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

# Wednesday, February 10, 2021 - 2:00 pm

Meeting held virtually via GoToMeeting: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/382069309 You can also dial in using your phone: (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 382-069-30

# **Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting October 14, 2020
- 3. Chair, Vice-Chair, and TPC Representative Elections
- 4. MUTCD Update & Public Comment Period Taylor March https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FHWA-2020-0001-0001
- 5. Brickline Greenway, St. Charles Greenway Master Plan & Regional Plan Mark Vogl
- 6. Gateway Bike Plan, Deer Creek & Centennial Greenway Angelica Gutierrez
- 7. Transportation Alternatives Program Melissa Theiss
- 8. Other Business / Announcements

# 9. Upcoming Events

- a. APBP Webinars provided by GRG:
  - i. February 17: Making Intersections and Crossings Safe and Efficient
  - ii. March 17: The City of Toronto's Covid-19 Response 26 Kilometers of Rapid Installed Bikeways
  - iii. April 21: Using Indicators to Track Walking and Cycling Progress
- b. National Bike Summit 2021: February 28-March 2 (<u>https://bikeleague.org/summit</u>)

# 10. Future Meetings

- a. Next BPAC Meeting: May 12, 2021
- b. Gateway Bike Plan Working Group Meeting Date: March 26, 2021
- 11. Adjournment

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# **Draft Meeting Minutes**

#### In Attendance:

Kevin Jemison – IDOT Shaun Tooley – MODOT Larry Welty – St. Louis County Taylor March – Trailnet John Kohler – City of St. Louis Angelica Gutierrez – Great Rivers Greenway Mark Vogl – Great Rivers Greenway Todd Antoine – Great Rivers Greenway Lisa Cagle – Metro Jeremy Wolfmeyer – City of O'Fallon Lisa Gibbons – Kirkwood City Council

# East-West Gateway Staff:

Anna Musial Josh Schwenk Rachael Pawlak Jason Lange

**BPAC Coordinator:** Melissa Theiss

#### 1. Introductions

John Kohler called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – July 8, 2020 The minutes were approved as proposed.

#### 3. Brickline Greenway

Mark Vogl provided an update on progress on the Brickline Greenway, walking through the various stages of development that each section of the greenway is in. Ultimately, the project will be a network of routes that will boost connectivity in the area and complement a number of other projects by partner agencies and organizations. The greenway will incorporate art, safety, lighting, landscaping, and transit access to create a commuter corridor and be a catalyst for development. Community engagement is moving forward during covid-19 in order to maintain progress. The project is funded through a mix of sources including private donations and sales tax revenue, and federal funding will be pursued as well. GRG is focused on pacing the project instead of phasing it.

#### 4. St. Louis County Action Plan

Larry Welty gave an update on current activities related to the plan. There will be a pop-up demonstration project on Midland Blvd. between Vernon and Ahern from October 16-21 to showcase a potential bike lane. The County will be collecting data before and after on traffic speeds and gauging public reaction to the project.

#### 5. Gateway Bike Plan Update & River Des Peres Bridge

Angelica Gutierrez announced that construction is finally complete on the River Des Peres bicycle & pedestrian bridge, which connects Grant's Trail to the River Des Peres Greenway, creating a loop over 20 miles. The bridge officially opened last weekend after delays due to historic flooding.

Angelica also announced that activities related to the update to the Gateway Bike Plan have resumed after delays due to COVID-19. GRG has contracted with Alta Planning & Design to update the network plan for St. Louis City and St. Charles County. The update is now expected to extend into 2021 and the working group will continue to meet until June 2021.

## 6. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Melissa Theiss provided a summary of applications received and federal funds requested in the TAP solicitation that closed August 20. In total, 42 applications were received – 12 in Illinois and 30 in Missouri. One application was for community improvement/historic preservation and the rest were for bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. Project evaluations are currently underway. Projects recommended for funding will be presented to the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) in January 2021, followed by a public comment period, and final approval anticipated in March 2021.

### 7. Other Business / Announcements

The TEAMS Conference (Transportation Engineering Association of Metro St. Louis) will be held virtually on October 15 all day.

Trailnet will be hosting a Bike Babble the following two Tuesdays from 6-7 pm. The event will be held virtually in partnership with the St. Louis Public Library.

Registration for the NACTO conference is open. The conference has been moved to December and will be held virtually.

MoDOT's Buckle Up, Phone Down (BUPD) Day is this Friday, October 16.

John Kohler proposed moving the quarterly 2021 BPAC meetings to a February-May-August-November schedule to avoid conflict with other quarterly meetings. After discussion, a final decision will be made via email so that absent members can weigh in. Meetings will still be held on the second Wednesday of the month from 2:00-3:30 pm and will be virtual until notified otherwise.

#### 8. Upcoming Events

- a. APBP Webinars provided by GRG:
  - i. October 21: Thinking About Cycling Experience: Cycle Highways + Methods for Human-Centered Bikeways
  - ii. November 18: Night-time Street Safety: Discussion on Women's Mobility at Night
  - iii. December 16: Are We There Yet? Best Practices in Speed Management
- b. NACTO Designing Cities 2020 Virtual Convening: December 2-10 (https://nacto.org/conference/designing-cities-2020-virtual-convening/)

#### 9. Future Meetings

- a. Next BPAC Meeting: February 10, 2021 (tentative)
- b. Gateway Bike Plan Working Group Meeting Date: December 18, 2020

#### 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.