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

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - January 14, 2015

3. BPAC Bylaws Approval - Rachael Pawlak, EWG

4. EWG Programming – STP-S and CMAQ - Jason Lange, EWG

5. EWG Regional Transportation Plan Connected 2045 Draft & State of the System - Peter Koeppel, EWG

6. Secretary Foxx’s Mayors’ Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets - Josh Wiese, St. Louis City Mayor’s Office

7. Other Business
   a. Bike St. Louis Phase 3

8. Events
   a. April 13: Bike/Pedestrian Capitol Day
   b. April 25: Bike St. Louis Phase III Ribbon Cutting and Launch Ride
   c. May 6: National Bike to School Day
   d. May 15: National Bike to Work Day
   e. May 15: Safe Roads for All Press Conference

9. Future Meetings
   a. BPAC Meeting Date: July 8, 2015
   b. Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: April 17, 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, January 14, 2015; 2 pm

In Attendance:
Marielle Brown (Trailnet)
Laura Ellen (MoDOT)
Lenora Fisher (CMT)
Andy Heaslet (WUSTL)
John Hicks (St. Louis County)
Karen Karabell (Cycling Savvy)
Curtis Jones (IDOT)
Mark Phillips (Metro)
Elizabeth Simons (GRG)
Mary Vandevord (Heartlands Conservancy)
Bryan Werner (MEPRD)
Jeremy Wolfmeyer (City of O’Fallon, Mo)

Others in Attendance:
Kevin Jemison (IDOT)
Scott Ogilvie (City of St. Louis)

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

2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** - - November 12, 2014
   The minutes were approved as proposed.

3. **BPAC Bylaws and Membership**
   The draft BPAC Bylaws were presented to the BPAC. Rachael Pawlak described the changes made to the draft Bylaws. The BPAC will consider adoption of the Bylaws at their April meeting.

4. **Chair, Vice-Chair, TPC Nominations**
   The committee nominated Lenora Fisher to serve as the BPAC Chair, and Elizabeth Simons to serve as BPAC Vice-Chair. The Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) representative is Lenora Fisher.

5. **EWG Programming – STP-S and CMAQ**
   Jason Lange updated the BPAC on the STP-S and CMAQ application solicitations. Applications are due Thursday, February 19. Projects will then be evaluated and the recommendations will be presented to the TPC in early April. In Missouri, approximately $50 million is available to program in STP-S, and...
$30 million in CMAQ funding. In Illinois, approximately $3.3 million is available to program in STP-S, and $2.4 million in CMAQ funding.

6. **EWG Project Selection and Public Comment – TAP/Section 5310**

   Jason Lange updated the BPAC on the TAP program. Staff recommendations were presented to the TPC at their January 2015 meeting. Based on available funding, the TPC recommended 14 Missouri TAP projects and 7 in Illinois. Jason presented a handout describing the projects that are receiving funding. The projects were presented at a public open house, which was held January 13, 2015. One comment was received on the draft project list. The public comments period on the draft projects will close on January 22. Rachael Pawlak presented a map showing the proposed bike projects, and how those facilities will connect to the existing system. The projects will be presented to the Board of Directors at their January 28th meeting for final approval.

   Rachael updated the BPAC on the Section 5310 program. The Section 5310 provides funding for the mobility enhancements of the elderly and disabled populations. Funding is available for capital expenses, such as the purchase of paratransit vehicles (i.e., Section 5310 traditional). Funding is also available for New Freedom type projects, which are those that go above and beyond the ADA. Funding can be used for both operating and capital purchases, including bus stops enhancements. A solicitation for Section 5310 projects was started in October 2014, and applications were due December 12, 2014. The Council received 17 traditional applications, and 8 New Freedom type applications. Projects are scored based on the criteria derived from the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. Seventeen agencies were recommended for traditional funding, and 7 providers were recommended New Freedom type funding. The projects are out for public comment. The projects have been approved by the TPC, and will be presented to the Board at their January 28th meeting for final approval. Rachael presented a handout describing the projects. Marielle Brown asked for more information on why St. Charles City’s application was not recommended for funding. Rachael explained that they were requesting funding to construct a 5’ wide sidewalk on one side of the street. This type of project does not go above and beyond the ADA, which is a requirement of the New Freedom program. Rachael then explained that this is more of a TAP project.

7. **EWG Regional Transportation Plan Connected 2045 – Bike/Pedestrian Element**

   Peter Koeppel updated the BPAC on the Council’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The draft RTP will be presented to the Board at their March 2015 meeting, with the final due in June. The RTP is organized around the 10 guiding principles. One of the principles is to “Provide More Transportation Choices” and to accommodate bikers and pedestrians better than we have in the past. The 10 principles have strategies attached to them, and those strategies will guide the Council’s decision making process.

   Rachael presented the “Provide More Transportation Choices” draft strategies to the BPAC for feedback. Seven strategies were developed based on what EWG heard from stakeholder groups, surveys, and from other regional plans like OneSTL, GRG Long Range Plan and MEPFD Long Range Plan, and federal policies.

   The strategies for the Provide More Transportation Choices principle are below:
   
   1. Coordinate with implementing agencies to overcome physical barriers and provide safe environments for walking and bicycling for people of all ages and abilities.
   2. Enhance connections between neighborhoods and activity centers through access to transit and continuous pedestrian and bicycle facilities using Complete Street principles.
   3. Increase mobility and access to opportunities by coordinating land use planning with the multimodal transportation needs of the region.
   4. Promote the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that use best practices and improve facilities, since bicyclists and pedestrians are the most vulnerable users of the transportation system.
5. Work with the disabled community and local agencies to ensure that all planning and implementation processes meet or exceed ADA requirements.

6. Assist in implementing regional/municipal bicycle and pedestrian plans, for example bikeable/walkable plans (funded by STP-S and OneSTL) and Gateway Bike Plan (endorsed by the Council).

7. Work with local governments and DOTs to update and maintain GIS information on constructed, programmed, and planned bikeways and trails.

Karen Karabell mentioned that we are missing an education strategy. Elizabeth Simons asked if bike counts fits into any of these strategies. Rachael commented that tracking the number of persons using the region’s bicycle and pedestrian system should be added to the strategies. Marielle also agreed that a strategy that focuses on evaluation and tracking is useful. Rachael asked for the BPAC to submit their comments within the next week. The strategies for the 10 guiding principles will be presented to the stakeholder group at their January 29th meeting.

Rachael then presented a list of bike and pedestrian projects that have been completed since 2011, as well as current projects, and future projects that are regional in nature and unique to our region. Rachael asked for the BPAC to provide comment on those bike and pedestrian projects or programs.

8. **Other Business**

Elizabeth updated the BPAC on the Bike Share study. In 2014, GRG conducted a Bike Share Feasibility Study to see if bike share is financially and operationally feasible in St. Louis City and County. GRG held public open houses and conducted surveys to see if this is something that citizens want in our community. A phased system map was produced, as well as a business plan. Elizabeth stated that GRG will be submitting a CMAQ application for phase 1 of the bike share program. GRG is also in the process of meeting with potential project sponsors.

Elizabeth also gave an update on Bike St. Louis Phase 3. Implementation started in August 2014, and hit the 50 mile mark in October 2014. GRG is doing additional engagement during the winter months when construction has slowed down. The wayfinding signage is currently out to bid. The project will be completed in spring 2015.

John Hicks updated the BPAC on the Union Rd. great streets pilot project. During fall 2014, St. Louis County did a test on Union Rd. to do a road diet with barrels and cones. The project limits were from the City of St. Louis limits to Reavis Barracks. The County received over 300 complaint forms, letters, phone calls, and positive comments. During the road diet pilot project, not one single accident occurred during the 3-month trial period. There were no barrels hit, there was no change in free flow speed, no problems with the signals, and no delays. The County is planning on having some public outreach on the project in May 2015. Construction will begin in September/October 2015. One of the complaints was with the shoulder that people use as a pedestrian facility, but John explained that they will construct sidewalks. John stated that they County is reevaluating current projects that are in the TIP with a project development team review, evaluating the sidewalk conditions, ADA treatments, bus stop improvements, and bike facility treatments. The County is also reexamining the “needs further study” corridors in the Gateway Bike Plan.

Scott Ogilvie updated the BPAC on St. Louis City’s Complete Streets policy. On January 15th, the Streets Committee is meeting to hear an update on the existing Complete Streets bill. The new bill is primarily based on the bill that St. Louis County passed to have more equivalent policies. The current policy states “shall consider” bike facilities depending on cost, etc. The new bill states the complete streets need to be incorporated in capital projects.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.