

Missouri Transportation Planning Committee

Meeting Notes

August 2018

The Missouri Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting was held in the East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG) offices on Tuesday, August 8, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

Members in Attendance

Rich Bradley, City of St Louis
Amanda Brauer, St Charles County Transit Authority representative
Mike Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
John Hicks, St Louis County
Jason Jonas, Jefferson County
Grace Kyung, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) representative
Chris Poehler, Bi-State Development
Wesley Stephen, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Craig Tajkowski, St Charles County
Ron Williams, Franklin County

Members Absent

Maurice Falls, City of St Louis
Pat Kelly, Municipal League of Metro St Louis
Jessica Mefford-Miller, Bi-State Development (BSD)
Greg Smith, St Louis Regional Chamber

Others in Attendance

Steve Ables, Municipal League of Metro St Louis
Todd Antoine, Great Rivers Greenway (GRG)
Nick Galla, City of St Charles
Jessica Gershman, Bi-State Development (BSD)
John Kohler, City of St Louis
Kisha Lee, Bi-State Development (BSD)
Dan Mann, City of St Charles
Michael Steinlage, Great Rivers Greenway (GRG)

EWG Staff

Jerry Blair, Larry Grither, Ajdin Hamzagic, Paul Hubbard, Dan Hutton, Peter Koeppel, Jason Lange, Christopher Michael, Anna Musial, Rachael Pawlak, Josh Schwenk, Melissa Theiss

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Hicks, Chair.

ITEMS

Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Analysis – Anna Musial (EWG) and Melissa Theiss (EWG) presented on EWG's Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Analyses. These two documents were

developed as tools for local agencies as St. Louis is a safety focus city, meaning it is in the top 20 cities with the highest rates of bicycle and pedestrian crashes. Both Illinois and Missouri are focus states, meaning they contain a focus city. Additionally, the number of non-motorized serious injuries and fatalities is one of the performance targets which MPOs must set under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

The crash analyses took data from crash reports for all crashes involving a bicycle or pedestrian in the region for 2011-2015. Locations were also overlaid with environmental justice areas to determine the impact on vulnerable and historically underserved communities. Additionally, results from the Bicycle and Walking Survey were incorporated to provide a user perspective. Strategies for improving safety for bicycles and pedestrians were drawn from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), state, and local sources. Staff intends to update the documents every three years with intermittent reports on specific issues.

The analysis documents are available on EWG's website at the following links:

Bicycle Crash Analysis: <https://www.ewgateway.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BicycleCrashAnalysis-2018.pdf>

Pedestrian Crash Analysis: <https://www.ewgateway.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/PedestrianCrashAnalysis-2018.pdf>

Forest Park and Kimmwick Great Streets Initiative – Paul Hubbman (EWG) updated the TPC on two recent Great Streets Initiative projects. EWG's Great Streets Initiative is an attempt to expand the ways in which communities think about their streets, to create interesting, lively, attractive streets that accommodate all travel modes.

The Forest Park study considered parking, access points, non-motorized travel, high-capacity circulator, and lighting options for the park. Additionally, the study looked at greenway connections, redesigning internal streets to better accommodate pedestrians and parking, redesigning the surrounding arterials to better integrate the park into the surrounding neighborhoods, and reactivating underutilized spaces to spread out activity throughout the park and at different times. The Kimmwick study examined how to mitigate risk of flooding on the Mississippi River, accommodate large crowds at the City's many festivals, and tying the city into surrounding amenities such as the future port of the Delta Queen steamboat, Mastodon State Historic Site, and Great Rivers Greenway River Ring.

Additional details, including the final plans, are available on EWG's website:

Forest Park: <https://www.ewgateway.org/transportation-planning/great-streets-initiative/round-five/>

Kimmwick: <https://www.ewgateway.org/transportation-planning/great-streets-initiative/round-6-projects/>

FY 2019-2022 TIP – Local Program Project Recommendations – STP-S and CMAQ – ACTION

ITEM – Jason Lange (EWG) discussed the recent call for projects for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). The call opened on February 26, 2018. Workshops with project sponsors were held in March, April, and May and applications were due on June 14, 2018.

Staff received 106 STP-S applications representing approximately \$122.3 million requested. Approximately \$50 million was available to program. Projects were evaluated under EWG's new scoring criteria, receiving up to 100 points for performance, up to 20 points for cost, and up to five points for usage. The project rankings are based on the total score, representing performance, cost, and usage. In case of a tie, the project with the highest performance points takes priority, with lowest requested federal cost being a secondary tie-breaker. The project rankings are available in the attached memo. Staff also received a request for a one-time 10% funding increase due to costs being greater than initially estimated. Staff recommended to deny this request.

Staff received 23 CMAQ applications representing approximately \$34.3 million requested. Approximately \$29 million was available to program. Projects are evaluated based on the federal cost per ton of emissions reduced for ozone precursors and ranked based on this cost effectiveness. The project rankings are available in the attached memo.

A public comment period was held on the project applications from June 27, 2018 to July 24, 2018. A total of 351 comments were received. These comments are summarized and included in full in the attached memo.

Staff recommended the projects selected through the ranking process, identified in Attachment D of the attached memo, be recommended for inclusion in the Draft FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Grace Kyung (BPAC) asked how the use of the new criteria went. Lange responded that overall the process went well and that staff would look into clarifying some aspects of the criteria. Ron Williams (Franklin County) noted that when the TPC passed the criteria, they requested to revisit it after two years.

Motion to Approve: Move – Rich Bradley, Second – Jason Jonas.

-Motion carries – All in attendance voting in favor.

Draft FY 2019-2022 TIP – Public Comment and Open House Schedule – Jason Lange (EWG) informed the TPC of the schedule for public comment on the Draft FY 2019-2022 TIP. The public comment period runs from August 31, 2018 to October 5, 2018. Missouri open houses will be held at the following locations and dates:

Monday, September 10, 2018: 4:30pm to 6:30pm
The Heights
8001 Dale Ave
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Monday, September 17, 2018: 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Pacific City Hall
300 Hoven Dr
Pacific, MO 63069

Thursday, September 20, 2018: 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Hillsboro City Hall
101 Main St
Hillsboro, MO 63050

Wednesday, September 26, 2018: 4:30pm to 6:30pm
O'Fallon City Hall
100 N Main St
O'Fallon, MO 63366

Thursday, September 27, 2018: 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Online open house/live chat in cooperation with St Louis Post-Dispatch
Access at www.ewgateway.org

Reasonable Progress – Josh Schwenk (EWG) informed the TPC that since their July meeting, six projects have obligated \$7.1 million in federal funds. In total, out of \$91,563,922 programmed for FY 2018, \$44,683,675 had been obligated by the July 31, 2018 update, bringing the number of obligated projects to 83 out of 149. The most recent Reasonable Progress Update is available here: https://www.ewgateway.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/4_ReasonableProgress-FY2018.pdf

Other Business –

The next Missouri TPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 at 2:00pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion – Jason Jonas, Second – Ron Williams.