

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

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 – 2:00 pm

Meeting held virtually via GoToMeeting

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Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – May 11, 2022
3. **Safe Streets For All – Safety Action Plan** – Anna Musial
4. **GRG Regional Plan** – Mark Vogl
5. **Brickline Greenway** – Mark Vogl
6. **Other Business / Announcements**
7. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. APBP webinars provided by GRG:
 - i. August 17: Data Don't Drive: The Limitations of Crash Data for Understanding Community Pedestrian And Bicycle Safety And Mobility Needs
 - ii. September 21: Partnering with Youth as Community Members and Advocates
 - iii. October 19: Assessment of Bicycle Detection Confirmation and Countdown Devices
 - b. APBP Conference: August 22-24 – Minneapolis, MN
<https://www.apbp.org/2022-apbp-conference>
 - c. NACTO Designing Cities: September 7-10 – Boston, MA
<https://nacto.org/conference/designing-cities-2022-boston-cambridge-somerville/>
8. **Next Meeting** – November 9, 2022
9. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Kevin Jemison – IDOT
Shaun Tooley – MODOT
Jacque Knight – Community Mobility Committee
Angelica Gutierrez – Great Rivers Greenway
Mark Vogl – Great Rivers Greenway
John Kohler – City of St. Louis
Taylor March – Trailnet
Sara Nelson – St. Charles County
John Bugh – St. Charles County

East-West Gateway Staff:

Rachael Pawlak
Anna Musial
Jason Lange
Brad Williams
James Fister
Paul Hubbman
Marcie Meystrik
Bailey DeJonge

Others in Attendance:

John Shrewsbury – St. Louis County
Eddie Watkins – MODOT
Mike Foley – Citizens for Modern Transit
Sam McCrory – Trailnet

BPAC Coordinator:

Melissa Theiss

1. Introductions

Jacque Knight called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – February 9, 2022

The minutes were approved as proposed.

Kevin Jemison made the motion to approve and Sara Nelson seconded the motion.

3. Natural Bridge Road Safety Improvements

Shaun Tooley presented an overview of the safety audit and improvements made to Natural Bridge Road in 2020, which included reducing the number of lanes, adding a median, pedestrian crossings, curb extensions, and left turn lanes, among other countermeasures. The process included thorough public engagement and looking at local needs, such as parking. Findings show a 40% crash reduction across the entire 4-mile corridor, and in areas where multiple countermeasures like RRFBs were implemented together, there was as much as a 64% reduction in crashes.

4. St. Charles County Gateway Bike Plan

Sara Nelson shared that the Bike/Ped Advisory Committee for St. Charles County met in March to discuss the adoption of the updated Gateway Bike Plan and how to move more projects forward. The County is working through plan revisions right now and developing a standard and possibly a logo for signage and markings.

5. St. Louis County Action Plan

John Shrewsbury provided an update on the County's Action Plan and how they are working to implement improvements on some of the high priority corridors that were identified. John shared the

website for the plan and demonstrated the interactive mapping tool. The County is working on a way to show the status for roads/corridors that are pursuing funding or implementing improvements.

6. Long Range Transportation Plan Update

James Fister presented the status of the regional long range transportation plan update that is currently underway. Two new elements that will be included in this plan update are an evaluation and update of the ten guiding principles and an equity investment analysis. There will also be changes made to the methodology and evaluation process for selecting major projects to be included in the plan. A draft plan is expected in March 2023 with final Board approval in June 2023. Community engagement efforts include a website, a series of both virtual and in-person town halls, focus groups, community events, and a public survey, which will be open through mid-June at the link below: https://lnkd.in/eV_HY8Kn

7. MODOT Arterial Safety Study

Paul Hubberman announced two new Great Streets projects coming up. The first is a study that will look at MODOT's network of arterial roads in the region and develop a typology with an eye towards design and flexibility. Staff is working on the project scope right now and expect to begin work on the study this October. The call for projects for the second project will be put out in the next month and will provide technical assistance through a large, multi-disciplinary consultant team to an Illinois community.

8. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Rachael Pawlak shared an update on some of the specific programs and funding available through the IIJA, which went into effect November 15, 2021 and replaces the FAST Act. The USDOT will receive about half of the total funds through IIJA, adding \$274 billion above baseline spending through 2026. Existing programs like STBG/STPS, TAP, and CMAQ will all see funding increases. New programs like Safe Streets For All and the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program will be releasing notices of funding opportunities this summer and will provide resources for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Other requirements from the law related to crash reporting, vehicle headlamps, and the New Car Assessment Program also aim to improve safety for non-motorized transportation.

9. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Jason Lange announced that the TAP call for projects that will open June 1, 2022. Applications are due August 19 and an informational workshop will be held on June 14. This workshop will be held virtually and will be recorded and posted online with the other application information and materials. Information on funding amounts will be available when the applications go live on June 1. Projects recommended for funding will go to the Board of Directors for approval at their March 2023 meeting.

10. 2021 St. Louis Crash Report

Sam McCrory presented some of the key takeaways of the 2021 Crash Report for St. Louis City and St. Louis County. Data in the report comes from Missouri STARS, the statewide crash reporting database. It is important to note that 2020 was an exceptional year in terms of high crash rates and fatalities, so even though some data for 2021 show a decrease, there is still an upward trajectory overall. Preliminary 2022 data shows that St. Louis City has already had double the number of fatalities from the same time frame last year. Most of these fatalities occur along a small number of corridors, with other pockets of crashes in areas such as the SLU campus and the North Hanley MetroLink station, where there are community assets and large numbers of people walking. Many of the highest-crash corridors are in communities of color in North St. Louis City and County. While the data is not trending in a positive direction, the concentration of crashes suggests that safety improvements targeted in high-crash corridors could have significant benefits for people walking and biking, as well as driving. <https://trailnet.org/2021-crash-report/>

11. Other Business / Announcements

Angelica Gutierrez announced that the monthly APBP webinars will now be hosted in-person at the GRG offices. Online viewing is still available to four or five participants.

Sam McCrory announced that next week is bike to work week and Friday, May 20 is bike to work day.

Shaun Tooley announced that MODOT will be hosting a public meeting regarding the I-64 PEL study next Wednesday, May 18 from 4-7pm at the City Foundry. There is also a public survey available online at <http://future64.com> until May 25, 2022.

John Shrewsbury announced that a traffic calming demonstration took place earlier this week in the Castle Point neighborhood due to high rates of speeding and fatalities and St. Louis County will be working with a consulting firm to study the issue further

12. Upcoming Events

- a. APBP webinars provided by GRG:
 - i. May 18: Introducing the Safer Streets Priority Finder, an Open-Source Tool for Evaluating Network Level Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
 - ii. June 15: Bicycling & Walking in American Communities of Fewer Than 10,000 People: Current Status & Plans for the Future
 - iii. July 20: New Pedestrian Treatments for High-Speed, High-Volume, Multi-lane Roadways
- b. Madison County Transit 2022 Trail Summit: May 20, 8am-4pm – Edwardsville, IL
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mct-2022-trail-summit-registration-306024105337>

13. Next Meeting – August 10, 2022

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Shaun Tooley made the motion to adjourn and John Kohler seconded the motion.