

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Summary

May 11, 2022

Members/Alternates & Visitors in Attendance

Art Gough, Cycling KC
Bailey Waters, KCMO Public Works
Bailey Waters, City of KCMO
Bobby Evans, City of KCMO
Bradley Hocevar, City of Edwardsville
Brian Geiger, City of Overland Park
Chad Thompson, City of KCMO
Dusty Zenger, City of Edwardsville
Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC
Jan Faidley, City of Roeland Park
Krystal Jolly, MoDOT
Laura Klover, Preform LLC
Leslie Herring, City of Westwood*
Mark Green, City of Independence
Matt Davis, Jackson County*
Melissa Schmitz, MoDOT
Mike Kelly, BikeWalkKC
Mike Scanlon, City of Osawatomie

Nicole Brown, Johnson Co. Health and Environment
Noel Bennion, City of Riverside
Paul Plotas, KSite/Burns & McDonnell
Rachel Thomas, MoDOT
Sarah Davis, Toole Design Group
Tod Hueser, City of Olathe

**co-chair*

MARC Staff in Attendance

Patrick Trouba
Beth Dawson
Chris Upchurch
Marc Hanson
Rachel Cannon
Ray Webb
Ron Achelpohl
Taylor Cunningham

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

- A correction was made to the roundtable update from David LaRoche, FHWA, then the summary was approved.

3. Presentation: KCMO Protected Bikeways Planning and Implementation – *Bailey Waters, KCMO Public Works*

- Bailey shared about KCMO's One-Year Bicycle Implementation Plan, which involves a five-year conceptual bike network, a one-year work plan specifying bicycle lane design and schedule, methodology for data collection, and documentation of all community engagement related to the plan. The goals of this effort include improving accessibility, safety, and connectivity of the network per the city's Complete Streets and Vision Zero policies and climate resiliency goals.
- A local cyclist voiced the opinion that bicyclists would be safer if the city focused on road and sidewalk maintenance instead of investing in expanding protected bike lanes.

4. Presentation: Suballocated Call for Projects - Phase 1 – *Marc Hansen, MARC*

- Marc shared about the ongoing Suballocated Programs Call for Projects including anticipated funding, the application process, regional policy considerations, and the process for evaluating applications and determining if they are in line with CKC2050. He also provided summary

information about the preapplications and their alignment status and the timeline for the remainder of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the programming cycle.

5. Presentation: MTP Amendment #4 – Chris Upchurch, MARC

- Two new regionally significant expansion projects have been announced by KDOT: I-35 (Santa Fe to US-56) and K-10 (I-435 to the Douglas Co. Line), which both will add new through-lanes. Neither project is currently listed in the CKC2050 long-range plan, so MTP amendments have been requested. This amendment would also include a revision to the JoCo Gateway Phase 2 project, which is already in the MTP. To be included in the MTP, such projects that add single-occupant vehicle capacity would have to follow the Congestion Management Policy and related TDM/TSM strategies. For this reason, the projects will only proceed with preliminary engineering after amendments are made until KDOT performs a congestion management analysis, then construction phases will be added to the TIP. At this point, MARC is providing briefings to committees like BPAC and seeking feedback from the highway committee, and TTPC. In late June, the amendment will be released for public review and comment.

6. Announcement: Bike Month – Patrick Trouba, MARC

- Patrick shared information about National Bike Month, including local bicycling events and the Bike Month Challenge. More information at kcbikemonth.com and RideshareKC.org. An update was also provided about the Regional Trails and Bikeways Map, which is available online and has now been distributed to most bike shops.

7. Announcement: PSP Program Call for Projects – Beth Dawson, MARC

- Beth shared details about the Planning Sustainable Places Program and its Call for Projects. The goal of the program is to help local communities advance their local vibrant, connected, and green projects towards implementation. The submission deadline for the Call is June 17th, 2022. After that date, project evaluation and prioritization begin.

8. Round Table

- Patrick Trouba provided a reminder about MARC's Regional Assembly June 10th.
- Leslie shared that work continues for Westwood's PSP project on County Line and their project implementing bike/ped improvements on Mission Road with Roeland Park. They also plan to submit a PSP application for a project on Rainbow Blvd.
- Eric from BikeWalkKC shared that they have a competent city cycling class May 15th and a walking tour in the Country Club Plaza with Urban Hikes KC on the 17th.
- Mike from the City of Osawatomie shared that the city is one of the founding members of the KS Association of Trail Towns. Their goal is to highlight the Flint Hills trail and the 18 communities along it. They are also working on a Katy-Flint Hills trail connection as well as what could be make the longest rails-to-trails project in the United States. They also recently participated in the Sunflower Foundation's Trail Champions Cohort.
- Nicole from JCHE shared that they've made good progress with their Safe Routes to School Program and have been able to participate in multiple events for Bike Month.
- Dusty Zenger shared he is leaving the city of Edwardsville and moving with his family to Lincoln, NE.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13th and will hybrid (both in person and online).