



BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MINUTES

Matt Davis, MO Co-Chair and Leslie Herring, KS Co-Chair

Thursday, September 16, 2021 - 1:30 PM

Attending (Member/Alternates Underlined)

Matt Davis, Jackson County

Leslie Herring, City of Westwood

Charles Soules, Smithville

Cecelie Cochran, FHWA Kansas

Mark Randall, City of Independence

Jan Faidley, City of Roeland Park

Brian Shields, City of Overland Park

Michael Kelley, BikeWalkKC

Nicole Brown, JCDHE

Jean Carder, City of Louisburg, KS

Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC

Jenny Kramer, KDOT

Jason Beury, City of Olathe

Trevor Acorn, Hyde Park Traffic Committee

Michael Landvik, MoDOT

Dusty Zenger, City of Edwardsville

AJ Farris, KCATA

Jason Beury

Mario Vasquez, Kansas City, MO

Richard Allen, Kansas City, MO

Chad Thompson, Kansas City, MO

Sarah Shafer, Unified Government, KS

Christ McGaha, City of Lenexa, KS

Michael Park, City of Lee's Summit, MO

MARC Staff

Alex Rotenberry

Ron Achelpohl

Patrick Trouba

Martin Rivarola

1. Welcome

Alex Rotenberry and Matt Davis welcomed the new Kansas Co-Chair, Leslie Herring and gave her the opportunity to introduce herself to the committee.

2. Draft: July 2021 BPAC Summary*

The Minutes from the July 10 2021 meeting were approved.

3. Presentation/Discussion: MoDOT Tier II and Tier III + Multimodal Unfunded Needs

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use with MARC, to discuss MoDOT's tiered list of unfunded future prioritized projects and specifically look at the tier three road and bridge and multimodal priority lists. Funding targets for both the tier three projects and multimodal priorities are \$367 million and \$183 million respectively.

MARC had convened many of the planning committee members, including BPAC, in a joint prioritization workshop on September 2, 2021. The joint group was asked to include input on the priority of each tier

of the unfunded tiers. The recommendations were shown throughout the presentation to the committee.

The workshop participants selected the following split for multimodal funds: 37% for transit projects, 34% for bicycle/pedestrian projects, and 28% for freight projects. The various planning committees addressed transit and freight, but MARC staff wanted to discuss the bicycle/pedestrian portion of the multimodal unfunded needs list with this committee.

As Bike/Ped projects were allocated 34.6% of the funding, staff calculated that there would be \$60 million for projects (out of the \$183 million). Staff suggested one possible scenario by emphasizing a project already submitted to the MARC long range plan, Connected KC 2050, entitled '[Strategic pedestrian safety improvements](#).' This project is nebulous in description but addresses issues within the region regarding to pedestrian infrastructure. The estimated cost for this project is \$25 million, leaving \$35 for bicycle projects. Also in the long-range plan is the complete buildout for the MARC Bicycle Plan (on-street) and MetroGreen Plan (trails, other off-street facilities), which would account for the remainder of the funds. Staff calculated the buildout, divided by half (for Missouri only) and further broke down costs (\$35 million) by county, based on population. The result was \$5.7 million for Cass County, \$16.2 million for Jackson County, \$7.5 million for Clay County, and \$5.4 million for Platte County.

The motion to follow the scenario as presented by MARC staff was made, seconded, and approved by the BPAC.

Mr. Rivarola also passed along information about a similar process that KDOT is doing, called local consults, with the KC Metro meeting being [September 30](#).

4. Discussion: Connected KC 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Call For Projects

Martin Rivarola started by reminding the committee about Connected KC 2050 and its purpose, as well as describing the types of future projects that were included in the plan as it was adopted.

All illustrative projects, those with uncertain future funding, were ranked by the committees into high, medium, and low priorities. All projects were put into five categories: Kansas and Missouri state projects (on the either state system), Kansas and Missouri local projects (those proposed on local roads by cities or counties), and transit projects.

In June 2021, MARC opened up a new call for projects. Twenty nine projects were submitted by twelve separate agencies, for a total of \$941 million in proposed future projects.

MARC staff scored the projects using the same scoring criteria as for the original projects proposed for the plan to ensure fairness in the comparison between old and new projects.

2021 MTP Mini Call Scoring Ranges by Funding Source		
	# of Projects*	Points Scored
KS State	1	80
KS Local	9	122-60
MO State	5	120-65
MO Local	15	130-36

*One regional project was submitted. It was placed in both the KS and MO local funding "buckets."

The workshop mentioned above in item # 3 also reviewed the staff scoring and placement into high, medium, and low categories. While attendees may not have totally agreed with staff's assessment, many projects did not move from one category to another.

Next steps include talking with various other planning modal committees, doing a financial capacity analysis of the projects submitted, and adopting these projects into the plan by the first quarter of 2022.

No action was taken by the committee at this time.

5. MARC Updates

- Bike Lane Mileage

Alex Rotenberry was inquiring how communities count bicycle lanes. Do they consider both sides of a road with bike lanes or no. Some communities do one or the other or both: lanes miles of bike lanes and centerline miles of bike lanes.

- Plogtober

MARC's environmental department is hosting an event dubbed Plogtober on October 17, 2021. The idea is that while people walk or run or roll, that they collect trash. To learn more, visit their [website](#).

- Vision Zero Summit Videos

MARC staff have recently made public the videos from 2020's Pathways to Vision Zero Summit. There are a number of videos discussing Vision Zero, both broadly and specifically to efforts here in the region. Please visit the [MARC YouTube channel](#) to view them.

- Bike Map Update

The update for the 2022 update for the regional bikeway map is to kick off in October 2021.

6. Round Table

Jackson County Parks+Rec – Walktober is happening in October, highlighting four trails, including the Rock Island Trail. Matt Davis was also interested in learning more about Independence's use of cycletrack in road diets.

Westwood – There is a complete streets demonstration as part of a Planning Sustainable Places grant on 47th Place in Westwood (between Stateline Road and Rainbow). This is taking place September 20-22, 2021. Doing a road diet study on Rainbow Road from Shawnee Mission Parkway to County Line Road. Westwood is also looking into bike/ped improvements on Mission Road in 2024.

Overland Park – Working on a scooter pilot program for 2022.

Kansas City, Missouri – Looking at a possible pedestrian mall at 18th and Vine (Paseo over to Woodland).

Smithville, Missouri – Work continues on the transportation master plan, a Safe Routes to School plan, and discussing a potential complete streets policy. MoDOT is replacing sidewalks on 169, with ADA ramps. Held a successful household hazardous waste event with MARC.

Lenexa, Kansas – Just started work on phase two of the city's complete streets plan, which includes bike lanes, share the road signage, and sharrows.

Olathe, Kansas – Awarded and working on bike master plan.

BikeWalkKC – continuing to work on vision zero action plan with Kansas City, Missouri, including a list of thirty miles of bicycle facilities that will be released later in 2021.

Lee's Summit – Completed a project that included a trail connecting downtown Lee's Summit to the Rock Island trail corridor along Jefferson Street. Also, another project was completed along third street that included sidewalk and lighting improvements. There are more complete streets projects under design, including an open streets concept around city hall. The city is also working with micromobility companies, though they seem interested in lock-to scooters closer to the downtown.

Johnson County Health Department - Have a Safe Routes to School RFP out, working with Title I schools.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.