

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Summary

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 1:30 PM (Special Meeting)

Co-Chairs

Kansas co-chair: Leslie Herring, City of Westwood (not present)

Missouri co-chair: Chuck Soules, City of Smithville (present, in-person)

Members/Alternates & Visitors in Attendance

In-person

Art Gough, citizen

Brett McCubbin, City of Shawnee

Jan Faidley, City of Roeland Park

John Pileggi, Kimley-Horn

Riley Mitts, Kimley-Horn

Ron McLinden, citizen

Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC

Jared Elbert, City of Grandview

Juan Yin, MoDOT

Keith Moody, City of Roeland Park

Mike Burton, City of Overland Park

Noel Bennion, City of Riverside

Pete Jarchow, City of Shawnee Bicycle Advisory Committee

Sherri McIntyre, City of Liberty

Tammy Sufi, Toole Design

Ted Smith, Platte County

Virtual

Allison Smith, KDOT

Andrea Lynch, WSP

Beth Wright, City of Olathe

Bryce Shields, KCATA

MARC staff in attendance

In-person

Patrick Trouba

Virtual

Beth Dawson

Bobby Evans

Martin Rivarola

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) DISCUSSION: Regional Bikeway Plan update tentative scope

MARC Transportation Planner Patrick Trouba presented the tentative scope of the update to MARC's Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan. Mr. Trouba covered reasons for the update, the goal of the update, anticipated tasks for a consultant team, and timeline for the project. There was discussion from meeting attendees around the purpose of the update and who it would serve, and other possible topics that could be relevant to include in the plan. *See the attached slides for more details.*

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Agenda

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Discussion: Regional Bikeway Plan update
tentative scope

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Regional Bikeway Plan 2025 Update

Review of the tentative scope

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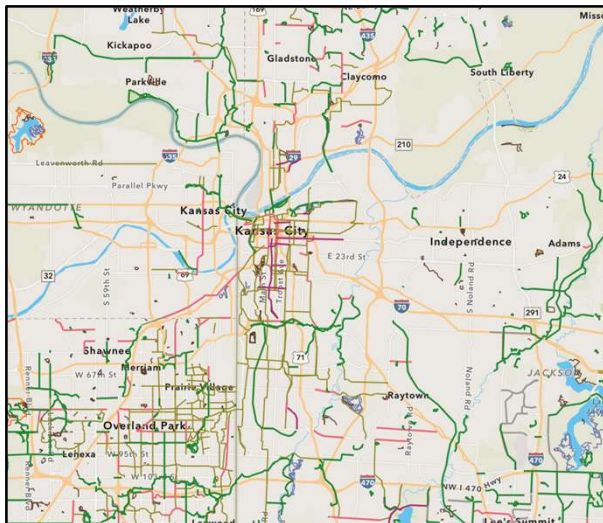
Why an update to the Regional Bikeway Plan?

- Current Regional Bikeway Plan was conducted in 2014-2015.
- Last year, MARC staff measured implementation of the planned Regional Bikeway Network at about 12% of network mileage.
- Seeking to understand barriers to implementation.
- New work needed to understand cross-jurisdictional gaps.
- A regional bike/ped counting program has not been implemented and the landscape of bike/ped counting has changed; a new plan is needed.
- Ray County is now in the MPO

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Goal of the update

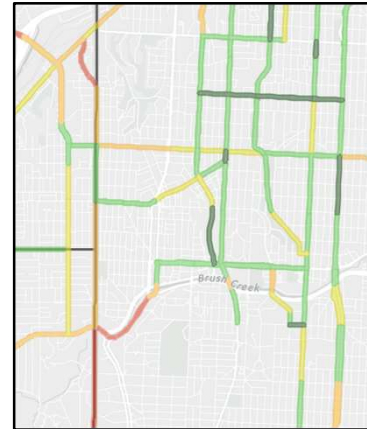
The primary goal of this Regional Bikeway Plan update is to **better facilitate implementation of safe and low-stress bicycle facilities in the Kansas City region, prioritizing interjurisdictional connections.**



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Existing conditions + analysis tasks

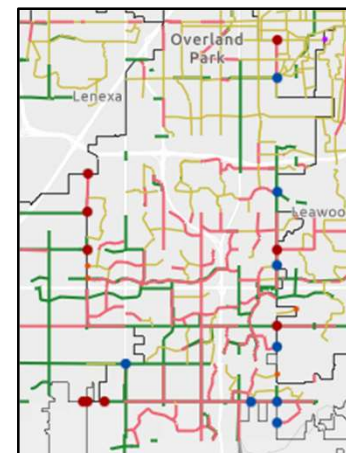
- Peer review of other regional-scale bikeway plans (5 – 10)
- Collect local gov. planned bikeways and trails data
- Analysis of ridership data from various sources
 - *Potential* sources include Replica, Strava, RideKC Bike, Ride with GPS, Love to Ride, StreetLight Data
 - Identify areas of transportation, recreation, and both if possible.



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Existing conditions + analysis tasks

- New gap analysis
 - Multi-jurisdiction partnership opportunities
 - Connecting sidepaths or bike lanes to trails
 - Connecting trails to each other, possibly through on-street/beside-street facilities
 - Gaps that local governments identify as high-priority
- “Neighborhood bike-shed” analysis – identifying areas of up to 3 miles around community destinations where better bike-friendliness would increase bike travel



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Note: Not in the scope

New safety analysis

MARC's Safe Streets for All effort is already planning a vulnerable road user assessment. We plan to use the results of that effort in the update.



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Public & Stakeholder Engagement tasks

- Local public agency stakeholder engagement
 - Workshops
 - Demonstration bike rides
- General public engagement – identifying barriers to cycling in a wide range of contexts – consultants encouraged to submit ideas for public engagement strategies

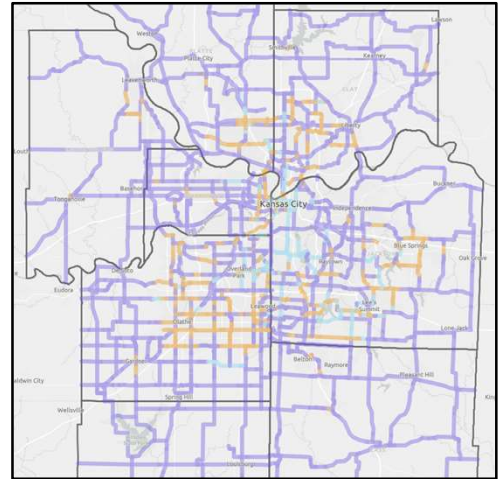


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Network Design task

Update the Regional Bikeway Network

- Purpose of the Network is to incentivize cross-jurisdictional, low-stress bikeways.
- Informed by cycling data, safety data, and public engagement
- Network should be simplified
- May include off-street trails, such as those on the existing or planned MetroGreen network
- May include Ray County now that it is in the MPO

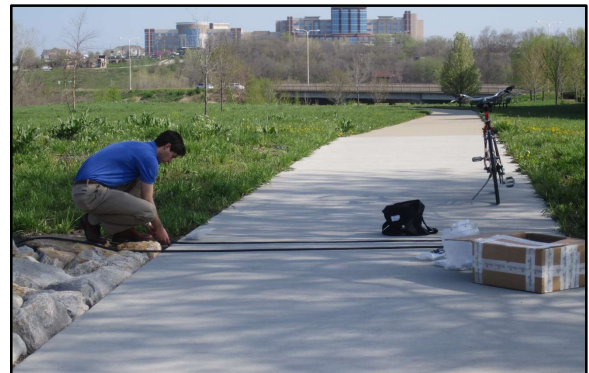


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Regional Counting Program task

A new Regional Counting Program plan would account for:

- The use of “big data” (Replica, Strava, etc. as available)
- New counting technologies, estimated costs, and deployment scenarios
- Any new research on counting programs



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Other Recommendations tasks

- Review MARC's updated Complete Streets Network Assessment tool for bicycle "completeness" methodology.
- Regional Wayfinding Plan – can it see increased implementation?
- Other MARC Complete Streets products – can the RBP support them or vice versa?



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Future Steps

Bikeway implementation resources for local governments – pending results of local government stakeholder engagement

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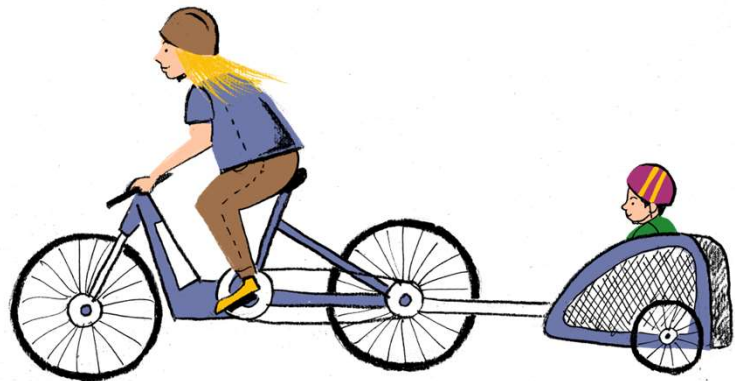
Timeline

- Procurement – Q1 2025
- Planning effort – Q2-Q4 2025

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Thoughts? Questions?

What do you think should
be in the scope of work?



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Adjournment

Next meeting: January 8, 2025