

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, January 13, 2016 - - 2 PM

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - - July 8, 2015
3. **Plan4Health, Traffic Calming Pop-Up Demonstrations** - - Marielle Brown
4. **The FAST Act** - - Jason Lange
5. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** - - Rachael Pawlak
6. **Surface Transportation Program – Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program** - - Jason Lange
7. **Bike Counts Report** - - Marielle Brown
8. **St. Louis City Complete Streets Committee** - - John Kohler
9. **Other Business**
 - a. St. Louis City Bicycle Friendly Communities, John Kohler
 - b. Chair, Vice-Chair, and TPC Representative Elections, Rachael Pawlak
10. **Events/Announcements**
11. **Future Meetings**
 - a. BPAC Meeting Date: April 13, 2016
 - b. Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: January 15, 2016
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, July 8, 2015; 2 pm

In Attendance:

Todd Antoine (GRG)
Marielle Brown (Trailnet)
Lisa Cagle (CMT)
Laura Ellen (MoDOT)
John Hicks (St. Louis County)
Curtis Jones (IDOT)
Karen Karabell (Cycling Savvy)
John Kohler (St. Louis City)
Bryan Werner (MEPRD)

East-West Gateway Staff:

Larry Grither
Jason Lange
Christopher Michael
Rachael Pawlak
Sonya Pointer

Others in Attendance:

Trenton Ellis (GRG)
Grace Kyung (Trailnet)

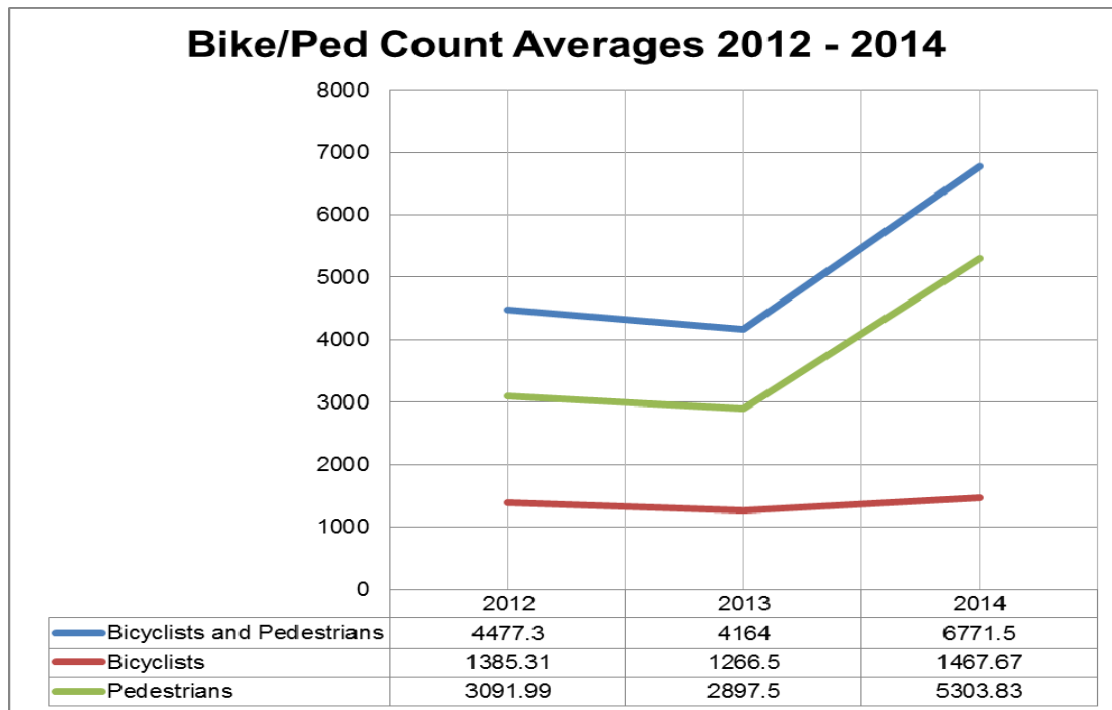
- 1. Introductions**
John Kohler called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - - April 8, 2015**
The minutes were approved as proposed.
- 3. EWG Connected2045 Final, State of the System, and Transportation Improvement Program**
Rachael Pawlak presented a copy of the Connected2045 Long Range Plan and the State of the System Report. Connected2045 was adopted by the East-West Gateway Board of Directors in June 2015. Council staff will begin to update the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to align with the principles in Connected2045. Stakeholders will be involved throughout the TIP update.
- 4. The DRIVE Act**
Jason Lange gave a brief update on the DRIVE Act. The Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act was recently passed by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on June 23, 2015. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is identified in the draft version of the transportation bill. Under MAP-21, 50% of TAP funds were suballocated to metropolitan areas, whereas the draft DRIVE language states that 100% gets suballocated.

5. **BikeMaps.org**

Marielle Brown started a discussion about bikemaps.org. Bikemaps.org can be used to collect data on bike crashes. The website was piloted in Vancouver, British Columbia to collect bike crash data that doesn't make it into bike crash records. For instance, the bicyclists might not report it to police since the crash didn't involve a vehicle. At this point, the website is being suggested as a tool that can be used to collect unreported crashes.

6. **Bike Counts Report**

Marielle Brown gave an update on the St. Louis Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project. St. Louis has participated in the bike count project since 2012. The bike counts are held for two days every September. During September 2014, 109 volunteers counted bicyclists and pedestrians at 54 locations throughout the St. Louis metro region. Below is a graph on the bike/pedestrian count averages.



Source: Trailnet

Overall, there has been an increase in bicyclists and pedestrians, however, count locations have also increased. Marielle showed the locations of the intersections that had the highest counts. In 2014, Forest Park and Euclid had the highest bicycle and pedestrian activity. Six out of 10 locations were within the Central Corridor.

John Kohler mentioned that it was understood that Tower Grove was the most heavily used bicycle corridor in the past, but 10 other locations receive greater use. Todd Antoine stated that other cities have a more robust program for counting on-street bicycle facilities. He added that it would be useful to obtain bicycle and pedestrian counters, and not rely on volunteers. Rachael added that FHWA has a Bicycle-Pedestrian Count Technology Pilot Project, which is a research and technology deployment effort to identify organizational and technical capacity needs at the MPO level. Rachael stated that East-West Gateway applied to be included in the Pilot Project and was not successful. Marielle mentioned that they are able to gather demographic data while doing the counts, which can't be achieved through the automatic counters.

7. **Chestnut Bike Lane**

John Kohler presented on the Chestnut Street protected bike lane. This is the region's first protected bike lane. This is an outcome of Bike St. Louis Phase 3. The project limits run from 20th to 4th Street. The City involved the Alderman and many businesses in the development of the protected bike lane. John handed out a one page flyer about the protected bike lane, which was produced by Great Rivers Greenway. John mentioned that in the future, a west bound protected bike lane could be developed on Pine. Fifty-three (53) cities have protected bike lanes, and 20 cities are currently developing protected bike lanes. The Chestnut Street protected bike lane will be completed by the end of July 2015.

8. **Other Business**

John Kohler stated that the City will be advertising for a full-time bicycle and pedestrian coordinator. John mentioned that hiring a bike/pedestrian coordinator is the top comment received from the League of American Bicyclists. John also stated that a ward capital project liaison position will also be open.

Rachael Pawlak presented a map of the recommended bicycle network, including information from the Gateway Bike Plan, bikeable/walkable plans, and Metro-East Parks and Recreation priority trails. Todd asked if National Bike Routes were considered to be included on the map. Rachael stated that those will be added to the map.

Rachael Pawlak gave a quick update on the Gateway Bike Plan (GBP) Report Card. The report card is produced every year. The BPAC Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group members discussed the grades for each category of activities and performance measures included in the GBP at their April meeting. GRG is working with Alta Planning + Design to review the draft report card, and the 2014 report will be available in late July.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.