



**EAST-WEST GATEWAY**  
**Council of Governments**

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

**Missouri Transportation Planning Committee**

East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 – 2:00 PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Discussion Items
  - a. FY 2024 Obligation Report – Rachael Pawlak
  - b. Report on Inflationary Adjustments – Rachael Pawlak
4. Action Items
  - a. Blueprint for Arterials – Bailey DeJonge
  - b. Functional Classification Revisions – Ben Fleschert
5. Other Business
  - a. TIP Development Workshop – mid-November
  - b. EWG Annual Meeting – November 15
  - c. MoDOT St. Louis Transportation Update – November 26
6. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the Month) – 2:00 PM

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## Minutes

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Missouri Transportation Planning Committee

East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG)

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 – 2:00 PM

### Members in Attendance:

Rich Bradley, City of St. Louis, *Chair*

Amanda Brauer, St. Charles County

Jessica Gershman, Metro/Bi-State Development

Angelica Gutierrez, EWG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Representative

Daniel Naunheim, Jefferson County

John Shrewsbury, St. Louis County

Cindy Simmons, Missouri Department of Transportation

### Others in Attendance:

Don Wichern, Bartlett & West

### EWG Staff in Attendance:

Alex Hartig

Saranya Konala

Quintin Sargent

Melissa Theiss

1. Call to Order: The Missouri Transportation Planning Committee meeting was called to order by Rich Bradley, Chair.
2. Introductions
3. Discussion Items
  - a. **Performance Measure Dashboard** – Saranya Konala, EWG, shared information on the Council’s System Performance Dashboard. Saranya explained how federal legislation requires a performance-based approach into the transportation planning process. Part of the long-range transportation planning process includes on-going monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on system performance to help inform future cycles of planning. EWG reports on 40 system performance measures, and 25 of those are federally required as part of the transportation performance management requirements. The Dashboard is available at the following link: <https://www.ewgateway.org/transportation-planning/long-range-transportation-planning/lrp-performance-dashboard/>. The Dashboard is updated annually and provides insights on a variety of measures, including: transportation safety, economy, congestion and reliability, and transportation assets.
  - b. **2023 Annual Congestion Report** – Quintin Sargent, EWG, presented the 2023 Annual Congestion Report. The Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP) specifies that EWG develop and annual report on congestion, mitigation efforts, and evaluation results. Quintin provided maps of AM and PM peak congested locations. These maps are included in the Congestion Report, which is available at the following link: <https://www.ewgateway.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Draft-2023-AnnualRegionalCongestionRpt.pdf>. Quintin pointed out that congestion severity is on the rise, and this is likely due to road work on major highways in the Region.

- c. **FY 2024 Reasonable Progress: through August 2024** – Alex Hartig, EWG, provided an update on Reasonable Progress through the end of August 2024. EWG’s Policy on Reasonable Progress ensures local projects maintain their proposed schedules. EWG staff have been monitoring projects in the current fiscal year, which ends on September 30. As of August 31, 2024, there are 181 local projects in Missouri with federal funding programmed in FY 2024 of the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These projects are sponsored by 52 different agencies and represent \$153 million in federal funds. As of August 31, 2024, 111 projects have obligated federal funds (\$87 million).
  - d. **FY 2024 Obligation Report** – Melissa Theiss, EWG, provided an update on the Region’s obligation rate for the local program. MoDOT set the target for the Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) to obligate at least 110% of their allocation by the end of the fiscal year. Furthermore, MoDOT’s goal is for each TMA to obligate 120% to help lower program balances. Melissa explained that we have a current obligate rate of 99%, and several projects are pending obligation. With then pending obligations, staff estimates the Region will obligate approximately 130% of the annual allocation. MoDOT informed staff that they will provide the FY 2025 obligation targets this October. Melissa explained that it’s important to keep projects on track and to let staff know if a project can advance from outer years in the Transportation Improvement Program.
  - e. **Report on Inflationary Adjustments** – Melissa Theiss, EWG, provided an update on the Inflationary Adjustments Policy that the Board of Directors approved in April 2024. There is \$10 million available to apply towards local program projects. EWG staff has processed 13 adjustments, for a federal total of \$3.4 million dollars. There is \$6.58 million remaining to program.
  - f. **FY 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program Schedule** – Melissa Theiss, EWG, provided the schedule for the FY 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Call for Projects for local program funding will open on November 4, 2024, with applications due on February 7, 2025. Staff will host a Project Development Workshop in November and Project Review Meetings in January. Project evaluations will be presented to the TPC in May 2025 for recommendation. A public comment period will take place June 27 through August 1, and the final TIP will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval on August 27, 2025.
4. Action Items
- a. **CMAQ Performance Measures** – Saranya Konala, EWG, presented on the 2022-2025 Mid Performance Period report for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program. The report indicates that the EWG Region has surpassed two-year targets for three performance measures: peak hour excessive delay (PHED), non-single occupancy vehicle (SOV) travel, and emissions reduction. Previously established four-year targets were also reviewed and EWG recommends keeping four-year targets the same for PHED and emissions reduction. However, it is recommended that the non-SOV travel four-year target is increased to 24.0%. Motion to approve the targets was made by Jessica Gershman, seconded by Amanda Brauer, all voting aye.
5. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Shrewsbury, seconded by Angelica Gutierrez. Motion carried, all voting aye.



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Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Staff  
Subject: Blueprint for Arterials  
Date: October 2, 2024

Throughout 2023 and the first half of 2024, East West Gateway and MoDOT St. Louis District staff collaborated in the development of the “Blueprint for Arterials”, a resource for roadway engineers and planners working on arterial roads in the Missouri side of our region. The document outlines a process and additional resources beyond MoDOT’s existing professional guidance in order to better account for the myriad contexts and goals when working in urbanized areas.

The document outlines recommendations for local engagement, project scoping, expanded tools for improving safety, and a typology of roadway segments to help associate which tools, functions, and physical characteristics to consider for individual roadway segments. The Blueprint for Arterials emphasizes safety for all users, while recognizing established local community goals that may impact a roadway.

Work on the document concluded in June, 2024 and includes a training curriculum for its description and use. The resources developed are intended for county, municipal, and private engineering and planning professionals, as well as MoDOT staff.

The document is available at the following link: <https://www.ewgateway.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Blueprint-for-Arterials-061224.pdf>

**Recommendation:** East-West Gateway staff recommends that the Board of Directors endorse the Blueprint for Arterials document and process for use in the Missouri portion of East West Gateway’s area.

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To: Transportation Planning Committee

From: Staff

Date: September 20, 2024

Subject: Functional Classification Update

Functional classification is the process by which all roadways are grouped into classes according to the type of service they provide. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires the use of functional classification to determine eligibility for federal funding. There are three principal roadway classifications: arterial, collector, and local roads. To be eligible for Surface Transportation Block Grant – Suballocated (STP-S) funds, a roadway must be classified as a minor collector or higher in an urban area or a major collector or higher in a rural area.

In order to accurately reflect changes in land use and travel patterns, staff, along with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) solicits revision applications from member agencies semi-annually and conducts a full system review every three to five years. County and municipal officials submitted applications requesting functional class changes to East-West Gateway in May of 2024. Staff worked with MoDOT, IDOT and local officials to prepare this update.

The applications were reviewed in the context of FHWA guidelines including mobility, accessibility, and connectivity. Requested changes are recommended where it is deemed that a road's current classification is no longer consistent with its function. Sometimes, current conditions do not support a change in classification as requested.

At this time, a total of two changes in Missouri and zero changes in Illinois are recommended to the system. Four applications are not recommended because they do not meet the criteria for a change in classification. A list showing the summary of recommended changes is included in this memo. Once approved by the Board of Directors, the update will be sent to MoDOT headquarters for final review and subsequent submittal to FHWA for final approval.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends adoption of the functional classification update as shown on the following pages.

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**East-West Gateway 2024 Functional Classification Application Period**

**Recommended Functional Classification Modifications - Missouri**

Map #	Name	Segment Limits	Mileage	County	Requesting Agency	Federal-Aid Urbanized Area Boundary	Current Classification	Recommended Classification
1-1	Schaper Road	Veterans Memorial Parkway to Interstate Drive	0.48	St. Charles	East-West Gateway	Urban	Local	Major Collector
1-2	Hickory Street	East Allen Street to East Pearce Boulevard	0.04	St. Charles	East-West Gateway	Urban	Local	Minor Collector

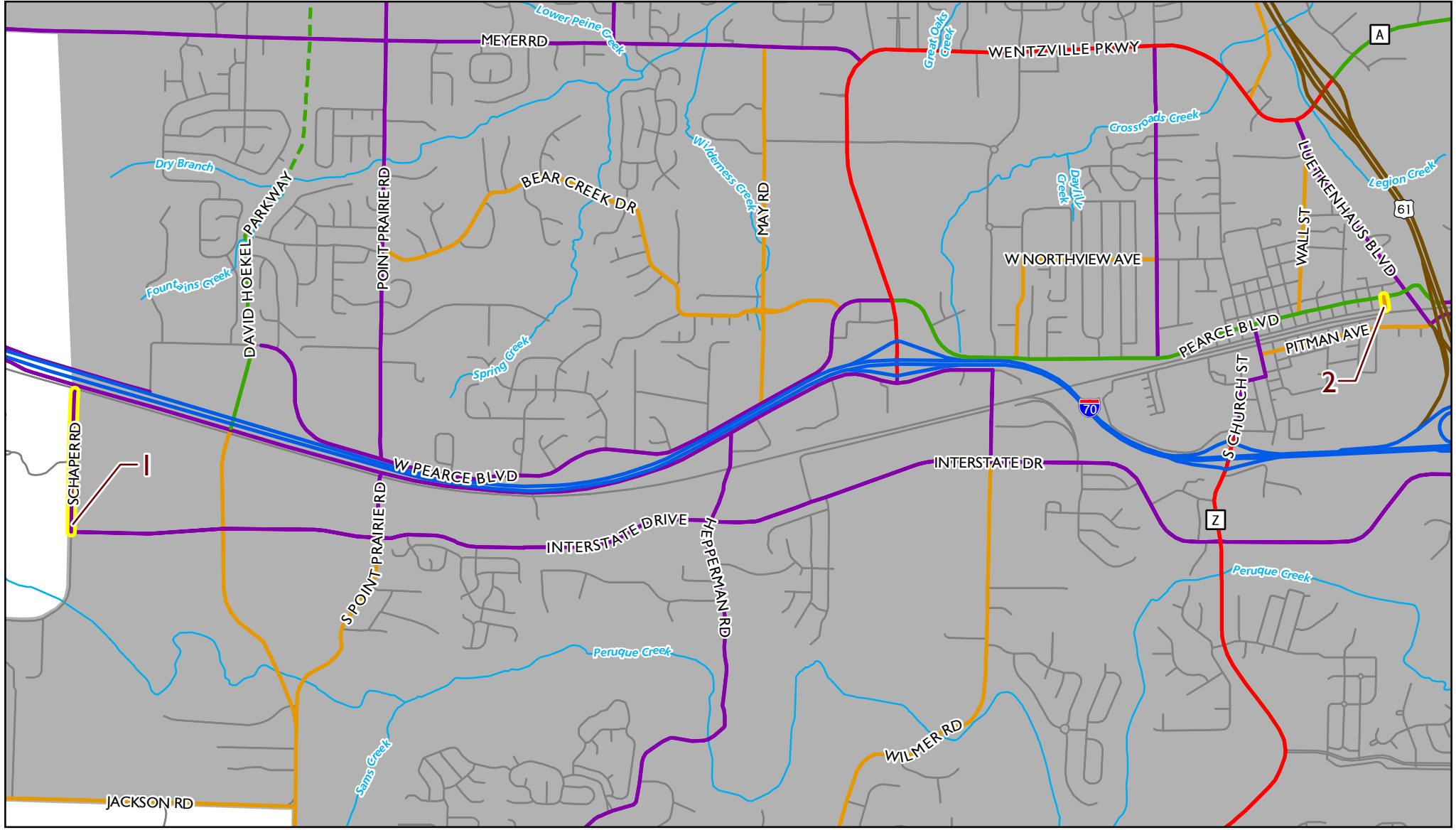
**Not Recommended Functional Classification Modifications - Missouri**

	Name	Segment Limits	Mileage	County	Requesting Agency	Federal-Aid Urbanized Area Boundary	Current Classification	Recommended Classification
	McKinley Road	Manchester Road to Old Warson Road	0.42	St. Louis	City of Rock Hill	Urban	Local	Local
	Hawks Nest South Loop	Veterans Memorial Parkway	0.12	St. Charles	City of St. Charles	Urban	Non-Existent	Non-Existent
	Old Friedens Road	Friedens Road to Fairgrounds Road	0.71	St. Charles	City of St. Charles	Urban	Local	Local

**Not Recommended Functional Classification Modifications - Illinois**

	Name	Segment Limits	Mileage	County	Requesting Agency	Federal-Aid Urbanized Area Boundary	Current Classification	Recommended Classification
	Second Street/West Central Street	Ashbrook Street to Prairie Street	0.63	Madison	City of Bethalto	Urban	Local	Local

# Map I - St Charles County, Missouri



- LEGEND**
- Interstate
  - Freeway
  - Principal Arterial
  - Major Collector
  - Minor Arterial
  - Minor Collector
  - Local Road
  - - - Proposed Minor Arterial
  - + 2020 Urban Boundary
  - ▭ County Boundary
  - ~ River or Stream

Proposed changes to Functional Classification are indicated by **yellow highlighting** on road segments.

