

# East-West Gateway Council of Governments 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 11, 2017 - - 2 PM

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## 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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**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
**From:** Rachael Pawlak, East-West Gateway Council of Governments  
**RE:** Draft Minutes from BPAC meeting, September 8, 2016; 2 pm

**In Attendance:**

Lisa Cagle (Citizens for Modern Transit)  
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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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.