

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

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One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 – St. Louis, MO 63102
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – 2:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – January 10, 2018
3. **Bicycle Planning Guide** – Melissa Theiss
4. **Chouteau Greenway** – Angelica Gutierrez
5. **Connecting St. Louis** – Grace Kyung
6. **Bike Share** – John Kohler
7. **Other Business**
8. **Events/Announcements**
 - a. Connecting St. Louis Open Houses
 - i. April 16: St. Louis Public Library – Julia Davis, 5:00-8:00 pm
 - ii. April 17: St. Louis Public Library – Central Library, 4:00-7:00 pm
 - b. APBP Webinars at GRG (2:00-3:00 pm):
 - i. April 18: Got Counts? Now What?
 - ii. May 16: Quick Builds – Tactical Urbanism Toolbox
 - iii. June 20: Safety Manuals – The Good Stuff
 - c. May 7: Illinois Bike Summit, University of Illinois-Chicago
<http://rideillinois.org/events/2018-illinois-bike-summit/>
 - d. May 18: Bike to Work Day
9. **Future Meetings**
 - a. Next BPAC Meeting: July 11
 - b. Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: April 20, 2018
10. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

John Hicks (St. Louis County)
John Kohler (City of St. Louis)
Kevin Jemison (IDOT)
Curtis Jones (IDOT)
Laura Ellen (MODOT)
Grace Kyung (Trailnet)
Liza Farr (Bi-State Development)
Angelica Gutierrez (Great Rivers Greenway)
Todd Antoine (Great Rivers Greenway)
Mark Vogl (Great Rivers Greenway)
Chris Clercx (City of O'Fallon, MO)

East-West Gateway Staff:

Rachael Pawlak
Anna Musial
Peter Koeppe
Jason Lange

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 – October 11, 2017

The minutes were approved as proposed.

3. BPAC Elections – Chair, Vice-Chair, and TPC Representative

John Kohler nominated Grace Kyung to serve as BPAC Chair and Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Representative and John Hicks to serve as BPAC Vice-Chair. The Committee approved all nominations.

Melissa Theiss announced that there is space for seven more members on the committee, per the bylaws. EWG will be reaching out to interested organizations and taking recommendations for new members. Interested citizens can be voting members, but membership from consulting agencies will need be determined on a case-by-case basis.

4. Chouteau Greenway Design Competition

Mark Vogl provided an update on the Chouteau Greenway Design Competition. The competition is not just a GRG project, it is a partnership between private, public, institutional, and non-profit organizations in the region. The project is not just about the physical connection, but ensuring equity and sustainability as well. There are a number of parallel routes that are being considered and final design does not need to be just one route, but can be a combination of routes.

Mark gave an overview of the four design teams selected by the design jury to move forward in the competition. A Meet the Designers event was held last Thursday evening, in which each team was able to introduce themselves to the public. There was also a family-oriented event on Saturday at Harris-Stowe University where the project was introduced to the community. Moving forward, the Technical Advisory Committee will have a mid-course review in January and again in February, final

team selection in April, and design finalized in May/June. Teams were not given cost parameters and the design criteria are not weighted.

<https://greatriversgreenway.org/Chouteau/>

5. **River Des Peres Greenway Extension**

Angelica Gutierrez shared an update on the River Des Peres Greenway Extension from the Shrewsbury MetroLink station to Francis Slay Park. Lane reconfiguration and construction of a 10-foot wide multi-use path started in March 2017. The project is 99% complete and already open to the public, with wayfinding and signage being the final work to be done. Wayfinding signs will include bike time to the MetroLink station, but not directions/timing to Forest Park. There are plans to do a post-construction traffic study

Devices have been installed in two locations to count bicyclists and pedestrians – one at the Shrewsbury MetroLink station and one further north of I-44. The first week that the counters were installed in October, there were a few hundred people counted. The counters cost approximately \$6,000 to purchase, and close to \$10,000 total with installation. Data collected could be helpful to Metro, and arrangements will be made to make the data available.

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

Grace Kyung provided a quick update on Trailnet's vision for a network of on-street protected bikeways in the region. A map was displayed showing study corridors and potential routes and connections, building off of the potential Chouteau Greenway alignment. Trailnet is now going into further analysis of these routes, looking at existing ADT, connections to other projects, and other constraints and opportunities. Community feedback has indicated that the public does not want too many choices presented, they want to know what the priority routes are, so Trailnet is refining criteria to determine the best route options. Open Houses for the project may be planned in coordination with GRG or the City of St. Louis, to showcase all the interconnecting work being done.

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

7. **Bike Share**

John Kohler provided an update on the progress of Bike Share in the City of St. Louis. An ordinance permitting the Board of Public Service (BPS) to issue permit guidelines for bike share companies was introduced to the Board of Alderman on Tuesday. It must be approved by the Streets Committee and the Board of Alderman. The Streets Department would administer the permits, but BPS has the power to make changes to permit guidelines. Permit guidelines were developed based on national practices, are aimed at large-scale companies, and require an annual fee of \$10 per bike to be used for administrative purposes, and potentially for upgrades to bike infrastructure, such as bike parking. Bike Share could be on the streets by Spring 2018.

Liza Farr added that Bi-State Development is submitting a grant application on Friday to implement a social equity inclusion program to parallel Bike Share and ensure that at least 20% of bikes are circulated in target neighborhoods, and that those neighborhoods receive outreach and education. Bike share companies are also required to meet with surrounding municipalities.

8. **East-West Gateway Project Updates**

Melissa Theiss presented updates on four projects currently underway at East-West Gateway. Analysis of the 2017 EWG Bicycling & Walking survey results is underway and a report on those results will be made available when ready. The last bicycling and walking survey conducted by EWG was in 2005. Survey data is also being tied into other projects.

A Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Assessment (two separate documents) is being developed based on crash rates for the five-year period from 2011-2015. It will be a data-heavy document, with charts, maps, and infographics to display the data, relevant survey results, and provides resources on bicycle/pedestrian planning and safety countermeasures.

A Bicycle Planning Guide is being developed by staff that will aggregate best practices from NACTO, AASHTO, and national guidance on bicycle planning and bicycle facilities to create a general guide for LPAs and project sponsors. It will include information on the four types of bicyclists, level of stress, connectivity, types of bicycle facilities, and resources and links to design guides. A draft guide will be presented at our next BPAC meeting in April, with the final copy expected by June. It was recommended that the guide include information on social equity as well.

EWG is planning on hosting a one-day NACTO training program, targeted at LPAs and project sponsors. It is tentatively scheduled for May to tie into bike month, but no date has been set yet.

9. **Other Business**

John Kohler circulated a flyer for the Downtown Multimodal Study Open House at the City Hall Rotunda on January 19, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Bicycle Implementation Group (BIG) will be held Monday, January 22, 2018. The RFQ for design for the Louisiana Calm Streets project has been released. Candidates have not yet been selected for the city's open Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator position.

Melissa Theiss relayed an announcement from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) rescinding the interim approval of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) due to pending patents.

Kevin Jemison announced that the bike lanes on the Clark Bridge will have temporarily closures in late summer 2018 over a five-week period due to joint repairs on the bridge.

Curtis Jones announced that Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) applications are currently under review.

10. **Events/Announcements**

- a. APBP Webinars at GRG (2:00-3:00 pm):
 - i. January 17: Implementing Open Streets
 - ii. February 21: Be Creative! Art, Placemaking, and Funding
 - iii. March 21: Managing Freight in Urban Corridors
- b. January 19: Downtown Multimodal Study Open House
www.downtownstltransportationstudy.com
- c. May 7: Illinois Bike Summit, University of Illinois-Chicago
<http://rideillinois.org/events/2018-illinois-bike-summit/>

11. **Future Meetings**

- a. 2018 BPAC Meeting Schedule
 - i. April 18
 - ii. July 11
 - iii. October 10
- b. Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: January 19, 2018

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.