

AGENDA
EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 30, 2023**
- 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Report on Human Trafficking - Deedee Lhamon, The Covering House, Sargent Brian Shanika, St. Louis County Police
 - B. Task Force 46 Exercise – Samantha Lewis
- 4. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Agreement to Develop the Problem Analysis for the St. Louis Violence Reduction Strategy – Jim Wild
 - B. Modifications to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Connected2045, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Requested by Illinois and Missouri Sponsors - - Jason Lange
 - C. Regional Security Expenditures - - Samantha Lewis
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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NEXT MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023



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Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Project Notifications
Date: September 11, 2023

Attached is the Project Notification list for August 12 – September 8, 2023. The compiled list contains information about funding requests, grant applications and announcements/ public notices. It is compiled from the weekly statewide project table sent out by the Missouri Federal Assistance Clearinghouse, Missouri Office of Administration, for comments. If you have any questions regarding this attachment, please contact Maureen McCarthy in the Community Planning department.

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**Project Reviews for East-West Gateway Council of Governments
August 12 – September 8, 2023**

JURISDICTION	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL AGENCY	FEDERAL GRANT/LOAN	FUNDING: STATE, LOCAL/OTHER	TOTAL
St. Louis County City of St. Louis	Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers #2402032	93.224 – Health Center Program (Community Health Centers, Migrant Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless, and Public Housing Primary Care) Service Area Competition	HHS	\$5,370,671	State: \$2,454,170 Local: \$928,923 Other: \$7,815,027 Program Income: \$10,238,109	\$26,806,900
St. Louis County St. Charles County City of St. Louis Jefferson County Franklin County	Highland CSB1, LLC #2402035	66.045 – Clean School Bus Program Highland Fleets: Greening our School Bus Fleets to Improve Air Quality in Region 7	EPA	\$20,760,000	Applicant: \$9,572,541 Other: \$65,000	\$30,397,541
St. Louis County	City of Florissant #2403001	16.738 – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Florissant JAG Program	DOJ	\$13,149		\$13,149

MINUTES

EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUGUST 30, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Council offices on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance

Mark Kern, Chair, Chairman, St. Clair County Board, IL Board
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Bill Grogan, Regional Citizen, St. Clair County, IL
John A. Laker, Regional Citizen, St. Clair County, IL
Herb Roach, Vice-President, SWIL Council of Mayors, IL
Ron Williams, Madison County, IL
Tom Blair, MoDOT
Tom Caldwell, IDOT (via webinar)
Taulby Roach, Bi-State Development

Members Absent

Megan Green, President Board of Aldermen, City of St. Louis
Dennis Knobloch, Chair, Monroe County, IL, Board
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Don Summers, St. Louis County, MO Holly Bieneman, IDOT
Patrick McMckenna, MoDOT
Brock Timmons, Designee, MO Governor's Office

EAC Members in Attendance

Paul Hampel
Kevin Jemison (via webinar)
Betsy Tracy (via webinar)

EWGCOG Staff:

Jim Wild, Staci Alvarez, Josh Campbell, Kristen Capps-Jones, Anna Chott, Joyce Collins-Catling, Bailey DeJonge, Carrie Dookwah, Stephen Ducker, Joe Fetter, Lee Harris, Alex Hartig, Christie Holland, Paul Hubbman, Saranya Konala, Ted LaBoube, Jason Lange, Carol Lawrence, Mary Grace Lewandowski, Maureen McCarthy, Marcie Meystrik, Anna Musial, Rachael Pawlak, John Posey, Mary Rocchio, Warren Sallade, Lubna Schoaib, Himmer Soberanis, Melissa Theiss, Jennifer Vuitel, Leah Watkins, Derek Wetherell, Michael Wohlstadter, Aaron Young

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Mr. Kern, Chair with roll call attendance; he announced the passing of long term EWGCOG board member Mr. Roy Mosley, and asked for a moment of silence in his memory. He also asked that prayer be made for the hurricane victims.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2023 MEETING

Motion made to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 meetings was made by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Days, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Violence Reduction Center Practicum Update

Thomas Abt, VRC, gave a virtual presentation updating the board of the practicum progress. He pointed out that practicum preparation is underway including meetings with the National Network for Safe Communities to begin work on a Problem Analysis, meetings with St. Louis City's Police Department as well as stakeholders to identifying challenges, key documents/people/interests, etc. Mr. Abt then informed the board of next steps that include determining a date (possibly late October/early November) for the Practicum, developing a session schedule, EWG-hosted VRC wrap-up presentation, and an action oriented plan. He also noted that beginning and ending sessions will be all inclusive and engaging with diverse and key service groups as well as community and both non-disparity and disparity areas. He noted that it seems that crime nationally has decreased since this same time last year noting that it could be more of a national trend as opposed to a local trend. He is available to any board member with questions or one-on-one discussions.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Update

Alex Hartig, EWGCOG, provided the board with a brief status of the TAP noting that a call for applications was made on April 21 resulting in 27 project applications received; this funding round was for Missouri sponsors only. He pointed out that staff is currently evaluating the applications and will present final scores to the Missouri TPC once that process completes. Once TPC recommendations have been made, staff will present to EAC and BOD at the October meetings followed by public comment period from October 27th through November 16th. Mr. Hartig also noted that presentation of recommendations for final approval and inclusion in the TIP will be made at the January 2024 meetings.

Illinois Department of Transportation amendment to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connected2050

Jason Lange, EWGCOG, informed the board that the IDOT program was released by the Governor on July 7th after the draft FY 2024-2027 TIP had been released for public comment. He noted that this is a discussion item this month but will be presented in October for final approval once the public comment period concludes. He then gave an overview of the IDOT program summary, project list, amendment descriptions (mostly improvements), air quality conformity (only nine regionally significant projects in the IDOT TIP amendment). Mr. Lange also outlined the schedule of activities noting September 1st is the start of the public comment period with it ending on October 4th; all information regarding the IDOT TIP amendment will be posted on Council's website throughout the comment period.

Local Program Balance Update

Rachael Pawlak, EWGCOG, gave an update regarding the MoDOT policy change to eliminate the balance carry-over. She noted that MoDOT has not notified EWGCOG of the change going into effect as of yet, and that federal annual redistribution of funds is now in progress. She noted that staff is continuing to work with sponsors towards lowering unobligated balances and pointed out that \$91M has to be obligated by the end of the fiscal year (September 2023); updated information will be provided at the October board meeting.

Update on I-270 North

Tom Blair, MoDOT, provided an update on the progress made on the I-270 North project as it nears completion after four years. He also pointed out that this project is the largest active transportation project in the State of Missouri awarded at \$278M. He discussed corridor needs focusing on efforts to enhance aging infrastructure, safety, and accessibility; completed sections of the Lindbergh Interchange, West Florissant Interchange, Washington/Elizabeth improvements, as well as the current flyover ramp bridge work being done at Route 367 Interchange (expected to open this Fall with a ribbon cutting ceremony). He also highlighted the successful outreach opportunities from DBE/STEM that have provided internships as well as full-time opportunities. Mr. Blair also provided a brief snapshot and pictures of improvement efforts towards bridges, pavements, median barriers and soundwalls, and project partners (including St. Louis County).

Ed Hassinger, MoDOT, presented updated information regarding the Improve I-70 noting the project collaboration between the teams and communities. He mentioned that he is planning to nominate this project for a national award because of its success and all the great work being done. He gave background on the re-building initiative pointing out that the Governor approved funding in the budget for this regional expansion project (expanding to three lanes across Missouri, from suburban St. Louis to suburban Kansas City. Mr. Hassinger also discussed the program goals noting that a series of projects are expected over the next 10 years, expect over 60 years from the modernization of existing pavement, expect increased freight activity, and expect expanded opportunities modeled after the I-270 project. He briefly discussed the funding breakdown mentioning that bonds to be paid off from the general revenue. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to update the board and look forward to the future.

After some comments from various board members, Mr. Hassinger and Mr. Blair mentioned that "next things" will include an aggressive study, as well as including the public to gain insight on

needs, look into reconfiguring truck travel on interstates, and a freight growth analysis on I-44. The Chair thanked both Mr. Blair and Mr. Hassinger for their insightful updates.

ACTION ITEMS

Auditors' Report on Financial Statements for Calendar Year 2022

Allison Weems, KEB, provided results of the recent audit noting that no non-compliance or material weaknesses were evidenced and has therefore an unmodified opinion has been given after examining the Council's financial statements. She briefly discussed the responsibilities of both the Council and the auditors, summary of financial statements, and other required communication indicating that an implementation adjustment was made on the balance sheet due to the type of lease adjustment adopted by Council. Ms. Weems further noted that no significant encounters while conducting the audit nor any disagreements with management were experienced resulting in the representation letter given on August 15, 2023 certifying a complete and accurate audit. She expressed appreciation, and thanked the EWG staff, for its cooperation and assistance. Mr. Wild also thanked the auditing team for their great work, as well as Ms. Alvarez and the EWG accounting team for their cooperation and assistance provided to the auditors.

Staff recommends board acceptance of the auditors' report for calendar year 2022.

Motion to accept the auditors' report for calendar year 2022 was made by Mr. Laker seconded by Ms Geisman. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification, the Final Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connected2050, and the Final FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Jason Lange, EWGCOG, provided the board the final document noting that the public comment period has been completed as well as the AQCD completion. He noted that a few changes had been made since the draft document had been presented; mostly carryover projects receiving one-time schedule extensions, as well as IDOT projects scheduled for bid opening between October 2023 and January 2024. Mr. Lange mentioned that public comments from the June 30th – August 2nd comment period have been summarized and made available on the Council's website. He also mentioned that the signed certification letter will be included in the final document.

Staff recommends board approval of the final documents as presented.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation was made by Mr. Elam seconded by Ms. Geisman. Motion carried, all voting aye.

St. Louis Regional Freightway Freight Development Project List

Mary Lamie, St. Louis Regional Freightway, provided the board with an in-depth progress presentation highlighting mission and goals, multimodal transportation projects list, as well as infrastructure updates, and marketing overview. She discussed the updated 2024 priority projects list, funded and partially funded projects, resources being utilized, highlights and media campaigns from the annual FreightWeek, comprehensive real estate updates, riverboat cruises that communicated opportunities to students, and historic highs in industrial real estate. She mentioned that the Freightway Committee meets regularly and that updates and more information can be found on the Freightway website. Ms. Lamie also noted that future updates will be made available and provided on priority lists, efforts, and improvement progress.

Staff recommends board adoption of the project list as presented.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation was made by Mr. Elam seconded by Mr. Grogan. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Regional Security Expenditures

Jim Wild, EWGCOG, presented to the board staff's request authorizing the expenditure of funds in support of regional security that will improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities for the following: part-time Policy, Procedure and Audit Advisor (12 month period) within the St. Louis Fusion Center; the renewal of four software licenses in support of the Regional Cybersecurity Initiative; renewal of three software license and dark web monitoring access in support of the Homeland Security Grant Program's Combating Domestic Violent Extremism priority area (12 month period); and the procurement of one Rapid DNA System for St. Charles County for a total amount not to exceed \$477,000 from the UASI grant program.

Staff recommends board approve authorizing the expenditure of funds from the UASI grant program in support of regional security that improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities.

Motion to recommend board approval of staff's recommendation was made by Ms. Geisman, seconded by Mr. Gannon. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Elam seconded by Mr. Page. Motion carried, all voting aye.



James M. Wild
Secretary, Board of Directors



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Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Staff

Subject: Agreement to Develop a Problem Analysis for the St. Louis Violence Reduction Strategy

Date: September 14, 2023

In May, EWG hosted the St. Louis Regional Crime Summit. Since that time, EWG staff have been working with the Violence Reduction Center (VRC) at the University of Maryland and the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) at John Jay College to define the scope of work and schedule to develop a Violence Reduction Strategy (VRS) for the St. Louis region. The St. Louis VRS will be developed through a collaboration between EWG staff, the VRC, and the NNSC. The NNSC will work closely with EWG staff to identify law enforcement partners, collect and analyze data, hold facilitated discussions with partners, identify factors that contribute to violence in the St. Louis region, develop a Problem Analysis that summarizes findings, and present the findings to regional stakeholders. The Problem Analysis will be used as a reference in a 3-5 day practicum conducted by VRC staff later this year which will produce a VRS that includes concrete, actionable recommendations to reduce violence. It is necessary for EWG to enter into an agreement with the NNSC for this work.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Research Foundation of the City University of New York on behalf of the National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College to develop the Problem Analysis for an amount not exceed \$30,000.

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Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Modifications to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), *Connected 2050*, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Requested by Illinois and Missouri Sponsors
Date: September 12, 2023

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) have requested to amend the FY 2024-2027 TIP, *Connected 2050*, and the related Air Quality Conformity Determination. In all, they are requesting to add one new project, modify one project, and add one new scoping project. This memo outlines the requested changes.

Missouri New Project

MoDOT is requesting to add a project to make structural repairs to the eastbound I-70 bridge over the Missouri River and I-64 from Leonor K. Sullivan to 22nd Street.

The new project is summarized on the following table:

New Project – Missouri					
Sponsor / TIP #	Title - Limits	Description of Work	County	Federal Cost	Total Cost
MoDOT / 7322D-24	I-70 eastbound over Missouri River; I-64: Leonor K Sullivan Blvd to 22 nd St	Structural repairs	Multi-County-MO	\$900,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL:				\$900,000	\$1,000,000

Illinois Modified Project

IDOT has requested to modify one project currently programmed in the FY 2024-2027 TIP.

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The modified project is summarized on the following table:

Modified Project – Illinois				
Sponsor/ TIP #/ County/	Project Title - Limits	Description of Work	Current Cost / Revised Cost	Reason for Change
IDOT/ 7144E-23 / Multi- County-IL	Traffic Signal Modernization – At various locations in Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties	Upgrade pedestrian signals and pushbuttons	\$1,188,000/ \$2,000,000	Increased engineer’s estimate

Missouri Scoping Project

MoDOT has requested to add one scoping project. MoDOT's scoping policy is intended to ensure that projects have defined scopes and construction cost estimates before they are committed to the TIP. At this time, there is no construction funding committed to this project and the project entails preliminary engineering only (30 percent engineering).

The new scoping projects are summarized on the following table:

New Scoping Project - Missouri				
Sponsor / TIP #/ Sponsor #	Limits/Description of Work	County	Fed Cost for Design	Total Cost for Design
MoDOT / 7322C-24/ SL0182	I-64: 4 th St to 18 th St; I-44 at Park/Cole; I-64/MO 364 over Missouri River - Scoping for debris netting on I-64 downtown and fence repair on I-44, MO 364, and I-64 over Missouri River	Multi-County- MO	\$90,000	\$100,000

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the FY 2024-2027 TIP, *Connected 2050*, and related Air Quality Conformity Determination be revised to add one new project, modify one project, and add one new scoping project as summarized above and detailed in the attachment. These projects are not regionally significant with respect to air quality in accordance with federal regulations.

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Amendment # **0923-001**
TIP # **7322D-24**
Sponsor # **ST0071**

PROJECT
SPONSOR: **MoDOT**

ACTION
REQUESTED: Revise FY 2024 of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add a project

TITLE: **I-70/I-64**

LIMITS: I-70 eastbound over Missouri River; I-64: Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd to 22nd St.

DESCRIPTION: Structural repairs

COUNTY: Multi-County

FUNDING
SOURCE: National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)

	Federal	Match	Total
PE	\$180,000	\$20,000	\$200,000
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0
Implementation	\$720,000	\$80,000	\$800,000
Total	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000

AIR QUALITY
CONFORMITY: Not regionally significant

STAFF
RECOMMENDATION: Approval



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Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Regional Security Expenditures
Date: September 12, 2023

Staff is requesting authorization to expend funds in support of regional security that will improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities. Funding will come from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. Attachment A summarizes the purchases, totaling \$12,325.00.

REGIONAL CYBERSECURITY INITIATIVE:

Recorded Future Software Functionality – In August 2023, the Board authorized EWG to purchase a 12-month renewal of four (4) software licenses for the Recorded Future cybersecurity intelligence software for use by the Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator and Analyst, as well as other investigators and analysts in support of the Regional Cybersecurity Initiative. The software provides cybersecurity related intelligence and analysis of a unique nature to include threat, brand, vulnerability and geopolitical intelligence. An additional functionality of the software has been identified that will allow cybersecurity personnel to locate and remove malicious cybersecurity threats. The total cost will not exceed \$12,325.00 from the UASI grant program.

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Staff recommends that the Board approve the expenditure of funds as follows:

- for the purchase of the malicious cybersecurity threat removal functionality of the Recorded Future software from Carahsoft Technology Corp of Reston, VA for an amount not to exceed \$12,325.00;

for a total amount not to exceed \$12,325.00 from the UASI grant program.

**ATTACHMENT A
Expenditures for Equipment and Services
September 11, 2023**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Software (UASI)				
Carahsoft Technology Corp (Reston, VA)	Regional Cybersecurity Initiative Malicious Cybersecurity Threat Removal Functionality - Recorded Future Software	Regional	1	\$12,325
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 12,325

Total UASI Expenditures: \$12,325