT about local control of the project or not.
 - Kearney's Dogwood Elementary Sidewalk & Raymore's Foxridge Drive Safe Routes to School projects have been obligated or in the process of being obligated, according to Michael Landvik from MoDOT.
 - Independence's US 24 Highway Complete Streets – Construction is expected to begin in Summer 2020. It is being done in conjunction with a MoDOT project as well.
 - Independence's Truman Depot Renovations and Pacific Avenue Trail – Michael Winckler reported that the Union Pacific engineering review is still in negotiations with the review fees. He is unsure about the timetable for advertising and moving forward. Ms. Wendy Shaw also mentioned that the city is still working on the 106 review.
 - Kansas City, Missouri's Martha Truman Connector Trail – Richard Allen explained that the city plans to have drawings to MoDOT by late summer, with a bid expected by December, and construction expected to go into 2021.
 - Kansas City, Missouri's Missouri River Trail Segment 1 – Mario Vasquez stated that the project is under contract for design but was unable to announce anything further.
- Consideration of schedule change request for the City of Kansas City, Missouri
 - Kansas City Missouri is requesting that CMAQ funds currently allocated to the Charlotte/Homes and Lexington/Gladstone projects be re-allocated to the Bikeway design project. They are also requesting that TA funds currently allocated to the Charlotte/Holmes project be re-allocated to the Lexington/Gladstone project.
 - These projects are likely to programmed in 2021.
 - There was concerns expressed about setting a precedent for the committee regarding combining projects that had gone through the programming process previously, with each project being selected for particular reasons. In the past, if the project was unable to be completed, the money went back into the respective pot of funds and then was reallocated to other projects. Does this follow the guidelines of how to redistribute funding. Kansas City responded that the city was awarded three projects that are entangled and that the projects will all be completed, they are just sorting out the funding categories as the projects move towards obligation.
 - Motion to approve this request was unanimous.
- Consideration of schedule change request for the City of Olathe
 - Olathe is requesting to divide the Cedar Creek Trail project into two phases so construction can proceed to meet grant funding timelines, with Phase 1: North section of trail on property the City already owns connecting Lake Olathe Park to Old 56 Hwy and Phase 2: South section of trail, from Old 56 Hwy through

the Hamm and Johnson County Aggregates quarry properties and under the BNSF Railroad to connect to Cedar Lake Park.

- Phase 1 would begin in fall 2020, and phase 2 in 2021 or sooner with land acquisition and BNSF approval.
- The federal funds would be used entirely in Phase 1.
- The question was asked about the inability to obtain the land for Phase 2. There was a concern that since all of the federal funds would be expended in Phase 1, that Phase 2 might be in peril and may not be completed as presented to the ATPC previously. Olathe responded that this project is the top parks project in the city and that it will be completed. There is a written agreement with the Johnson County Parks and Recreation Department and the city is obligated contractually with them as well. There has also been money invested in Lake Olathe and money received from two adjacent quarries.
- Motion to approve this request was unanimous.

4. Other Business

- **Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Development Update**
 - Martin Rivarola, of MARC, updated the committee on the long range plan. There is a final draft for public review and comment. This is an online plan, which is different than plans of the past. The website is ConnectedKC.org and includes interactive web maps and other pertinent information. This plan is informed by previous planning work by MARC and can direct readers to those plans for further details. From May 3 to June 2, MARC is using an online public engagement tool called Mindmixer to encourage discussion on the plan. The link to that online engagement is marc.mindmixer.com. Once public engagement is done, the Total Transportation Policy Committee will meet on June 16 and will send the plan to the Board of Directors for adoption on June 23.
- **Programming Process Update**
 - Phase One Preapplication is open for 2023-2024 federal funds and must be submitted at 4 p.m. on May 29. Phase Two technical evaluation is scheduled to open August 3 and run until September 4. The preapplication process is being used to determine how submitted projects align with ConnectedKC 2050. The planning committees will be involved in Phase One by reviewing projects to look at the alignment, in addition to MARC staff.
 - Alex Rotenberry posted a potential timeline for the ATPC including the regularly scheduled meeting in August, potential special meetings in September and October, and potentially finalizing programming by November 4 (due to the Veteran's Day holiday on November 11). Also mentioned was that the scoring criteria was not changed by MARC staff since the 2018 call for projects.
 - Michael Landvik reminded potential Missouri applicants on MoDOT right-of-way to keep in contact with MoDOT area engineers. Martin Rivarola also suggested Kansas applicants reach out to KDOT if those conditions were met in Kansas as well.
- **Regional Wayfinding Plan Draft Guidebook (<https://www.connectingourregion.com/draft-wayfinding>)**
 - Alex Rotenberry gave an update on the regional wayfinding plan, which is a Planning Sustainable Places project managed by Kansas City Area Transportation Authority. It is due for completion in June or July 2020. The draft is available for review.
- **Bikeway and Trail Map Update**
 - Alex Rotenberry gave an update on the update to the bikeway map. Staff is in the process of normalizing all the data received from across the region. There is some quality assurance that will happen with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and then they will be printed. The online map is also available on the website (<https://www.marc.org/Transportation/Programs/Active-Transportation/Regional-Trails-and-Bikeways-Map.html>). Publication is expected in the summer of 2020 and will incorporate the look of the wayfinding plan.
- **Coordination & Implementation of Regional Initiatives**
 - MARC staff is offering to facilitate coordination for upcoming project submissions. As the regional entity, MARC is interested in extending the offer to sponsors to help cooperation between communities.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.