

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 Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – November 9, 2022
3. **Committee Elections – Chair, Vice-Chair, and TPC Representatives**
4. **MetroLink Secure Platform Plan** – Kevin Scott
5. **Brickline Greenway** – Mark Vogl
6. **Centennial Greenway** – Angelica Gutierrez
7. **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)** – Anna Musial
8. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Updates** – Melissa Theiss
9. **Other Business / Announcements**
10. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. APBP webinars provided by 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

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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 BPS
Scott Ogilvie – City of St. Louis
Taylor March – Trailnet
Sara Nelson – St. Charles County
Jennifer Reiman – Heartlands Conservancy
Travis Wood – Citizens for Modern Transit
Bekin Youngblood – St. Charles County (for John Bugh)

Others in Attendance:

Cindy Simmons – MODOT
Todd Antoine – Great Rivers Greenway
Charles Bryson – Trailnet
Laurel Harrington – Horner & Shifrin
Garrison Brazeal
Adam Treaster

East-West Gateway Staff:

Rachael Pawlak
Anna Musial
Jason Lange
Brad Williams
James Fister
Melissa Theiss – BPAC Coordinator

1. Introductions

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

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – August 10, 2022

The minutes were approved as proposed.

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

3. Transportation Equity Analysis

James Fister shared an update on development of EWG's long-range plan, specifically the Transportation Equity Analysis, and some preliminary findings of the ongoing analysis. The new guiding principles for the plan were approved by the EWG Board of Directors in October. The Transportation Equity Analysis has four components: 1) historical analysis of policies and investments over the last century, 2) analysis of current conditions and how well the transportation system serves everyone in the region, 3) analysis of TIP spending on projects funded and implemented since 2005, and 4) a list of recommendations. To demonstrate some preliminary findings, James shared maps depicting job access by car versus public transit, neighborhoods prior to the construction of the interstate highway system, and projects receiving federal transportation funds, including bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects specifically. Although comments are no longer being collected from the public, the virtual open house is still available online for those interested in viewing more on the analysis. <https://express.adobe.com/page/A0pszJdGeyCdt/>

4. Safe Streets Updates

Jacque Knight shared that after a string of high profile pedestrian fatalities in the City recently, Mayor Jones has committed \$40 million in ARPA funding to be used for safe streets improvements on dangerous roads and corridors. Specific projects are yet to be determined.

5. **Brickline Greenway**

Mark Vogl updated the committee on the Brickline Greenway's progress, including the status of multiple active projects within the greenway's footprint that are in various stages of planning, design, and/or construction. When complete, the Brickline will connect four anchor institutions – Forest Park, Tower Grove Park, Fairgrounds Park, and the Gateway Arch National Park. Some highlights include:

- The art installation by Damon Davis, a monument to the Mill Creek Valley community, is now complete. Design for the greenway segment on Market Street may include a lane diet to use some road capacity for the shared use path. This portion of the greenway should be complete by about the end of the year.
- The Metro Corridor segment from Sarah to Grand is being built entirely within Metro right of way. This segment is currently in design and will include an elevated bicycle and pedestrian connection over Vandeventer and into the Foundry, which is critical due to high speeds and safety concerns on Vandeventer.
- The Fairground Park connector segment is several smaller projects funded through several different grants. GRG is currently conducting resident and stakeholder engagement to bring those concerns into the design process. GRG has submitted an application for Reconnecting Communities funds to construct a greenway crossing I-64 and providing better north-south access and connectivity.

GRG continues to aggressively seek out grants and funding opportunities to complete the Brickline and partner with other local agencies and advisory committees.

6. **St. Charles County Gateway Bike Plan**

Sara Nelson shared an update on the GBP and specifically, efforts to implement striping, signage, and wayfinding to brand existing multimodal facilities, distinguish them from sidewalks, and make them a more enjoyable experience for users. In August, the St. Charles county Council passed a resolution adopting the updated Gateway Bike Plan. Lake St. Louis has also adopted the plan and St. Peter's is presenting an adoption resolution at their December council meeting. Sara also developed a new website for bicycle and pedestrian travel in St. Charles County and the GBP is available online there. <https://www.sccmo.org/230/Bicycle-and-Pedestrian-Travel>

7. **STP/CMAQ Solicitation**

Jason Lange announced that a call for projects for STP and CMAQ funding opened on November 4 and application materials are available online now. Both programs can be used to fund bicycle and pedestrian improvements. For STP, there is approximately \$65 million in federal funds available to program in Missouri and \$7.5 million in Illinois. For CMAQ, there is approximately \$22 million to program in Missouri and \$6 million in Illinois. Applications are due February 9, 2023.

<https://www.ewgateway.org/transportation-planning/transportation-improvement-program/competitive-transportation-programs/call-for-projects-stp-s/>

8. **Other Business / Announcements**

Jennifer Reiman announced that Heartlands Conservancy is wrapping up a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the city of Wood River that will be complete by the end of the year. In 2023, work will begin on a new Madison County Transit Trails Master Plan, with the goal of connecting MCT's trail network further into the communities it serves.

Shaun Tooley announced that MODOT has hired a firm to conduct a road safety audit of Page Avenue/Route D. MODOT is also co-managing an arterials study with EWG which is set to begin in March 2023. The Future64 PEL study is now in level two, looking at alternatives, and that will include bicycle and pedestrian alternatives as well.

Melissa Theiss shared a link to a report from Texas A&M Transportation Institute on bicyclist safety that was provided by Safer Streets for Kirkwood:

<https://static.tti.tamu.edu/tti.tamu.edu/documents/0-7043-R1.pdf>

9. **Upcoming Events**

- a. APBP webinars provided by GRG:
 - i. November 16: Centering Equity in Transportation Planning and Design
 - ii. December 14: Schools Streets: Testing Car-free Zones Around Schools
- b. EWG Annual Meeting: November 17 – Downtown Hilton at the Ballpark:
<https://www.ewgateway.org/amtg-2022/>
- c. Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting: January 8-12, 2023 – Washington DC: <https://www.trb.org/AnnualMeeting/AnnualMeeting.aspx>

10. **Next Meeting** – February 8, 2023

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Shaun Tooley made the motion to adjourn and Taylor March seconded the motion.