

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

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 2:00 pm

Meeting held virtually via GoToMeeting:

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Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – May 12, 2021
3. **St. Louis ADA Transition Plan** – Andrew Lackey and David Newburger
4. **MoDOT High-Priority Unfunded Needs** – Shaun Tooley
5. **St. Louis County Action Plan** – Misty Bell
6. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Jason Lange
7. **Other Business / Announcements**
8. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. APBP Webinars provided by GRG:
 - i. August 18: Planning for All Ages and Abilities Through Inclusive and Virtual Walk Audits
 - ii. September 15: A Utah Story of Multi-Agency Collaboration to Develop Active Transportation Data and Tools
 - iii. October 20: Defining the Relationship between Bicycle Infrastructure and Gentrification
 - b. Missouri Active Transportation Summit: Friday, August 13, 2021 – 9am-5pm (virtual)
<https://mobikefed.org/2021ActiveTransportationSummit>
9. **Next Meeting** – November 10, 2021
10. Adjournment

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Draft Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Kevin Jemison – IDOT
Shaun Tooley – MODOT
Misty Bell – St. Louis County
Taylor March – Trailnet
Sam McCrory – Trailnet
Angelica Gutierrez – Great Rivers Greenway
Lisa Cagle – Metro
Chris Clercx – City of O’Fallon
John Kohler – City of St. Louis
Mallory Box – Citizens for Modern Transit

East-West Gateway Staff:

Anna Musial
Rachael Pawlak
Jason Lange
Paul Hubbman
Brad Williams
Bailey DeJonge
Lee Harris

BPAC Coordinator:

Melissa Theiss

1. Introductions

Taylor March called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – February 10, 2021

The minutes were approved as proposed. Lisa Cagle made the motion to approve and Shaun Tooley seconded the motion.

3. MUTCD Update & Public Comment Period

Sam McCrory and Taylor March made a final update on the MUTCD comments that Trailnet has compiled and will be submitting by the May 14 deadline. Few comments were received from partner agencies after the last meeting, but Trailnet still intends to submit a letter. It was emphasized that FHWA will be taking into account the number of comments received on specific guidelines and agencies were encouraged to individually submit comments as they see fit, even if it is only on their top priority issues, such as pedestrian signal warrants. Form letters are available from a number of different organizations. Sam shared a spreadsheet of line item comments. Melissa Theiss noted that EWG staff submitted a letter requesting a rewrite of the manual to address bicycle and pedestrian safety.

<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FHWA-2020-0001-0001>

4. Metro Microtransit Pilots & Fare Updates

Lisa Cagle presented updates on Metro service. Due to COVID, there was an approximately 50% loss of ridership over the last year. Metro’s March service changes restored ten routes to 15-minute service frequency. Staffing shortages are also presenting challenges to reinstating service. There are two current microtransit pilot programs, provided by Via. One pilot provides late night service (8pm to 1am) in North County and the second pilot provides daytime service in the Valley Park area and has recently expanded its geographic coverage area. On June 1, Metro will launch the transit app trip-planning tool with these Via services integrated.

5. **Gateway Bike Plan Update**

Angelica Gutierrez announced that GRG, with Alta and Trailnet, are wrapping up the Gateway Bike Plan (GBP) updates for St. Louis City and St. Charles County. They are making good progress on the inventory of facilities and developing a low-stress network. The draft plans will be shared at the final GBP working group meeting on June 25. The individual counties will then be responsible for moving forward with implementation of the plan. St. Louis County's recently completed Action Plan serves as the GBP update for St. Louis County.

The committee discussed how the GBP will be incorporated into BPAC moving forward and whether the GBP report card will be able to continue or if an updated paper map would be produced. These activities will need to be discussed at the final working group meeting in June.

6. **Bike Month Activities Discussion**

Melissa Theiss shared a new resource on the EWG website that aggregates webinars and other online/virtual educational opportunities. The committee was asked for feedback for future virtual or in-person workshops, as EWG plans to continue hosting educational workshops on an annual basis.

Melissa also shared the proclamation from the Governor declaring May to be Bike Month in Missouri.

Shaun Tooley added that MoDOT is applying for FHWA funding through the State Transportation Innovation Council for educational programming.

Taylor March suggested there is demand within the St. Louis public schools for Safe Routes to School training and in particular for walking school buses.

John Kohler shared that the City of St. Louis's application for a Bicycle Friendly Communities award has not been announced yet, but should come sometime in May.

Sam McCrory announced that Trailnet is planning a Streets for All community ride, which would tour the city showcasing different bike facilities and traffic calming efforts that have been implemented. Information will be available online when event details are finalized.

7. **Other Business / Announcements**

St. Louis County has completed and adopted its Action Plan for Walking & Bicycling.

<https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/transportation-and-public-works/future-projects/action-plan-for-walking-and-biking1/>

Information on the Big Bend Bridge project over I-44 can be found online at: <https://www.modot.org/big-bend-over-i44>

8. **Upcoming Events**

- a. APBP Webinars provided by GRG:
 - i. May 19: Non Urban Networks: Active Transportation in Rural America
 - ii. June 16: Evolving Multi-modal Impact Analyses
 - iii. July 21: The Pedestrian Safety Crisis in America: Why it's happening and what we can do about it
- b. Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP): May 18-19

9. **Future Meetings**

- a. Next BPAC Meeting: August 11, 2021
- b. Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: June 25, 2021 (Final meeting)

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m. John Kohler made the motion to adjourn and Kevin Jemison seconded the motion.