St. Louis Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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East-West Gateway Council of Governments

One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 • St. Louis, MO 63102

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 - - 2 PM

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Tentative Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - - October 10, 2012
3. **Chair, Vice Chair Nomination**
4. **FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program** - - Jason Lange
5. **Job Access and Reverse Commute & New Freedom Program** - - Rachael Pawlak
6. **On-Street Bicycle Guidance** - - Paul Wojciechowski
7. **Other Business and Events**
8. Next Meeting Dates: TBD
9. Adjournment

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To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
From: Rachael Pawlak, East West Gateway Council of Governments
RE: Draft Minutes from BPAC meeting, October 10, 2012; 2 pm

In Attendance:
Marielle Brown (Trailnet)
Karen Karabell (Citizen)
John Kohler (St. Louis City)
Donovan Larson (Citizen)
Jessica Niemeyer (CMT)
Elizabeth Simons (Live Well Ferguson)
Jeremy Wolfmeyer (City of O'Fallon, Mo)

East West Gateway Staff:
Jason Lange
Rachael Pawlak
Shay Schindler

1. Introductions

Jeremy Wolfmeyer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - - July 11, 2012

The minutes were approved as proposed.

3. MAP 21

Jason Lange gave an overview of the new federal transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). MAP-21 is a $105B two year transportation bill, which became effective on October 1, 2012 and expires September 30, 2014. Lange described the bill's funding sources, nothing that the Motor Vehicle Fuel tax has been extended through 2016. The themes of the bill include: strengthening America's highway and public transportation systems; creating jobs and supporting economic growth; supporting the Department of Transportation's aggressive safety agenda; simplifying and focusing on the federal program; accelerating project delivery and promoting innovation; and establishing a performance based federal program. The Surface Transportation Program continues to fund federal-aid highways plus bridges on any public road; however, the 10% enhancement set-aside has been eliminated. The Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program continues without any changes. The new Transportation Alternatives program redefines the previous Transportation Enhancements program and consolidates some of the activities, and includes the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. One of the activities no longer eligible is safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists; however, this is an eligible activity under the SRTS program, for children in grades k-8. Several of the transit programs have been created, consolidate, or eliminated, for instance: the

Bus and Bus Facilities program converted to a formula program; the JARC program was eliminated, but JARC activities are eligible under the Urban and Rural Area Formula Program; the New Freedom program was eliminated, however projects are eligible under the Section 5310 program; and the State of Good Repair program replaces Rail Modernization. The rules and regulations detailing the bill have yet to be written.

4. Great Streets Round Two

Shay Schindler updated the BPAC on the Great Streets Initiative. Applications for the second round were due August 3, 2012. East-West Gateway selected three projects, including: Dorsett Road in Maryland Heights, Grand Center in St. Louis, and Pave Avenue in Pagedale. The three separate projects will develop schematic level plans consistent with the Great Streets Initiative process and goals. EWG issued a RFQ in July seeking a consultant to provide planning services for the three projects and a selection committee has been developed for each project.

5. September Bike Counts Analysis

Marielle Brown gave a presentation on Trailnet's bike counting project, which occurred September 11, 12, and 13. The tracking program is based on the guidelines from the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project. The volunteers tracked gender, race, bicycles on road or sidewalk, and bicycles with or against traffic. There were 32 volunteer locations, 10 video locations, and an additional 11 locations chosen by Trailnet. The results showed 2,811 people on bicycles and 6,129 people on foot. The highest percentage of individuals walking (34.6%) and biking(64.5%) were white males. Regarding riding behavior, 9.7% were counted riding against traffic and 36.8% of bicyclists were riding on the sidewalk.

6. Other Business

The BPAC nominated Marielle Brown as the Transportation Planning Committee representative.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.