

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, November 12, 2014 - - 2 PM

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - - August 13, 2014
3. **St. Louis City LAB Report** - - Josh Wiese, St. Louis City Mayor's Office
4. **Council's Long Range Plan Development – Connected 2045** - - Peter Koeppel, EWG
5. **St. Louis City Bike Rack Design Update** - - John Kohler, St. Louis City
6. **O'Fallon, MO Bike Implementation** - - Jeremy Wolfmeyer, O'Fallon, MO
7. **Other Business**
8. **Events**
 - a. November 13: Bike Share Open House – 4:30 – 7 pm. Schlafly Branch Library
9. **Future Meetings**
 - a. BPAC Meeting Date: January 14, 2015
 - b. Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: January 23, 2015
10. 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, August 13, 2014; 2 pm

In Attendance:

Marielle Brown (Trailnet)
Lenora Fisher (CMT)
John Hicks (St. Louis County)
Curtis Jones (IDOT)
Karen Karabell (Regional Citizen)
Donovan Larson (Regional Citizen)
Mike Murray (GRG)
Mark Phillips (Metro)
Elizabeth Simons (GRG)
Larry Welty (MoDOT)
Jeremy Wolfmeyer (City of O'Fallon, Mo)

East-West Gateway Staff:

Jason Lange
Christopher Michael
Anna Musial
Rachael Pawlak
Sonya Pointer

Others in Attendance:

Jennifer Allen (Trailnet)
Kevin Jemison (IDOT)

1. Introductions

Marielle Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - - May 14, 2014

The minutes were approved as proposed.

3. Neighborhood Greenways Project

Jennifer Allen, Trailnet, presented on the Neighborhood Greenways Project. Trailnet is currently asking regional citizens where neighborhood greenways should be located in the City of St. Louis. Trailnet is also educating citizens on what neighborhood greenways are, and about their benefits. The goal of the project is to increase bike safety and to develop a neighborhood greenways network. The project will close-out in October of 2014. Trailnet will have an online map so individuals can indicate where they would like to see a neighborhood greenway. Trailnet is also producing a video that describes why neighborhood greenways are successful. Trailnet is hopeful that they will receive a second grant to further implement the project.

Larry Welty asked if there are any examples of neighborhood greenways around the area. Jennifer replied that there are none in the St. Louis region, but in Bike St. Louis Phase 3 there is a neighborhood greenway test project. Elizabeth Simons stated that on Des Peres Avenue in the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood, near Delmar Blvd., there is a cul-de-sac and there is no cut-through for bicyclists. GRG is cutting out the sidewalk to make a cut-through for bicyclists. At the intersection of Des Peres and Forest Park Parkway there is a pedestrian bridge that goes over the MetroLink. Elizabeth stated that you have to be on one side of the street to access the bridge. GRG will put in a shared use path and on-street markings to get bicyclists to the bridge and into Forest Park.

4. Bike St. Louis Phase 3

Elizabeth Simons, GRG, updated the BPAC on Bike St. Louis Phase 3. This Phase is only within the limits of the City of St. Louis. GRG developed an Advisory Committee to help determine the routes and types of facilities. The total mileage is approximately 100 miles – 60 miles are upgrades to existing routes and 40 miles are new routes. In addition to routes, there are seven bike corrals. The wayfinding signs will be implemented next spring. Installation of the bike routes will start this month (August 2014) and will be finalized in the spring of 2015.

5. Transportation Alternatives Program

Rachael Pawlak, EWG, updated the BPAC on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Applications were due July 31, 2014. Rachael passed out a map showing the TAP projects submitted for funding, and also presented descriptions about each project. In Missouri, the Council received 34 applications and the total request was \$18.2 million, but the Council only has \$8 million available to program. In Illinois, the Council received 11 applications requesting a total of \$2.5 million. The Council has \$1.2 million available to program in Illinois. The Council is still reviewing the applications. The Council is requesting comments on the projects on the Council's website. A recommended list of projects will be presented to the Council's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) in September.

6. Bike/Walk Counts

Marielle Brown, Trailnet, discussed the national bike/walk counts program, which is held the second week of September. Trailnet is working with GRG to do the regional bike/pedestrian counts. The 'region' is defined as the GRG region, which includes St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. Trailnet will be recruiting volunteers to help count.

7. Other Business

Larry Welty, MoDOT, updated the BPAC on Amendment 7, which failed to pass 60 to 40. Larry gave a brief overview of Amendment 7, which was a three-quarter cent sales tax for 10 years which would provide state funding for modes other than highways. Larry stated that this was not a MoDOT proposal; rather the Commission endorsed Amendment 7. MoDOT calculated that it takes \$485 million each year to keep the roads and bridges in the current condition. Larry stated that MoDOT is going into a maintenance only mode and will keep the current roads in good condition and safe. In January 2014, the Commission passed a policy stating that MoDOT will not allow any additions to the system if it costs money upfront, or increased the maintenance cost. MoDOT is still required to do ADA improvements when they do roadway or maintenance projects. There has not been a decision whether bike lanes will be striped during resurfacing projects.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.