

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

January 12, 2022

Members/Alternates & Visitors in Attendance

Allison Smith, KDOT
AJ Farris, RideKC (KCATA)
Andrea Clark, KC Healthy Kids
Athena Huynh, City of Independence
Bobby Evans, City of KCMO
Brett McCubbin, City of Shawnee
Brian Shields, City of OP
Chad Thompson, KCMO
Charles Soules, City of Smithville
Christa McGaha, City of Lenexa
David LaRoche, FHWA KS Division
Dusty Zenger, City of Edwardsville
Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC
Erika Seward, JCPRD
Jan Faidley, City of Roeland Park
Jason Beury, City of Olathe
Jean Carder, City of Louisburg
Jenny Kramer, KDOT
Leslie Herring, City of Westwood*
Mark Green, City of Independence
Matt Davis, Jackson County*
Megan Garrett, JCPRD

Michael Kelley, BikeWalkKC
Nicole Brown, JCDHE
Noel Bennion, City of Riverside
Patrick Cierpiot, KCK
Paul Plotas, Burns & McDonnell
Rachel Thomas, MoDOT
Ryan Deeken, Wilson & Company, Inc.
Sam Moon, City of Osawatomie
Sarah Rose Shafer, P.E., UG
Sherri McIntyre, City of Liberty
Stacey Davis
Steve Schooley, City of Lenexa
Tod Hueser, City of Olathe

**co-chair*

MARC Staff in Attendance

Patrick Trouba
Martin Rivarola
Chris Upchurch
Ray Webb

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Action Item: Vote to Approve the November 2021 BPAC Meeting Summary

The summary was approved.

3. Presentation: Call for Projects for suballocated funding -- *Martin Rivarola, MARC*

Martin shared information regarding projected funding availability and the general programming timeline. The opening of the Call for Projects has been deferred until March in light of changes in program eligibility and expected additional funding.

4. Presentation: Complete Streets network assessment -- *Martin Rivarola, MARC*

Martin provided an update on MARC's Complete Streets network assessment - a short-term project in ConnectedKC 2050. The goals of the inventory/assessment have been to develop a data-based understanding of the completeness of the major street network, identify gaps in the network, and understand major priorities for system improvement. So far, the network assessed

has been limited to existing and future routes under Smart Moves 3.0 and Greater KC Regional Bikeway Plan corridors. Phase 1 of the assessment is anticipated to be completed early in 2022.

5. Presentation: Education and Bike share updates -- Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC

Eric Rogers is the Executive Director of BikeWalkKC, a local nonprofit focused on bike/ped-related education, safe routes to schools, public policy, community planning, and bike share. Their adult education program provides classes including “Confident City Cycling” and “Maintain Your Ride” as well as various community events. Youth programming is organized around safe routes to school and includes education about bike and pedestrian safety, school buses, youth development programs for high school students, best practices for management of arrival/dismissal traffic as well as technical assistance to schools developing their own safe routes program. BikeWalkKC also operates the region’s bike share program, branded as RideKC Bike, in collaboration with public and private partners. The program’s fleet is largely made up of electric-assist bikes with some classic pedal bikes. Work is done with KCATA and other transit providers to integrate bike share with public transit, making it a key strategy of the mobility-hub concept in MARC’s Smart Moves 3.0 Regional Transit Plan. Questions can be directed to Eric at eric.rogers@bikewalkkc.org or Michael Kelley (Policy Manager) at michael.kelley@bikewalkkc.org.

6. Presentation: Gillham Road Cycle Track -- Bobby Evans, KCMO Public Works

Bobby Evans shared information about the Gillham Road Cycle Track - KCMO’s first two-way cycle track. This project started out as part of PSP and is intended to slow traffic and improve multi-modal accommodations in the Gillham Road corridor. Concerns were expressed by attendees about the maintenance of the Cycle Track and similar facilities, and their suitability for cyclists. In the next two years, KCMO plans to build 30 miles of protected bike lanes, and this potentially may include an expansion of this cycle track further north. Questions about this topic can be directed to Bobby.Evans@kcmo.org.

7. Discussion: 2022 Committee work plan

Committee members invited to provide input regarding the topics and items they would like to see included in the 2022 committee work plan. Items already considered ongoing committee work include the 2022 Bikeway Map, an update to MARC’s Complete Streets Analysis, MARC’s Regional Bikeway Plan, and the upcoming call for projects and subsequent review of applications. Ideas and other questions/comments can be directed to Patrick Trouba at ptrouba@marc.org or Martin Rivarola at mrivarola@marc.org.

8. Round Table

- The City of Westwood is working on a project with the city of Roeland Park to look at potential improvements to Mission Road between County Line Road and Shawnee Mission Parkway. They are looking to possibly add bike lanes but want to explore ways to do so that are conscientious of those parking on the narrow street. Anyone with guidance or experience encouraged to reach out to Leslie Herring at leslie.herring@westwoodks.org with ideas. Additionally looking with various partners into ways to improve bike/ped safety along Rainbow Boulevard.
- Jenny Kramer announced that KDOT plans to put out a call for the next round of transportation alternatives funding for Federal FY 23-24 on Feb. 1st, starting with the Call for Projects Concepts. This round, eligibility is being opened up to non-urbanized portions of MARC and smaller MPOs are considered eligible applicants.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3pm.