

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

March 9, 2022

Members/Alternates & Visitors in Attendance

Bobby Evans, KCMO

Brett McCubbin, City of Shawnee

Brian Shields, City of OP

Brian Geiger, City of OP

Chad Thompson, KCMO

Charles Soules, City of Smithville

David LaRoche, FHWA KS Division

Dusty Zenger, City of Edwardsville

Emily Randel, City of Mission

Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC

Erin Stryka, Rosedale Development Association

Jan Faidley, City of Roeland Park

Jean Carder, City of Louisburg

Jessica Mortinger, Lawrence-Douglas County MPO

Jenny Kramer, KDOT

Jill Raiford, JCDHE

Karry Rood, City of Leawood

Krystal Jolly

Laura Klover

Mark Green, City of Independence

Matt Davis, Jackson County*

Megan Garrett, JCPRD

Noel Bennion, City of Riverside

Patrick Cierpiot, KCK

Penn Almoney, City of Mission

Ryan Deeken, Wilson & Company, Inc.

Sherri McIntyre, City of Liberty

**co-chair*

MARC Staff in Attendance

Patrick Trouba

Martin Rivarola

Chris Upchurch

Jakob Goldman

Ray Webb

Rachel Cannon

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Action Item: Vote to Approve the January 2022 BPAC Meeting Summary

The summary was approved.

3. Presentation: 21st St. Bicycle Blvd. in Lawrence -- Jessica Mortinger, Lawrence-Douglas County MPO

To improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, the city and MPO included in the region's long-range plan the need to develop a highly visible network of bicycle boulevards – existing streets that have been optimized for bicycle traffic. 21st St. was identified as part of the priority bikeway network, and work was done to implement traffic calming and reduction, signage, and intersection crossing treatments. This project improved connectivity by adding to the network and allowed the flow of bike/ped transportation to be directed away from 23rd St. – a principle arterial lacking in adequate bike/ped infrastructure.

4. Presentation: Climate and Environment Council -- Karen Clawson, MARC

This is a new committee that will focus on the implementation and progress of the Climate Action Plan. More information can be found at: <https://www.marc.org/Environment/Climate-Action/Climate-Environment-Council/Climate-Environment-Council-Application>.

5. Presentation: MARC's VMT and EV Target Setting Process Overview -- Chris Upchurch, MARC

A working group is going to be established to assist in the process of setting targets in line with the goals of the CAP and Connected KC 2050. After targets are proposed, the next step will be presenting them for review by MARC committees. For more information or to volunteer, Chris can be reached at cupchurch@marc.org.

6. Announcement: Update to Regional Bike Plan Network -- Patrick Trouba, MARC

The plan was first published in 2015. An update is planned for fall/winter of 2022 that will account for new bikeways and planning by cities. This will provide an opportunity for new emphasis on maintenance of bikeways.

7. Discussion: MARC's Bike/Ped Counters

Currently, MARC has 2 bicycle counters and 4 pedestrian counters which are loaned to regional agencies wanting to measure traffic on trails and bikeways. MARC staff sought feedback to evaluate how MARC can best use the counters in the future as well as what the system for requesting counters should look like. The group discussed potential for developing a queuing system for requests, the need for min. and max. time periods for loans, as well as the future and current costs of the devices. The consensus seemed to be that most agencies support a continued counter-loaning process, especially with the above concerns being addressed. Questions and comments can be sent to ptrouba@marc.org.

8. Discussion: Functionality of the Online Regional Trails and Bikeways Map

MARC maintains an online an online trails and bikeways map in addition to the print map. Though they use the same data, the online map can be updated continuously. Some of the features of the map were demonstrated, and the committee was asked to give feedback about its current strengths and weaknesses, any needed improvements, and the potential to support different kinds of users with the same map. The map is available at <https://www.marc2.org/assets/BikeMapApp/index.html>. Questions and comments can be sent to ptrouba@marc.org.

9. Round Table

- Martin Rivarola, MARC – Suballocated Call for Projects open – pre-application workshop is on 3/9, and a recording will be available for those who cannot attend.
- Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC – Have partnered with Safe Routes to School and put out a guidebook for communities looking to update and “decriminalize” municipal code; multiple webinars coming up in April (info on BikeWalkKC website).
- Bobby Evans, KCMO – Work is ongoing to develop 1 and 5-year bike plans and on the Vision Zero Action Plan.
- Brian Shields, Overland Park – Trail project along 91st underway – plan is to wrap up by end of year; Bird scooters are now in OP – e-bikes to follow.
- Emily Randel, Mission – Victory with sidewalk replacement on 51st; Looking at street plan for 2022; With Johnson Dr. being made into 3 lanes, planning a road diet celebration
- Jenny Kramer, KDOT – Closed Call for Concept with good number of applications.
- Matt Davis, Jackson County – In preliminary design for two trail projects that will improve trail system connectivity.
- Noel Bennion, City of Riverside – Work continues on 3 trail projects.

- David LaRoche, FHWA – FY 2022 Suballocated Apportionment Tables published and can be found at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legareqs/directives/notices/n4510864/>; now includes high schools in addition to primary and middle schools; the Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) final rule may come out as early as October. This is the most optimistic timeline.
- Jan Faidley, City of Roeland Park – Next larger project is Elledge Dr. – got support to put bike lanes on either side.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3pm.