

East-West Gateway Council of Governments Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 • St. Louis, MO 63102
Wednesday, September 8, 2016 - - 2 PM

Tentative **Meeting Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - - May 11, 2016
3. **Great Streets Initiative Update** - - Paul Hubbman
4. **STP-S Project Selection Criteria** - - Peter Koeppel, Sonya Pointer, Rachael Pawlak
5. **Fine-Resolution Land Use Cover Data for the St. Louis Region** - - Christopher Michael
6. **Other Business**
7. **Events/Announcements**
 - a. National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project, September 13&14
 - b. Ride Illinois, Illinois Bike Summit, September 19
 - c. APBP Webinar, Pedestrians and Bicyclists in a Suburban Context, September 21
 - d. APBP Webinar, Intersections that Work for Pedestrians and Bicyclists, October 19
 - e. APBP Webinar, Transitions between Bikeway Facilities, November 16
 - f. APBP Webinar, Trips to Demystify Traffic Analysis, December 14
8. **Future Meetings**
 - a. BPAC Meeting Date: TBD
 - b. Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: October 14, 2016
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, May 11, 2016; 2 pm

In Attendance:

Curtis Jones (IDOT)
Grace Kyung (Trailnet)
Karen Karabell (Cycling Savvy)
Ryan Pierce (St. Louis County DOT)
Jeremy Wolfmeyer (City of O'Fallon)

East-West Gateway Staff:

Larry Grither
Peter Koeppel
Christopher Michael
Anna Musial
Sonya Pointer
Melissa Theiss

Others in Attendance:

Kevin Jemison (IDOT)
Janet Matthews (Trailnet)

BPAC Coordinator:

Rachael Pawlak

- 1. Introductions**
Curtis Jones called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** - - January 13, 2016
The minutes were approved as proposed.
- 3. MoDOT Blueprint**
Anna Musial updated the committee on the current status of Missouri's Blueprint to Save More Lives, the strategic highway safety plan for all public roads statewide. The Blueprint was recently rewritten and is now going through the public comment period. The comment period began in the beginning of April on the five emphasis areas that make up the Blueprint. Those emphasis areas include serious crash types, high risk drivers, special vehicles, vulnerable road users, and special roadway environments. The vulnerable road users emphasis area is the area where bicycle and pedestrian crashes are addressed, and was sent out for comment on April 20, 2016 and closed on May 4, 2016. The final document will be released at the Blueprint Conference which takes place October 18-20, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Executive in Columbia, MO. All are welcome to attend.
- 4. Surface Transportation Program – Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program**
Melissa Theiss gave an update on the STP-S and CMAQ call for projects and selection process. EWG announced a call for project applications in December 2015, and applications were due on March 3, 2016. Staff completed the evaluation of local project applications, and the Transportation Planning Committee in Illinois and Missouri made funding recommendations at their May meetings. In Missouri, 59 STP-S projects were recommended for funding, totaling approximately \$45 million in federal funds. Twenty-two (22) CMAQ applications were recommended for funding, totaling

approximately \$27 million in federal funds. In Illinois, 13 STP-S projects were recommended for funding, totaling approximately \$5.3 million in federal funding. Eight (8) CMAQ applications were recommended for funding, totaling approximately \$4.1 million in federal funding. The public comment period on the Transportation Improvement Program begins on July 1 and concludes on August 10. Five (5) open houses are scheduled and an on-line chat will take place on July 26.

Rachael Pawlak presented a map showing the existing bicycle network and the recommended projects that include a bicycle facility component.

5. **STP-S Project Selection Criteria Update**

Peter Koeppel discussed the update to the STP-S scoring criteria. EWG staff is currently working on the criteria. Focus groups will be convened in the summer of 2016 to provide input on the criteria. Rachael discussed the development of a Bike Planning Manual that will provide information to sponsors on low-stress bike facilities. The manual should be completed in late winter.

6. **St. Louis City Neighborhood Greenways**

Janet Matthews presented on St. Louis City's Neighborhood Greenways Initiative. This is a Trailnet led EPA funded project. Janet stated that the term "greenways" can be confusing since most people think it means building a trail. The name 'calm streets' has been chosen by project participants since the goal is to slow traffic and calm traffic. The project purpose is to create a network of calm, low-stress streets. In the first phase, Trailnet spent a year educating the area on calm streets. Trailnet is currently in the second phase. Trailnet has been creating a work plan and scope of work for planning pilot routes. Trailnet will then plan for a full network of calm streets over the next ten years. For more information, please visit: <http://trailnet.org/work/public-transit/priority-campaigns/neighborhood-greenways-everyone/>.

7. **Pop-Up Demonstrations and How-To Guide**

Grace Kyung presented on the results of Trailnet's four pop-up traffic calming demonstrations. While the goal was to slow traffic, another component of the project including educating the public on traffic calming and why it's beneficial. Grace handed out a one-sheet informational sheet that included information on average speeds and percentage of vehicles stopping at stop signs on days without the demo and with the demo. Grace also provided sample comments from resident surveys. Grace stated that three out of the four demonstration projects will have some sort of permanent change. Trailnet will produce a toolkit for communities to use to create their own pop-up traffic calming demonstrations. The guide *Slow Your Street: A How-To Guide for Pop-Up Traffic Calming* will be available in late May.

8. **Other Business**

Transportation Planning Committee representative – Marielle Brown was the TPC representative, but no longer is a BPAC member. Therefore the BPAC needed to elect a new TPC representative. The committee nominated Grace Kyung to serve as the TPC representative.

Bike Month events – The committee discussed bike month events around the St. Louis region. Trailnet will be hosting several refueling stations in the morning of Bike to Work Day.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.