

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

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 2:00 pm

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

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – August 9, 2023
3. **Louisiana Calm Streets** – Cindy Mense
4. **Chain of Rocks Park, Centennial Greenway, and Hodiament Updates** – Mark Vogl
5. **St. Charles County Ongoing Projects** – Sara Nelson
6. **Climate Pollution Reduction Program** – Anna Chott
7. **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)** – Anna Musial
8. **Federal Funding Program Updates** – Alex Hartig
9. **Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)** – Melissa Theiss
10. **Other Business / Announcements**
11. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. APBP webinars provided by GRG & Trailnet:
 - i. November 15: How to keep a statewide plan off the shelf – Minnesota
 - ii. December 20: Lighter, Faster, Drier: Beyond Quick-Build Towards Resilient Treatments for High-Quality Active Transportation Infrastructure
 - b. EWG Annual Meeting: November 15 – America's Center
<https://www.ewgateway.org/58th-annual-meeting-and-awards-ceremony-11-15-2023/>
12. **Next Meeting** – February 14, 2024
13. Adjournment

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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
Amanda Brauer – St. Charles County (for Sara Nelson)
Scott Ogilvie – City of St. Louis
Misty Bell – St. Louis County
Travis Wood – Citizens for Modern Transit
John Bugh – St. Charles County Parks Dept.
Mark Vogl – Great Rivers Greenway

Members Absent:

Lisa Cagle – Bi-State Development
Shaun Tooley – MODOT
Bryan Werner – MEPRD

Chris Clercx – City of O’Fallon, MO
Karen Karabell – Cycling Savvy

Others in Attendance:

Taylor March – Missourians for Responsible Transportation
Adam Treaster – Trailnet
Bryce Monser – Trailnet
Tom Caldwell – IDOT

East-West Gateway Staff:

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

1. Introductions

Jacque Knight called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – May 10, 2023

The minutes were approved as proposed.

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

3. Brickline Greenway

Mark Vogl provided an update on multiple segments of the Brickline Greenway:

- Two segments have been completed so far – at the Cortex MetroLink station and CityPark. These segments have been a great opportunity to test materials and design, finalize a prototype and branding elements, such as the greenway’s brick centerline, and ensure ease of access for people with disabilities.
- Active projects include segments on Spring, Grand, and along the Metro Corridor and Mill Creek Valley. Funding sources include TAP, CMAQ, RAISE, and more. The Mill Creek Valley segment is entirely funded with private funds and will break ground in 2024.
- The North Connector, from Fairground Park to SLU, will improve safety on Grand Blvd, one of the most dangerous corridors in St. Louis and the country. The greenway will replace the west half of the street. Reduced/reconfigured lanes will remain on the east side with partner agencies making improvements to the sidewalks. Landscaping will incorporate stormwater management.
- A gap currently still exists between Grand and Compton and design has not been determined yet.

- Active partner projects that will complement the greenway include the 20th Street cycle track, Compton Bridge replacement, Tower Grove Connector, Tucker Ave cycle track, Jefferson interchange improvements and bike lanes, and the 7th Street multimodal corridor.

4. **NACTO Conference Recap**

Jacque Knight, John Kohler, Angelica Gutierrez, and Bryce Monser attended the annual NACTO Designing Cities Conference in Denver, CO in May 2023 and reported back on key speakers, lessons learned, and helpful insights.

- Not afraid to experiment and change things that don't end up working.
- Cities across the U.S. and in other countries are facing many of the same issues as St. Louis.
- Systemic lowering of speed limits
- Conference moved from fall to spring since Mayor Michael Hancock will be out of office in the fall. Hancock has implemented 125 miles of bike lanes since taking office in 2018, 42 of which are protected.
- Viva Streets event the weekend prior to the conference shut down 3.5 miles of streets downtown for events, activities, biking and walking.
- A BIPOC Breakfast was held for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color attending the conference to get together and share their experiences.
- The City of St. Louis presented a poster showcasing the Downtown West Revitalization, including interchange improvements and restoration of the street grid around Jefferson Ave at I-64.

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

Anna Musial shared the timeline for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the St. Louis Region. The agreement with FHWA was signed in July. An RFP will be open August 11 through September 11, with consultant selection scheduled for Board approval in October. Work on the plan will begin in December 2023. A draft plan will be presented in May 2024 and final plan adoption in June 2024. Staff is still expecting the plan to be completed prior to the third round of SS4A grant funding next year and will have resources to assist local public agencies that want to apply for implementation funds. FHWA is expected to release a final rule on adoption of plans by local agencies. Community engagement will be included as a strategy in the plan.

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

Alex Hartig shared a summary of project applications received in the most recent call for projects for TAP funding (Missouri sponsors only) that concluded on July 21, 2023. Staff received 27 project applications totaling \$28.9 million in federal funds requested. Approximately \$25 million is available to program and the maximum federal request per project is \$2.5 million. Application evaluations are underway and recommendations for funding will be presented to the Missouri TPC at their October 4 meeting. There will be a public comment period on submitted projects August 10-24 (link below) and a public comment period for recommended projects October 27-November 16. Projects recommended for funding will be presented to the Board of Directors on January 31, 2024 for final approval.

<https://www.ewgateway.org/transportation-planning/transportation-improvement-program/tap-applications-public-comment/>

7. **Other Business / Announcements**

Kevin Jemison announced that IDOT is soliciting Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects. There is approximately \$6 million available to program and applications are due October 2.

Taylor March shared that a bill to prohibit texting while driving (SB 398) was passed into law. Effective August 28, 2023 it will be illegal to hold a cell phone while driving. Warnings will be distributed for violations until fines and penalties go into effect in 2025.

Cindy Mense shared that the St. Louis County bill prohibiting pedestrians on roads did not pass.

Taylor March announced that the Rock Island Trail Summit will be held on September 22 in Eldon, MO and lunch will be provided. The Rock Island Trail was recently adopted as the 93rd state park.

Mark Vogl announced \$15 million awarded to GRG by the Governor Parsons. GRG has received ~\$40 million in federal funds in the last two years, compared to ~\$35 million in the 16 years prior.

8. Upcoming Events

- a. APBP webinars provided by GRG & Trailnet:
 - August 16: Systemic Safety – From Analysis to Implementation
 - September 20: Community-led Temporary Demonstrations & Partnerships
 - October 18: Tactile Walking Surface Indicators to Aid Wayfinding for Pedestrians with Vision Disabilities
- b. Missouri Active Transportation Summit: August 11 – Jefferson City, MO
<https://mobikefed.org/2023MissouriActiveTransportationSummit>
- c. APBP Safety Summit: October 3-5 & 10-12 – Virtual
<https://www.apbp.org/2023-safety-summit>

9. **Next Meeting** – November 8, 2023

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Scott Ogilvie made the motion to adjourn and Angelica Gutierrez seconded the motion.