

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

November 10, 2021

Meeting Summary

Attendees

Allison Smith, KDOT Planning
Brian Nowotny, Jackson County Parks and Rec, **Missouri Co-Chair*
Brian Shields, City of Overland Park
DuRon Netsell, Mo Community Representative
Jeff Gochi, City of Gardner
Jen Jordan-Spence, City of Gardner
Jenny Kramer, KDOT
John Neuberger, Sierra Club, **Kansas Co-Chair*
Kevin Manning, City of Shawnee
Krystal Jolly, MoDOT Planning
Mario Vasquez, KCMO Public Works
Marisela Ward, MoDOT
Mike Landvik, MoDOT
Mike Winckler, City of Independence
Neil Holman, City of Shawnee
Nicole Brown, JCDHE
Marisela Ward, MoDOT Planning
Rachel Thomas, MoDOT Planning
Rodney Riffle, KCMO Parks and Recreation
Sara Copeland, Clay County Municipalities
Terry Thomas, City of Independence
Tom B., MoDOT Planning
Travis Hoover, Riverside/Platte County Municipalities
W. O., MoDOT Planning
Wendy Shay, City of Independence
Wes Minder, KCMO City Manager's Office

Marc Staff

Chris Upchurch
Jakob Goldman
Marc Hansen
Martin Rivarola
Ron Achelpohl

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approve the August 11th, 2021 Meeting Summary

3. Status of Current Program

- A. 3.1 Program Balances/Updates - Mario Vazquez, KCMO Public Works
 - Information was shared about projects sponsored by KCMO and the balance of funds, as well as a plan to reallocate funds to improve the balance.
 - Project Updates:

- Bikeways Design: Already obligated; in process of finishing design; only money yet to spend is for construction administration
- Gilham Road Bikeways - Armour to 39th: Funding just awarded; cycle track installed with use of local funds, requested funding to evaluate intersections and signals; anticipating project start to be April 2022
- Independence Ave. Cycle Track - Paseo to 3rd St: Funding just awarded; hoping to start construction soon now that Paseo gateway construction is set to begin; at that point will have better idea of implementation
- Lexington Gladstone Bikeways: In process of putting final PS&E submittal together - anticipate this will be done in Feb. 2022
- Swope Park Blue River Connector Trail: Final plans in progress; P&R reports as funded; PS&E submittal expected March 2022; plan to bid out this fiscal year
- Trolley Connector Trail Segment 2: Final plans in progress - expected to be finished April 2022 with PS&E submittal shortly thereafter; P&R reports as funded; plan to bid out this fiscal year
- Route 9 and NW Prairie View Road Sidewalks: Preliminary design in progress; funded and shared with Platte Woods; Think will be ready for PS&E submittal in September of 2022
- KCI Corridor Trail Segment 1: TIF to provide funding match (\$350K); final plans complete; Got PS&E comments and need to make some changes; land acquisition in progress - sending out right-of-way notice letters; anticipate that will be able to submit PS&E obligation request in the summer; hoping to start construction at the end of 2022
- KCI Corridor Trail Segment 2: TIF to provide funding match (\$200K); final plans complete; Got PS&E comments so need to make some changes; land acquisition in progress - sending out right-of-way notice letters; anticipate that will be able to submit PS&E obligation request in the summer; hoping to start construction at the end of 2022
- Martha Truman Connector Trail: Environmental review complete; no land acquisition; plans in progress; P&R reports as funded; plan is to get bid out this fiscal year
- Little Blue Rock Island Connector: Preliminary plans completed; working on environmental submittals; this is a partnership project with Jackson Co.
- 11th/12th St Bikeways: Design process ongoing; construction funds not yet identified; possible reallocation of funds - depending on recommendation based on final plans, may elect to use with city funds per PM
- Missouri River Trail Segment 1: Preliminary plans completed; completed review by Corps. of Engineers; funding shortfall - trying to figure out a way to do with the funding currently had; expect to have plans completed and obligation by May 2023
- Blue River Trail Segment C: Unlikely able to complete as originally foresaw - want to reallocate funds to Paseo Blvd. Bikeways project
- Paseo Boulevard Bikeways: Had received CMAQ and TAP allocation - CMAQ portion has been obligated and design for bike lanes completed; on a large segment, community is requesting a change to planned facilities plan; want to rescope project to become a trail project as opposed to bikeways project and reallocate funding from Blue River Trail Segment C project

- Searcy Creek Trail Segment 2 - Preliminary plans are complete; opportunity to use funding through local TIF, which will eliminate high costs for consulting; looking to re-allocate fed funds to Vivion Rd. Improvements project
 - Vivion Road Improvements - Revised environmental in process; land acquisition in progress; had received CMAQ and TAP allocation - CMAQ portion has been obligated; anticipate being ready for PS&E submittal by April 2023; looking to re-allocate fed funds from Searcy Creek Trail Segment 2 to this project
 - 152 Trail Segment 2: Preliminary plans completed; CMAQ funds requested not rec'd - funding short \$500K, so looking to re-allocate these funds to Segment 12 as it is higher priority
 - 152 Trail Segment 12: Plans and land acquisition complete; needs floodplain development permit issue expected to be resolved quickly; short \$500K in funding - hoping to solve this by reallocating Segment 2 funds which would allow obligation of \$1.35 million
 - 152 Trail Segment 10/US 169 Overpass: Needing east-west connection here; originally anticipated this being a road and trail bridge, but through redevelopment of Metro North Crossing Mall stalling, just doing a pedestrian bridge; submitted application to MoDOT in current round for cost share funding - if received, would deliver in 2022; if not, would like to use these funds for Segment 2
- Mike Landvik noted that the 4 projects they want to reallocate funds to are expected to deliver this fiscal year - need to try to move the others up to further improve balance.
 - It was also noted that 1) having the \$1.3 million in funding for the Seg 2-12 projects obligated would have a sizable impact on the balance in the current fiscal year, 2) the Paseo project likely won't make this fiscal year but it has a lot of community support so should help move more quickly, and 3) the Vivion project has had positives but has been hard to tackle with variables - such as the rising cost of construction; as such, it would benefit significantly from additional funding.
- B. VOTE: Consideration of Past TAP Reallocation - Kansas City, MO
- Upon taking a vote, the committee voted to approve the request for reallocation of \$1.5 million in funds. An up-to-date list of the projects needs to be shared with MoDOT and MARC so the changes can be reviewed, and the TIP amended.
- C. Updates and Current Project Status
- This item was skipped due to a lack of time and will be addressed at the next meeting.

4. 2025-2026 Call for Projects

- A. Tentative Programming Schedule/Targets, and Other Relevant Items - Marc Hansen, MARC
- Information was shared about the upcoming Call for Projects and the schedule for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of that process.
- B. Consideration of an increase of the TAP Program Funding Caps/VOTE
- Martin Rivarola, MARC, presented information about the current status of the TAP Program funding caps. Historically, funding awards for the TAP program were capped at \$500,000, and consequently, projects that receive TAP funds leverage lower federal match than allowed by the program (80% maximum). The committee was asked to consider whether MARC should retain or revise TAP funding cap in its

current form for the 2022 programming round. Three options were suggested: 1) retain the funding cap at \$500,000, 2) revise the funding cap to another amount (such as \$600,000 or \$750,000), or 3) remove the funding cap altogether.

- Question asked: Are we anticipating more funding as part of the infrastructure bill? If so, how much would it increase? Answer provided: Yes, Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-aside Program funding estimated to increase approx. 10%.
- VOTE: A motion was put forth to revise the funding cap to \$750,000. Upon taking a vote, the committee passed the motion.

5. Other Business

A. Performance Measures Report - Chris Upchurch, MARC

- Safety trends:
 - Long-term trend of increasing fatalities since the beginning of last decade
 - Fatality rate also increasing and reaching a significant level
 - Had been seeing long-term decrease in the number of serious injuries and serious injury rate but now these are both increasing
 - Non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries had been decreasing slightly, now increasing
- Travel-time reliability:
 - Interstate and non-interstate NHS travel time reliability increased during pandemic
 - Truck travel time reliability comparable to peer cities, improved during pandemic
- Percent of work trips by alternative modes continues to hold steady at ~ 16 to 17%
- Miles of streets with protected bike facilities increased from ~ 2 to 5 miles since 2018
 - Question for the committee: should off-street trails be included in this statistic or only bike facilities with a protective barrier/related structure?
 - Suggestion was made to include miles of streets total to compare to.
- Just under federal standard for ozone levels (~ 65 to 70 parts per billion)
- Daily VMT per capita held steady in upper 20s over past decade
- Road conditions:
 - > 70% of interstate pavement in good condition in recent years (2017-2020)
 - < 1% of interstate pavement in poor condition
 - % of non-interstate NHS in good condition decreasing (~50% in 2020)
 - % of non-interstate NHS in poor condition increasing (~3% in 2020)
 - % of bridges in good condition decreasing (~40% in 2020)
 - % of bridges in poor condition increasing (> 5% in 2020)
- Future work:
 - Vehicle miles traveled target
 - 2022 Transportation Performance Report
- Question asked: Are there any national data or data from other cities to compare this report to? Answer Provided: Will include that sort of information in the next report.

B. 2022 Bike/Bikeway Plan Map Update - Jakob Goldman, MARC

- Jakob demonstrated how to use editable, online bike maps available from MARC. On the MARC Regional Bikeways and Trails Proposals map, users can submit proposals for new bikeways and trails.
- C. MARC Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policies, Martin Rivarola
 - <https://www.marc.org/About-MARC/pdf/Conflict-of-Interest-Boards>
 - <https://www.marc.org/About-MARC/pdf/WhistleblowerPolicy>
- D. Mike Landvik shared that there will be an in-person meeting where the unfunded needs list will be shared by MoDOT to the public December 17th.

6. Meeting Adjourned.

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 9th, 2022.