

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 – 2:00 pm

Meeting held virtually via GoToMeeting

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Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

John Bugh – St. Charles County Parks Dept.
Chris Clercx – City of O’Fallon, MO
Angelica Gutierrez – Great Rivers Greenway
Kevin Jemison – IDOT
Jacque Knight – Community Mobility Committee
John Kohler – City of St. Louis BPS
Cindy Mense – Trailnet
Sara Nelson – St. Charles County
Scott Ogilvie – City of St. Louis
Mark Vogl – Great Rivers Greenway
Bryan Werner – MEPRD
Travis Wood – Citizens for Modern Transit

Members Absent:

Misty Bell – St. Louis County
Lisa Cagle – Bi-State Development
Karen Karabell – Cycling Savvy
Shaun Tooley - MODOT
Jenny Reiman – Heartlands Conservancy

Others in Attendance:

Kevin Scott – Bi-State Development
Cordell Whitlock – Bi-State Development
Charles Bryson – Trailnet
Adam Treaster

East-West Gateway Staff:

Rachael Pawlak
Anna Musial
Jason Lange
James Fister
Saranya Konala
Christie Holland
Paul Hubbman
Alex Hartig
Bailey DeJonge
Anna Chott
Melissa Theiss – BPAC Coordinator

1. Introductions

Jacque Knight called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

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

The minutes were approved as proposed.

John Kohler made the motion to approve and Kevin Jemison seconded the motion.

3. Committee Elections – Chair, Vice Chair, and TPC Representatives

Members voted to return to in-person meetings on May 10, 2023.

Committee positions were nominated and elected as follows:

Jacque Knight – Chair

Sara Nelson – Vice Chair

Angelica Gutierrez – TPC Representative (primary)

Mark Vogl – TPC Representative (secondary)

4. MetroLink Secure Platform Plan

Kevin Scott presented an overview of Metro’s Secure Platform Plan (SPP) and the current status of the project. Following a study conducted by WSP three years ago, Metro decided to move forward with the SPP as part of a comprehensive set of security measures. The SPP will reconfigure MetroLink from an open system to a gated system and all platforms will have a real-time security camera system

(CCTV). A new fare collection system is also part of the project and those improvements will extend to MetroBus as well. The project is currently in design and construction will be phased in order to get started sooner, demonstrate progress to the public, and show what the new system will look like. Four stations in Illinois have been selected as pilot projects and are expected to be implemented in the beginning of 2024. Those locations will be staffed at first since the communication and fare system upgrades will come later. The project is estimated to cost about \$52 million and is funded by Bi-State, St. Louis County bonds, American Recovery funds, and about \$11 million in private funding.

5. **Brickline Greenway**

Mark Vogl updated the committee on the Brickline Greenway's progress and the three categories of projects being tracked – built, active (which are in various stages of design, planning, and even construction), and . When complete, the Brickline will connect four anchor institutions – Forest Park, Tower Grove Park, Fairgrounds Park, and the Gateway Arch National Park.

Updates include:

- Market Street between 20th and 22nd is close to completion and will have a public ribbon cutting on February 19 from 2:00 to 4:00pm.
- Market Street west to Compton and Harris Stowe in under design.
- Cortex station to Grand received a \$4 million CMAQ grant to fund that extension, with construction in a couple of years.
- GRG is working with Washington University Medical Center to develop a scope of work for the segment/connection between Cortex and Forest Park.
- Grand Blvd from Fairground Park and Natural Bridge to Page Ave, and then Spring Ave from Page to SLU, has received funding from several grants, including a \$15 million RAISE grant.
- GRG has submitted an application for Reconnecting Communities funds to construct a greenway crossing I-64 and providing better north-south access and connectivity between the Foundry and the Armory.

6. **Centennial Greenway**

Angelica Gutierrez shared updates on the Centennial Greenway, which currently runs from Forest Park, through Washington University's campus, west through University City connecting major parks like Heman and Ruth Park, and then north along I-170. GRG is in the process of acquiring property in Olivette to continue west with the greenway, connecting to additional parks and eventually the 39North District. A partnership with St. Louis County to build out the greenway, adjacent to the roadway, along Shuetz Road west through Maryland Heights towards Creve Coeur. The master plan for the Centennial Greenway is being carried out in small segments and stages at different times to complete the overall project.

7. **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)**

Anna Musial announced that EWG has been awarded a SS4A grant to develop a region-wide comprehensive safety action plan by the USDOT. The majority of awards for this round were for action plans, with 473 planning grants and 37 implementation grants awarded across the country. Once the St. Louis region's plan is complete, any county or municipality that adopts the plan will be eligible to apply for funding through the SS4A program to implement strategies or projects identified in the plan. EWG anticipates executing agreements with USDOT this spring and will then be able to get to work developing the plan. Outcomes of the MODOT Arterial Safety Study that is now underway will be rolled into the action plan where applicable.

8. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

Melissa Theiss summarized the projects recommended for TAP funding. Those project recommendations are available online for public comment until February 15, 2023. After the public comment period, project recommendations will be taken to the EWG Board of Directors for final approval and amendment into the TIP on March 29. EWG is planning another call for TAP projects this summer, for Missouri sponsors only. The application schedule and funding amounts are not yet final, but will likely be similar to the last cycle. No major changes to the TAP application criteria are expected.

9. Other Business / Announcements

10. Upcoming Events

- a. APBP webinars hosted by Trailnet and GRG:
 - i. February 15: Strengthening Community Connections Through Bike Infrastructure, Transit Integration, and Local Tourism
 - ii. March 15: Data Storytelling for Multimodal Pathways
 - iii. April 19: Give Your Bus a BOOST
- b. National Bike Summit: March 26-29 – Online & Washington, D.C.
<https://bikeleague.org/summit>
- c. 2023 National Shared Mobility Summit: May 2-4 – Chicago, IL
<https://web.cvent.com/event/c5819dd5-013f-40f6-a204-4db0bb5fc160/summary>
- d. NACTO 2023 Designing Cities Conference: May 15-18 – Denver, CO
<https://events.bizzabo.com/designingcities2023>

11. Next Meeting – May 10, 2023

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Angelica Gutierrez made the motion to adjourn and John Kohler seconded the motion.