

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

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 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 – November 8, 2023
3. **Elections – Chair, Vice Chair, and TPC Representatives**
4. **Great Streets Plans to Pilot Initiative** – Christie Holland
5. **St. Louis County Upcoming Projects** – John Shrewsbury
6. **St. Charles County Bike Walk Phase 1** – Sara Nelson
7. **Baltic Creek Greenway** – Mark Vogl
8. **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)** – Anna Musial
9. **Federal Funding Project Submittals** – Alex Hartig
10. **Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)** – Melissa Theiss
11. **Other Business / Announcements**
12. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. APBP webinars provided by GRG & Trailnet:
 - February 21: Floating Bus Stop Accessibility: What Have We Learned?
 - March 20: Quickly and Comprehensively Implementing a Major Shift in Transportation Design to Improve Safety and Encourage Active Transportation
 - April 17: Best Practices: Emergency Vehicle Access for Bicycle/Pedestrian Friendly Streets
 - b. National Bike Summit: March 19-21 – Washington D.C.
<https://www.bikeleague.org/events/summit>
 - c. Smart Growth America's Equity Summit: March 27-28 – Washington, D.C.
<https://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/equity-summit>
 - d. NACTO Designing Cities 2024 Conference: May 7-10 – Miami, Florida
<https://events.bizzabo.com/DesigningCities2024/>
13. **Next Meeting** – May 15, 2024
14. 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
Sara Nelson – St. Charles County
Misty Bell – St. Louis County
Travis Wood – Citizens for Modern Transit
John Bugh – St. Charles County Parks Dept.
Mark Vogl – Great Rivers Greenway
Shaun Tooley – MODOT
Scott Dunakey – Heartlands Conservancy

Members Absent:

Lisa Cagle – Bi-State Development
Chris Clercx – City of O’Fallon, MO
Karen Karabell – Cycling Savvy

Cindy Mense – Trailnet
Scott Ogilvie – City of St. Louis

Others in Attendance:

Tom Caldwell – IDOT

East-West Gateway Staff:

Anna Musial
Christie Holland
Saranya Konala
Anna Chott
Aaron Young
Alex Hartig
Jason Lange
Rachael Pawlak
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 9, 2023

The minutes were approved as proposed.

John Kohler made the motion to approve and Sara Nelson seconded the motion.

3. Louisiana Calm Streets

John Kohler shared drone video footage of the recently completed Louisiana Calm Streets project, highlighting the traffic calming infrastructure. Landscaping/green infrastructure will be maintained by the Dutchtown Community Business Group – a consortium of 3 business districts. The second phase of the project has been funded and will begin soliciting for design in a few weeks.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrO_4xVumcg

4. Chain of Rocks Park, Centennial Greenway, and Hodiament Updates

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

- Centennial Greenway – Alignment will connect Forest Park, Shaw Park, Creve Coeur Park, and 370 Lakeside Park. Improvements to I-70 underpass on Olive Blvd recently completed. Warson Park ribbon-cutting ceremony held on November 5. Plans for the 39N Greenway to connect Centennial Greenway to Stacy Park.
- Chain of Rocks Park – Park provides access to Chain of Rocks Bridge and functions as a trailhead. Improvements underway include security around the perimeter, visitor’s center/pavilion, permeable pavement parking lot, wetland/preservation areas, rain gardens, and flexible space for

food trucks. Amenities will activate the public space and make it a destination. Substantial completion in February 2024 and opening/ribbon-cutting in spring 2024.

- Hodiamont – The 3.5-mile alignment connects Gwen Giles Park at city limits to Brickline Greenway at Spring Ave. Also intersects St. Vincent Greenway. Planning and engagement dates back to 2014. Utilizes former streetcar line. Narrow corridor will need to remove alley in some areas. <https://greatriversgreenway.org/hodiamont/>

5. **St. Charles County Ongoing Projects**

Sara Nelson provided an update on several ongoing bicycle and pedestrian projects in St. Charles County that have made progress or been completed in the last year.

- Gateway Bike Plan adopted by the County.
- TAP funding awarded for branding/wayfinding initiative, design is currently underway.
- Strategized with GRG on TAP project applications and 7 projects were recommended.
- Interstate Drive Shared Use Path has one final segment to complete 6-mile alignment.
- Worked with GRG to complete high-priority connections to Dardenne Greenway.
- St. Charles City plans improvements to Riverpointe Trail to address parking and circulation as well as bicycle and pedestrian connections to nearby destinations.
- Spencer Road multi-use path in phase 1 and will connect to Centennial Greenway.

6. **Climate Pollution Reduction Program**

Anna Chott presented information on the Climate Pollution Reduction Program. EWG was awarded a non-competitive planning grant from the EPA to complete a Climate Action Plan for the St. Louis MSA. One-time competitive implementation grants are available and applications are due April 1. EWG will release a working list of projects by March 1 but the final plan will not be complete until August 2025. Project ideas are due to EWG by November 30. EPA is prioritizing collaborative and shovel-ready projects or projects that need help filling funding gaps. No local match is required. There is potential for bicycle, pedestrian, or microtransit projects to secure funding.

<http://www.onestl.org/get-involved/regional-climate-action>

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

Anna Musial announced the consultant selection has been made for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the St. Louis Region. Work on the plan will begin December 1, 2023. A draft plan will be presented in May 2024 and final plan adoption in June 2024. The next implementation grant application cycle will open in February 2024 and close in July 2024. EWG will have a project list prepared by March 2024 to assist those interested in applying.

8. **Federal Funding Program Updates**

Alex Hartig shared updates on a number of federal funding programs through EWG. TAP projects recommended for funding are open for public comment through November 15 and will be presented to the Board for final approval in January 2024. A call for projects for funding through STP-S, CMAQ, BRO/BFP, and CRP will open November 3. Applications are due February 8, 2024. Project review meetings will be held virtually from 9:00 am to 12:10 pm on January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2024 for applicants interested in getting feedback on their proposed projects.

9. **Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)**

Melissa Theiss shared an overview of the Coordinated Plan and an update on the engagement process currently underway. The CHSTP is required by federal law to be updated every four years in order for the St. Louis region to access Section 5310 funding through FTA. The goal of the plan is to improve mobility for seniors and people with disabilities by identifying strategies to address the unmet needs of these target populations, alleviate gaps in the transportation network, reduce duplication of services, and improve efficiency in service delivery. The next stakeholder meeting for the CHSTP will be held virtually on November 15. A draft plan will be presented in February 2024, a public comment period and series of open houses will be scheduled in March 2024, and final Board approval and adoption in April 2024.

10. Other Business / Announcements

Kevin Jemison announced that the statewide bicycle facility inventory system developed by IDOT for planning purposes is soliciting updates from local agencies. Agencies can contact DOT.BikePed@Illinois.gov to request access.

Melissa Theiss announced that EWG will be working on its annual update to the bicycle facilities inventory and agencies are welcome to submit any bicycle infrastructure projects completed this year that they would like added to the inventory and mapped.

George Stair recommended promoting the use of mapping apps to help residents find low-volume streets for bike routes and that the city of St. Louis consider accommodating bike passageways on street barriers for cars.

Sara Nelson announced that St. Charles County and Wentzville were awarded a grant for a Bicycle Friendly Communities workshop through the League of American Bicyclists. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for April 30-May 1, 2024 at Quail Ridge Lodge in Quail Ridge Park. The workshop will include a bike ride audit. Anyone interested in attending can reach out to Sara at snelson@sccmo.org.

11. Upcoming Events

- a. APBP webinars provided by GRG & Trailnet:
 - November 15: How to keep a statewide plan off the shelf – Minnesota
 - 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

12. Next Meeting – February 14, 2024

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Shaun Tooley made the motion to adjourn and Kevin Jemison seconded the motion.