

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

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 2:00 pm

East-West Gateway Council of Governments
1 S. Memorial Drive, Suite 1600
St. Louis, MO 63102

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

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
Misty Bell – St. Louis County
Lisa Cagle – Bi-State Development
Shaun Tooley – MODOT

Members Absent:

Mark Vogl – Great Rivers Greenway
Bryan Werner – MEPRD
Travis Wood – Citizens for Modern Transit
John Bugh – St. Charles County Parks Dept.

Chris Clercx – City of O'Fallon, MO
Karen Karabell – Cycling Savvy
Jenny Reiman – Heartlands Conservancy

Others in Attendance:

Taylor March – Missourians for Responsible
Transportation
Adam Treaster – Trailnet

East-West Gateway Staff:

Anna Musial
Saranya Konala
Christie Holland
Anna Chott
Alex Hartig
Melissa Theiss – BPAC Coordinator

1. Introductions

Jacque Knight called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – February 8, 2023

The minutes were approved as proposed.

Scott Ogilvie made the motion to approve and Kevin Jemison seconded the motion.

3. Long-Range Transportation Plan

Christie Holland presented an overview of the draft Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), *Connected2050*, which is slated for adoption in June 2023. The plan is updated every four years and provides a vision and framework for transportation investment and decision-making in the region. *Connected 2050* includes three documents – the main plan or LRTP, the State of the System technical supplement, and the Air Quality Conformity Determination. Christie provided an overview of each chapter, including the regional/historical context, public engagement and plan development, the twelve guiding principles, system performance measures, investment priorities, and project examples. The public comment period for the draft plan is open now through June 7 and paper surveys are available for those interested.

4. GRG 2023 Greenway Openings

Angelica Gutierrez shared several greenway segments or extensions that will be opening this year, in addition to recent openings on the Brickline and Mississippi Greenways.

- May 24 at 6:00 pm – Centennial Greenway at Schaefer Park
- June 3 at 11:00 am – Deer Creek Greenway at Brentwood Park
- June 24 at 10:00 am – Meramec Greenway at Emmenegger Park
- July 27 – St. Vincent Greenway at St. Charles Rock Road MetroLink station
- July TBD – Centennial Greenway at Warson Park

5. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Anna Musial shared the status of the SS4A grant and Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the St. Louis Region. FHWA's kick-off meeting occurred two weeks ago and staff is currently awaiting an executed agreement in order to start work on the plan. The plan will be heavily focused on crash data and the high-injury network and will include a public education campaign. Despite delays, staff is aiming for completion of the plan in early spring 2024, prior to the third SS4A funding cycle so that local public agencies are able

to apply for implementation or supplemental planning grants. A Safety Task Force composed of representatives from each of the eight counties in the EWG planning area will assist with plan development.

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

Melissa Theiss announced the next application cycle for TAP funding. Projects recommended for funding in the last application cycle were approved and amended to the TIP in March 2023. The current call for projects opened on April 21 and applications are due by July 21. EWG staff held one virtual and one in-person informational TAP workshop since the call for projects opened. The virtual workshop was recorded and is posted online for reference, along with the other application materials. Project review workshops will be held May 19, June 2, 16, and 30 and applicants can sign up online for a half-hour time slot. There is approximately \$25 million available to program (for Missouri sponsors only) and a cap of \$2.5 million per project. Projects recommended for funding will be presented to the TPC on October 4, posted for public comment October 27 through November 20, and seeking Board of Directors approval in January 2024.

Changes to the SRTS-NI application included removing points for additional local match and the two-mile proximity to a school requirement. A 20% local match is still required and non-profits are eligible to apply as sponsors.

7. **Other Business / Announcements**

Kevin Jemison announced that IDOT is developing a statewide active transportation plan. The kick-off meeting of the technical stakeholder committee is scheduled for May 25 and anyone interested in participating can contact him for details.

Misty Bell shared that St. Louis County has 16 projects with bicycle and pedestrian enhancements or traffic calming up for bid this year. Improvements include sidewalks, ADA upgrades, and pedestrian signals with countdown timers. Project details can be found online. The next Peer Advisory Committee meeting is on May 25.

Scott Ogilvie announced that the City of St. Louis will begin work on a comprehensive transportation and mobility plan later this year. The plan will establish a vision, goals, and priorities for the City's transportation network.

Sara Nelson shared that the signage and wayfinding initiative in St. Charles County is underway and that she is reviewing more bike/ped and greenway plans and projects are moving forward.

Shaun Tooley announced multiple roadway safety audits that MODOT is or will be conducting this year. The Page Avenue project has a public meeting scheduled on May 11 at Better Family Life and a demonstration project in July. Other projects include MO 100/Chouteau/Manchester, MO 231/Telegraph Road, and Route D in North County.

Taylor March provided an update on a bill that would prohibit texting while driving (SB 398). Missouri is one of only two states with no such law. The bill has passed the house and may be able to move forward prior to the end of the legislative session on Friday.

Lisa Cagle shared that Metro is implementing a metal detector pilot program. Another round of services cuts are scheduled for June due to the ongoing operator shortage. The International Institute has a program that helps new immigrants with training on using the Metro system.

Cindy Mense shared that Trailnet recently provided testimony against the St. Louis County bill prohibiting pedestrians on roads and encouraged others to submit comments on the bill as well.

Jacque Knight announced a St. Louis chapter APA webinar on prosperity through zoning reform on May 17, featuring the author of Arbitrary Lines.

May 19 is Bike to Work Day and the Community Mobility Committee is organizing a ride to Downtown St. Louis that morning.

8. **Upcoming Events**

- a. APBP webinars provided by GRG & Trailnet:
 - May 17: Active Mobility for Older Adult Communities
 - June 21: More than a cycle lane: How investment in better walking and cycling networks improves accessibility for people with disabilities
 - July 19: Evolution of Bikeways
- b. NACTO 2023 Designing Cities Conference: May 15-18 – Denver, CO
- c. Missouri Active Transportation Summit: August 11 – Jefferson City, MO
<https://mobikefed.org/2023MissouriActiveTransportationSummit>

9. **Next Meeting** – August 9, 2023

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Shaun Tooley made the motion to adjourn and Angelica Gutierrez seconded the motion.