

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

East-West Gateway Council of Governments
One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 – St. Louis, MO 63102
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – 2:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – October 11, 2017
3. **BPAC Elections – Chair, Vice-Chair, and TPC Representative**
4. **Chouteau Greenway Design Competition** – Mark Vogl
5. **River Des Peres Greenway Extension** – Angelica Gutierrez
6. **Trailnet’s Vision** – Grace Kyung
7. **Bike Share** – John Kohler
8. **East-West Gateway Project Updates** – Melissa Theiss
9. **Other Business**
10. **Events/Announcements**
 - a. APBP Webinars at GRG (2:00-3:00 pm):
 - i. January 17: Implementing Open Streets
 - ii. February 21: Be Creative! Art, Placemaking, and Funding
 - iii. March 21: Managing Freight in Urban Corridors
 - b. January 19: Downtown Multimodal Study Open House
www.downtownstltransportationstudy.com
 - c. May 7: Illinois Bike Summit, University of Illinois-Chicago
<http://rideillinois.org/events/2018-illinois-bike-summit/>
11. **Future Meetings**
 - a. 2018 BPAC Meeting Schedule
 - i. April 18
 - ii. July 11
 - iii. October 10
 - b. Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: January 19, 2018
12. Adjournment

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Draft Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

John Hicks (St. Louis County)
John Kohler (City of St. Louis)
Kevin Jemison (IDOT)
Curtis Jones (IDOT)
Grace Kyung (Trailnet)
Brian Werner (MEPRD)
Angelica Gutierrez (Great Rivers Greenway)
Todd Antoine (Great Rivers Greenway)
Mark Vogl (Great Rivers Greenway)

East-West Gateway Staff:

Rachael Pawlak
Jason Lange

BPAC Coordinator:

Melissa Theiss

Others In Attendance:

Jacque Lumsden (CBB)

1. Introductions

Curtis Jones called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – August 9, 2017

The minutes were approved as proposed.

3. Louisiana Calm Streets

John Kohler provided background on how the effort to promote Calm Streets (also known as neighborhood greenways, bike boulevards, neighborways) started in St. Louis. A one-mile Pilot Route along Louisiana Avenue was developed and funding was awarded through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The route was selected based on public engagement, low traffic volumes, connectivity and access to community resources, as well as being located in a PIER Neighborhood (Prevention, Intervention, Enforcement, Retention). Design elements incorporated into the project include bumpouts, traffic circles, speed humps, stop sign removal, and decorative crosswalks. There are ongoing efforts to expand the Calm Streets network, including a North City Pilot Route.

4. Downtown Multimodal Study

Jacque Lumsden presented an update on the Downtown Multimodal Study. The study is one component of a three-part project funded by the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and was necessary after a few major projects, such as the new Mississippi River Bridge and the CityArchRiver project, impacted the downtown grid. The project kicked off in February, the second round of public engagement just concluded, and the final report is expected in March 2018. Engagement weeks have enabled study participants to further refine goals, objectives, and strategies. Four maps, based on mode, were drafted and introduced at the September engagement week:

bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and vehicle. The next step is to marry the mode maps with the identified strategies. Further details are now available online: www.downtownstltransportationstudy.com

5. **Chouteau Greenway Design Competition**

Mark Vogl provided an overview of the Chouteau Greenway Design Competition currently underway. It is a truly global competition, modeled after the CityArchRiver design competition, with private and non-profit partners funding the competition and engaged in the process. The goal is to create a vibrant corridor that will connect the Arch grounds and riverfront to Forest Park, as well as other greenways and destinations throughout the central corridor. Similar projects include the Beltline in Atlanta, the Sugar Creek Greenway in Charlotte, and the Cultural Trail in Indianapolis. The first segment of the Chouteau Greenway is already underway at Cortex and will be integrated with the new MetroLink station, which is set to be an iconic station. The competition launched a few weeks ago, will be narrowed down to four teams after the November 21 deadline, with final selection in April 2018, and design finalized in late June or early July. There are four committees planned in conjunction with the competition, and a voting jury with eight members and one alternate. <https://greatriversgreenway.org/Chouteau/>

6. **Delmar & I-170 Intersection Safety Improvements**

Angelica Gutierrez shared the proposed improvements to the Centennial Greenway crossing at the intersection of Delmar Blvd and McKnight Road. Improvements include pedestrian/bike signals, green painted crossings with refuge areas, trail signage, removal of a third westbound lane on Delmar, and a curb-separated cycle track along a portion of the east side of McKnight Road. The improvements were developed in response to user concerns and to reduce multiple conflict points. Tentative schedule includes public engagement in Fall 2017, final plans to be completed Spring 2018, and construction in Summer 2018.

7. **East-West Gateway Walking & Bicycling Survey**

Melissa Theiss presented the preliminary results of East-West Gateway's recent Bicycling & Walking Survey. The survey was open from May through October and a total of 671 completed surveys were received. The data revealed why people bike and walk, the desired types of facilities/improvements, bicyclists' skill levels, and perceived obstacles to biking and walking in the region. Further analysis is underway and will be shared when available.

8. **Trailnet's Protected Bikeways Vision**

Grace Kyung provided an update on Trailnet's vision for a network of protected bikeways in the region, including a map of potential, prioritized routes. Connections to parks, neighborhoods, and businesses came out as the top priority in Trailnet's public survey. Yesterday, all committees came together for the October Blender to share the work they have done so far. Some of the issues that were looked at include the vision's potential impact on neighborhoods, zoning, design, equity, and possible funding mechanisms. After November 2, Trailnet will host open houses and begin a more targeted public engagement process. <http://trailnet.org/work/community/>

9. **St. Louis County Project Updates**

John Hicks provided updates on three of St. Louis County's recent bicycle and pedestrian projects. 1) St. Louis County will be submitting a TIGER grant application for the West Florissant Great Streets project that began in 2012. The project is currently in the preliminary design stage, and will take into account transit and multimodal improvements. 2) The County anticipates the RFQ for their recently awarded Bike/Walk Plan to be released in December, with a robust public and stakeholder engagement process to follow. 3) A lane reconfiguration is planned for North & South Road, from Olive Blvd to Delmar Blvd.

10. **Other Business**

None.

11. Events/Announcements

APBP Webinars (2:00-3:00 pm at GRG)

October 18: Designing Transit to Support Active Transportation, and Vice Versa

November 15: Street Lighting: Best Practices and Innovations in Illumination Technology

December 13: The modes they are a-changing – changing landscape of transportation and implications for bicycling and walking

October 18-20: 2017 APA Missouri Planning Conference, Drury Plaza at the Arch, St. Louis

October 30-November 2: NACTO Designing Cities Conference: Chicago

November 2: 2017 Trailnet Gala, Palladium St. Louis

12. Future Meetings

Next BPAC Meeting Date: January 10, 2018

Gateway Bike Plan – Working Group Meeting Date: October 27, 2017

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.