

East-West Gateway Council of Governments
One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 • St. Louis, MO 63102

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
From: Melissa Theiss, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
RE: Draft Minutes from BPAC meeting, August 9, 2017; 2 pm

In Attendance:
Laura Ellen (MoDOT)
John Hicks (St. Louis County)
Kevin Jemison (IDOT)
Curtis Jones (IDOT)
Grace Kyung (Trailnet)
Jeremy Wolfmeyer (City of O’Fallon)
Sarah Vogt (Heartlands Conservancy)

East-West Gateway Staff:
Anna Musial
Paul Hubbman
Rachael Pawlak

BPAC Coordinator:
Melissa Theiss

1. **Introductions**

Curtis Jones called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - - May 10, 2017**

The minutes were approved as proposed.

3. **Great Streets Initiative – Forest Park and Kimmswick**

Paul Hubbman presented an overview of the current Great Streets projects in Forest Park and Kimmswick, MO. The Forest Park project seeks to address four primary accessibility issues:

- 1) diffusing vehicular traffic congestion into and out of the park
- 2) mobility within the park and internal circulation
- 3) lack of supporting uses
- 4) neighborhood and pedestrian access to the park

The final plan is expected to be complete by December 2017.

The Kimmswick project was selected through a competitive process and will be addressing a series of unique, integrated issues such as connecting the downtown area to the riverfront, minimizing the impact of flooding, and accommodating tourism in a community of 158 people that can swell to 150,000 during festival season. The project is now selecting consultants, with expected completion in June 2018.

There will also be a project solicitation in Illinois this year, which will conclude in June 2018 with EWG producing a final plan for the selected community.

4. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

Rachael Pawlak presented the projects recommended during the most recent solicitation for TAP funding. Project applications went online April 4 and were due to EWG on June 19. In Missouri, 33

applications requesting approximately \$18 million in federal funds were received. In Illinois, 15 applications requesting approximately \$3.8 million were received. Projects were evaluated by EWG staff, based on the criteria outlined in the long-range transportation plan. At their August 2nd meeting, the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) recommended 15 projects for funding in Missouri, totaling \$9.1 million in federal funds, and six projects in Illinois, totaling \$1.4 million in federal funds. The public comment period is open August 3 through September 5. Recommended projects will be presented to the Board of Directors at its September 27 meeting for final approval and inclusion into the TIP. An updated map of TAP projects, including the recommended 2017 TAP projects was presented.

5. **Trailnet's Protected Bikeways Vision**

Grace Kyung provided information on Trailnet's new vision, which consists of a network of on-street protected bicycle facilities and sidewalks. Earlier today, Trailnet hosted its first blender, which brought together all of the five committees and 58 partner agencies to provide updates on progress and share feedback. The committees include:

- a) Destinations + Routes
- b) Land Use
- c) Funding + Governance
- d) Design + Placemaking
- e) Public Input

Feedback from today's blender and development of next steps are under review, but the original timeline may need to be extended. For more information, please visit:

<http://trailnet.org/work/community/>

6. **St. Louis County Pop-up Traffic Calming Demonstration**

John Hicks presented information on the pop-up street design demonstration that was held on Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on West Florissant Avenue. St. Louis County departments of Planning, Health, and Transportation partnered with Trailnet to demonstrate possible street and sidewalk improvements, including a temporary crosswalk, signage, and separated median and shoulder. The demonstration was unique in that it took place on a high-volume, five-lane arterial road, instead of a smaller, neighborhood street.

7. **Other Business**

None.

8. **Events/Announcements**

August 10: Metro Civic Center Transit Center ribbon cutting

August 11: Missouri Active Transportation Summit (Jefferson City)

APBP Webinars (2:00-3:00 pm at GRG)

August 16: Incorporating Public Art into Transportation Corridors

September 20: Green Design: Minimizing Environmental Impact in Public Rights of Way

September 12-13: National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project

October 18-20: Missouri State APA Conference

October 30-November 2: NACTO Designing Cities Conference (Chicago, IL)

9. **Future Meetings**

Next BPAC Meeting Date: October 11, 2017

Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: October 27, 2017

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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

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Wednesday, January 11, 2017 - - 2 PM

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - - September 8, 2016
3. **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program** - - Jason Lange
4. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** - - Rachael Pawlak
5. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Reasonable Progress** - - Melissa Theiss
6. **Trailnet’s New Vision and Planning Process** - - Trailnet
7. **National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project** - - Trailnet
8. **Chair, Vice-Chair, and Transportation Planning Committee representative** - - Rachael Pawlak
9. **Other Business**
10. **Events/Announcements**
 - a. ABPB Webinars (2:00 – 3:00 pm):
 - i. January 18, 2017: Low Stress Networks
 - ii. February 15, 2017: Growing the Movement: University Curriculum for Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals
 - iii. March 15, 2017: Active Transportation in Rural Settings
 - b. New Partners for Smart Growth Conference: St. Louis – February 2-4, 2017:
<https://www.newpartners.org/>
 - c. 2017 Sustainability Summit – April 5, 2017:
<http://www.onestl.org/get-involved/2017-sustainability-summit>
11. **Future Meetings**
 - a. BPAC Meeting Date: April 12, 2017
 - b. Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: January 20, 2017
12. Adjournment

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John Hicks (St. Louis County)
Kevin Jemison (IDOT)
Curtis Jones (IDOT)
John Kohler (St. Louis City)
Grace Kyung (Trailnet)
Donovan Larson (Regional Citizen)
Sarah Vogt (Heartlands Conservancy)
Bryan Werner (MEPRD)
Jeremy Wolfmeyer (City of O'Fallon)

East-West Gateway Staff:

Larry Grither
Paul Hubbman
Peter Koepfel
Christopher Michael
Anna Musial
Sonya Pointer

BPAC Coordinator:

Rachael Pawlak

1. **Introductions**

Curtis Jones called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** - - May 11, 2016

The minutes were approved as proposed.

3. **Great Streets Initiative Update**

Paul Hubbman gave a presentation on East-West Gateway's Great Streets Initiative. Paul explained that EWG took a different approach with the Great Streets Initiative than previous years. East-West Gateway staff acted as the primary consultant. Instead of hiring a consultant lead, East-West Gateway hired individual consultants to cover four disciplines: Urban Design/Planning, Transportation, Market, and Environment. The 2016 projects included:

- Gravois Road, Affton, MO
- Woodson Road, Overland, MO
- Main Street, Smithton, IL
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, St. Louis, MO
- North 14th Street, St. Louis, MO

Each project involved a four day charrette and a final report. Paul provided information to the BPAC on two projects: Gravois Road and Main Street in Smithton.

Gravois Road (River des Peres to Mackenzie Road): Paul explained that Gravois was an arterial that was expanded for more capacity and then Interstate 55 was constructed parallel to Gravois Road. Therefore, the car volumes decreased on Gravois Road. Gravois Road was built out in a way that hindered walking, biking, and storefront small business shop activity. This area is also the oldest

zip code demographically in the state of Missouri. Paul discussed the bike and pedestrian recommendations in the report, which focused on connections to River des Peres Trail and Grant's Trail. Not all of the recommended facilities are on Gravois Road. There are some areas on Gravois Road that will be high-stress for bicycling. Paul explained that there is subsequent work that needs to be done. St. Louis County will undertake a traffic study to determine if a road diet can be implemented. MoDOT will be resurfacing the road next summer. Paul explained that crossing the existing five lanes is difficult for pedestrians. As the traffic is calmed, it will become more practical to provide more street crossings. For more information on the Gravois Road Great Streets project, please visit: http://www.ewgateway.org/GreatStreets/Gravois_Road/gravois_road.htm.

Main Street in Smithton: Main Street is a two-lane rural state road. Smithton is a growing community, as the population has doubled. Smithton has a struggling downtown, with new commercial developments occurring on the edge of town. In recent years, Smithton went through a complete streets exercise, looking at how to better connect their community to the existing assets with enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Paul explained that not all Great Streets projects are road diets. Adding a lane was a recommendation to alleviate some access management issues. Another recommendation was to reinforce and strengthen the pedestrian crossing points. To access the Main Street – Smithton Great Streets report, please visit: <http://www.ewgateway.org/pdf/library/greatstreets/Rte159-Smithton/GS-Smithton-FinalRpt.pdf>.

For information on five 2016 Great Streets projects, and past projects, please visit: <http://www.ewgateway.org/GreatStreets/greatstreets.htm>.

John Kohler stated that the City of St. Louis has been working with MoDOT on the Gravois corridor from River des Peres to Downtown St. Louis to make lane modifications and closing some of the small triangular sections to make it safer for pedestrians. John asked if street closures were part of this Gravois Road Great Streets project. Paul stated that there were a couple of “stub streets” that physically end that were recommended for closure. Paul did note that he recommended working with the community and getting their input on any street closures.

4. **Surface Transportation Program – Suballocated (STP-S) Project Selection Criteria**

Jason Lange and Peter Koeppel presented a brief background on transportation legislation (i.e., Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act) and performance-based planning. Metropolitan Planning Organizations are accountable for setting targets and staying consistent with the long-range transportation plan. East-West Gateway is currently updating the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application and scoring criteria. The criteria is being updated to coordinate with the national goals of the current transportation legislation and the guiding principles of the long-range transportation plan. East-West Gateway is asking for comments on the criteria by October 1, 2016.

Peter Koeppel stated that East-West Gateway is proposing six application types: Road/Bridge Infrastructure, Transit, Congestion, Safety, Alternative Transportation, and Freight and Economic Development. The criteria was developed using federal and state guidance, best practices, and research on what other MPOs across the country were doing. East-West Gateway also established focus groups to help develop the application criteria. Since STBG is a flexible pot of money, Peter noted that it is important to make sure that different types of projects are competing against each other, so set-asides and silo funding will not be used. Peter also discussed the cost/usage calculations, which is still under development. The evaluation criteria was handed out to BPAC members for review and comment.

Peter explained that for the next funding round, East-West Gateway will be using the criteria from the 'old' selection process, however, East-West Gateway will be asking for additional information in the application and beta-test the new scoring criteria.

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John Kohler (St. Louis City)
Taylor March (Trailnet)
Jeremy Wolfmeyer (City of O’Fallon)

East-West Gateway Staff:
Peter Koepfel
Jason Lange
Anna Musial
Marcie Meystrik
Sonya Pointer
Melissa Theiss

Others In Attendance:
Jacque Lumsden (CBB)

BPAC Coordinator:
Rachael Pawlak

1. **Introductions**
John Kohler called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** - - January 11, 2017
The minutes were approved as proposed.
3. **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Suballocated and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program**
Jason Lange updated the Committee on the STP-S and CMAQ application process. The applications were due March 2, 2017. The funds can be used for bicycle and pedestrian improvements as standalone projects or as part of another transportation project. Jason presented the Missouri projects that were recommended by the Missouri Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) on May 3, 2017. The Missouri TPC recommended funding 16 CMAQ projects (\$22.1 million federal) and 45 STP-S projects (\$37.4 million federal). The Illinois TPC will make its funding recommendations at their meeting on May 11. After the TPCs makes their funding recommendation, the projects will go out for public comment in June and then be presented to the Board of Directors at its August meeting for final approval.

Rachael Pawlak presented a map showing the recommended STP-S projects that incorporate bicycle facilities.
4. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**
Rachael Pawlak stated that the TAP project workbook and application were available on April 4, 2017, and project applications are due to EWG on June 19, 2017. There is approximately \$1.4 million

available to program in the Illinois portion of the region, and approximately \$8.5 million available to program in the Missouri portion. TAP evaluations will be presented to the Missouri and Illinois TPCs for recommendation in August 2017. After the TPCs make their funding recommendation, the projects will go out for public comment (Aug 3 – Sept 5), and then will be presented to the Board of Directors at its September meeting for final approval and inclusion into the TIP.

5. **Bicycle and Pedestrian User Preference Survey**

Rachael Pawlak announced that EWG is currently administering a survey to understand bicycle and pedestrian preference in the St. Louis region. The survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/walk-bike>. EWG plans to close the survey in summer 2017. Rachael asked the committee to help share the survey. Results will be shared with the Committee.

6. **Trailnet's New Vision and Planning Process**

Taylor March provided an update on Trailnet's new vision, which consists of a network of on-street protected bicycle facilities and sidewalks. Trailnet has developed five committees to help develop the Plan. The committees include:

- a) Routes and destination
- b) Land use policies
- c) Funding and governance
- d) Design and placemaking
- e) Public Input

A committee blender will take place on August 9 to bring together all five committees.

7. **Downtown Multi-Modal Study**

Jacque Lumsden provided an overview of the Downtown Multi-Modal Study. The Study is funded by CMAQ, and is one component of three. The two other components include: funding to staff the traffic management center and retiming of traffic signals. The Study will focus on increasing low-stress bicycle facilities, pedestrian enhancements, and transit usage. Traffic counts will be collected and infrastructure will be inventoried. Multiple stakeholder engagement sessions were held in April 2017. Topics included: Trailnet's vision project, bike/pedestrian, ADA, public transportation, etc. The study will conclude in 2018.

8. **Other Business**

John Kohler announced that the City of St. Louis received the Silver Bicycle Friendly Community designation.

9. **Events/Announcements**

Members of the Committee announced events for Bike to Work week. St. Louis County announced that they will have a refueling station on Bike to Work Day. Trailnet has several refueling stations in St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

The NACTO Sister Cities Bikeways Roadshow will be held in St. Louis June 8&9. Registration is open.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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Sonya Pointer went over the Active Transportation scoring criteria. John Kohler made a comment about the “Provide More Transportation Choices” criteria. He stated that it was too strict, only allowing applicants to score 27, 17, or 7 points, and there should be a couple more breakdowns. Sonya stated that East-West Gateway will look more into this category. Regarding the cost/usage calculations, John stated that in the Active Transportation application, it will be difficult to calculate the miles traveled per person and not applicable to compare to the other types of transportation modes.

5. **Fine-Resolution Land Use Cover Data for the St. Louis Region**

Christopher Michael presented information on the refined land use cover data for the St. Louis Urban Area. This is a project in partnership with the Missouri Resource Assessment Partnership (MoRAP). The scope of work builds on past work designed to map land cover at fine resolution. For more information, please visit: <https://morap.missouri.edu/index.php/fine-resolution-urban-land-use/land-cover-data-development-for-the-st-louis-region/>.

6. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

7. **Events/Announcements**

Trailnet is looking for volunteers to help conduct the bicycle and pedestrian counts on September 13 and 14. John Kohler asked if the count locations have been changed. Grace Kyung said it all really depends on the volunteer turnout.

Ride Illinois will be hosting the Illinois Bike Summit on September 19. A NACTO Training Workshop is offered following the Summit, September 20.

Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT) will be releasing a report back to the community on the Loop Trolley on September 22. CMT will also be holding a series of place making audits at certain MetroLink stations (North Hanley – Aug 24, Forest Park – Sept 30, and Delmar – Oct 14).

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.