



## Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

3:30 pm

In Person:

Groesbeck Room  
Manhattan Public Library  
629 Poyntz Ave  
Manhattan, KS 66502

Virtual:

Zoom meeting  
Meeting ID: 919 154 6755  
Passcode: 148813

1. Welcome
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
3. Financial Update
  - As of 8/14/2024: \$90,301.76 in checking, \$105,606.67 in money market account
  - Monthly statement balances
4. Staff Updates
  - Connect 2050 – TDM future scenarios
  - 2023 Audit
5. KDOT Update:
  - I-70 & K-18 public meeting
6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the July 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes
7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Amendment #4 of the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Manhattan Functional Classification updates
9. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Public Participation Plan
10. **ACTION ITEM:** Authorize staff to send a letter to the Junction City Commission regarding the ATIIP grant application

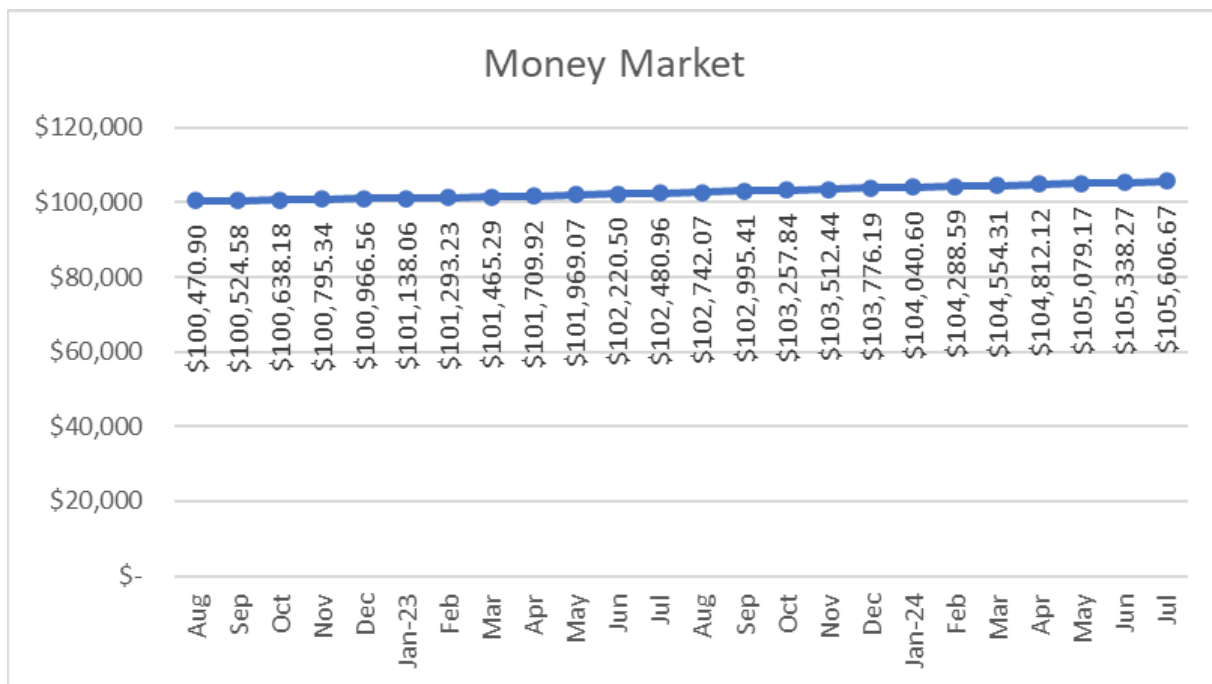
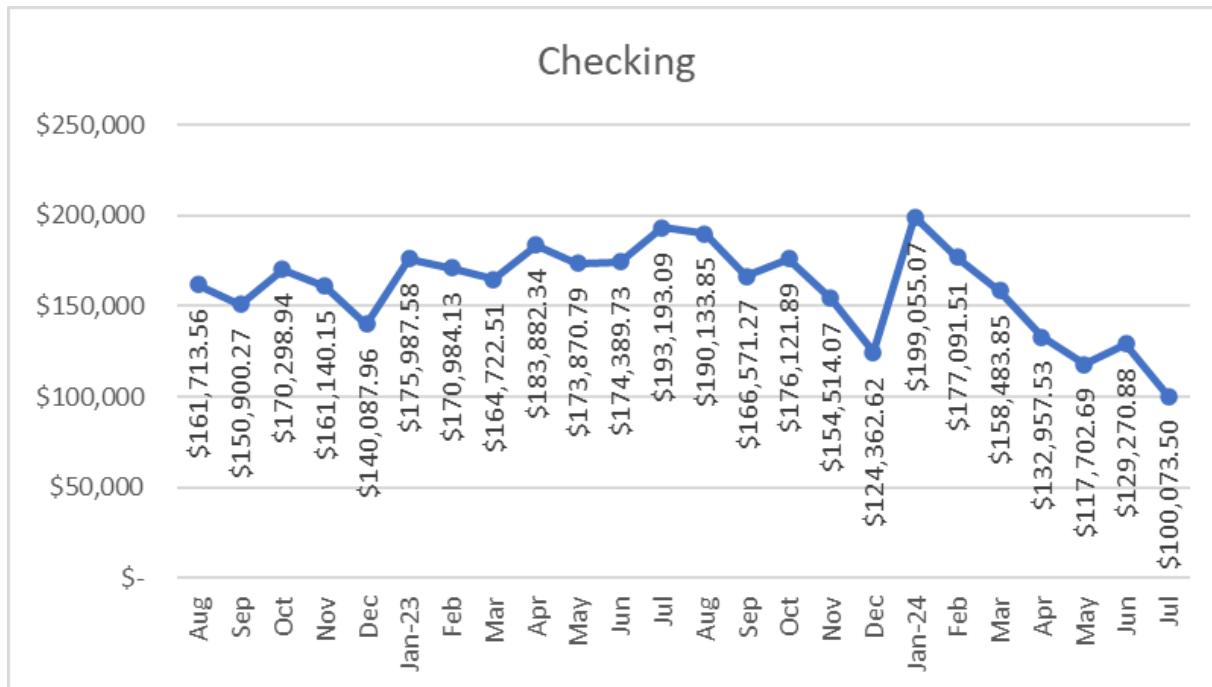
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11. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Annual review for Planning Manager

12. Motion for Adjournment

**Next Meeting September 18, 2024, Manhattan Public Library**

### Monthly Statement Balances





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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
x	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
x	Mike Moriarty	KS Dept of Transportation
x	Susan Adamchak	Manhattan City Commission
	Dee McKee	Pottawatomie Co. Commission
x	Ronna Larson	Junction City Commission
x	John Ford	Riley County Commission
	Clifford Baughman	Wamego City Commission
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
x	Will Sharp	Federal Highway Admin.
x	Owen Washburn	Fort Riley Representative
	Eva Steinman	Federal Transit Admin.
	Anne Smith	Flint Hills ATA

Staff Present		
x	Jared Tremblay	MPO
x	Abigail Danner	MPO

Guests Present		
	Ryne Dowling	KDOT
	Desree Pettra	
	Randy Pettra	

1. Welcome
  - Meeting called to order at 3:33p
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
3. Financial Update
  - Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the accounts noting that as of today, the checking account has a balance of just over \$108,000. He noted this account is so low because the MPO is awaiting reimbursement from KDOT for both Q1 & Q2 funds. The CPG agreement was signed a few weeks ago, so those funds, worth almost \$103,000 should be deposited in the next few weeks.

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4. Staff Updates

- Jared Tremblay noted the EV Readiness Plan stakeholder meetings had wrapped up, with specific input from Evergy engineering & planning staff.
- Jared noted work on Connect 2050 was awaiting information from the City of Manhattan to integrate into the TDM.
- Jared stated he had been in contact with KDOT staff and the consultant engineer and believed a public meeting will be held in August or September in Junction City.
  - Keith Ascher suggested hosting the meeting at the Senior Citizens' Building as it has a screen and projector.
- Jared Tremblay informed the commission the MPO will be out of the office by July 31<sup>st</sup>. A new address has been acquired via a PO Box, and all local staff were informed of the change.

5. KDOT Update:

- Ryne Dowling noted with the CPG agreement signed, the Q1 & Q2 reimbursements are in motion.
- Keith Ascher asked about a potential US-77 and Lyons Creek Road, noting that turn lanes would be very useful due to speed, traffic volumes, and curves.
  - Jared Tremblay noted the location is just outside the MPO area, but the MPO had provided letters of support for the Lyons Creek Rd bridge replacement that was awarded several years ago
  - Mike Moriarty stated he will reach out internally to KDOT and get some feedback on the idea.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the May 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Keith Ascher motioned and John Ford seconded. Motion passed.

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the changes to the TIP, noting four new projects, including Ogden's Riley Ave improvements that will utilize Congressional Discretionary Funds. He also noted other projects that had change in year and cost.
- Keith Ascher motioned and Susan Adamchak seconded. Motioned passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Transportation Emissions Reduction Strategy (TERS) projects

- Jared Tremblay reviewed the two project submissions, including:
  - Junction City's 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street ITS corridors, which would replace old traffic signal cabinets and electronics with new integrated technology.

- Wamego's two-part application for sidewalk gap infill on 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> streets, and Kaw Valley Road RRFs at crossings
- Jared noted that the two projects would not spend all of the TERS funds allocated to the MPO, leaving \$264,358 remaining for a call for projects next year.
- John For asked about if funds could be used in a collaborative way for Marlatt Ave.
  - Jared Tremblay stated he'd send the project requirements but that it couldn't be used for road widening, etc.
- Susan Adamchak motioned and Keith Ascher seconded. Motion passed.

9. Motion for Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:07p

**Next Meeting August 21, 2024, Groesbeck Room, Manhattan Public Library**

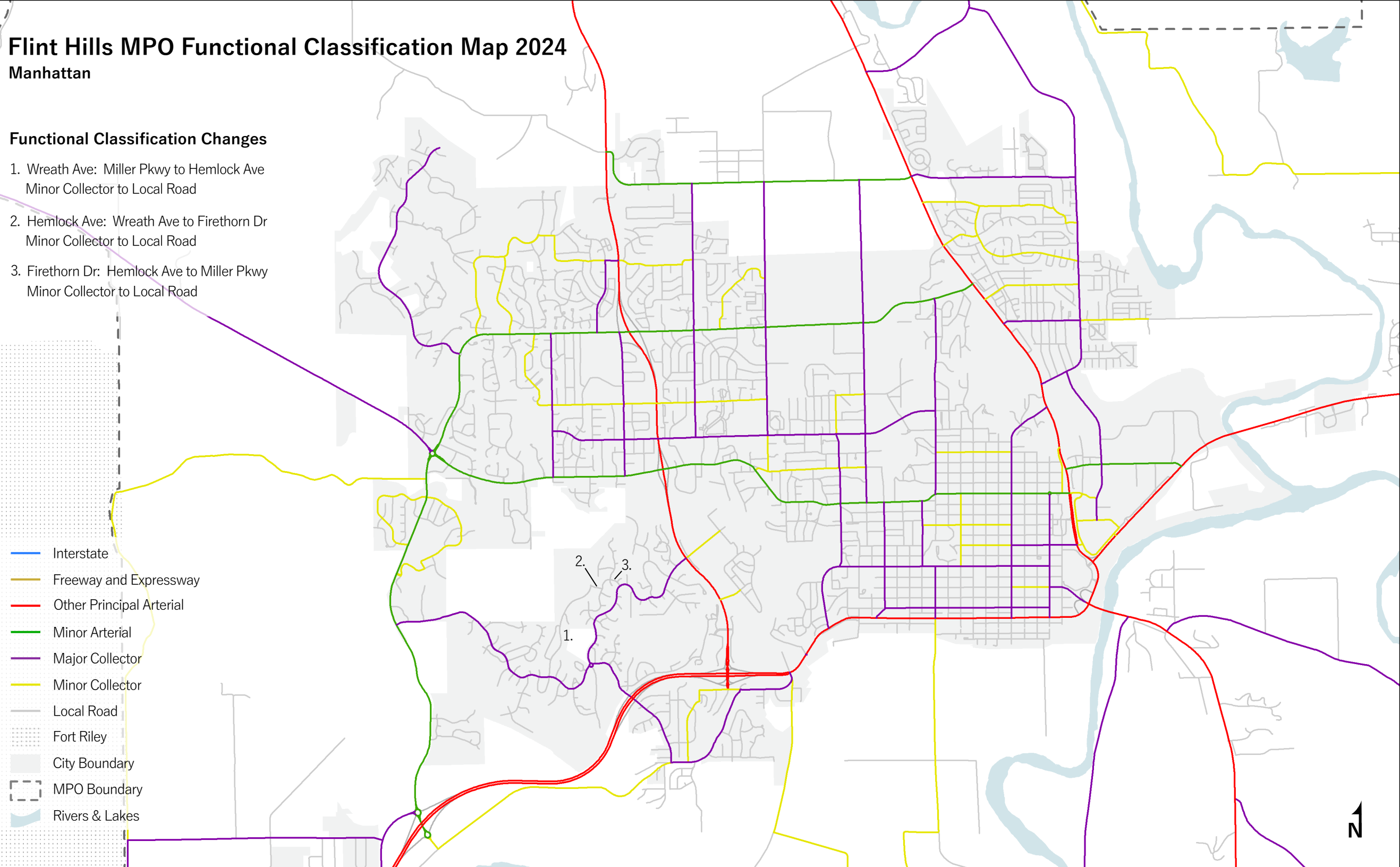
# Flint Hills MPO Functional Classification Map 2024

## Manhattan

### Functional Classification Changes

1. Wreath Ave: Miller Pkwy to Hemlock Ave  
Minor Collector to Local Road
2. Hemlock Ave: Wreath Ave to Firethorn Dr  
Minor Collector to Local Road
3. Firethorn Dr: Hemlock Ave to Miller Pkwy  
Minor Collector to Local Road

- Interstate
- Freeway and Expressway
- Other Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local Road
- Fort Riley
- City Boundary
- MPO Boundary
- Rivers & Lakes





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August 21, 2024

Mayor Pat Landes and Commissioners  
City of Junction City  
700 N Jefferson  
Junction City, KS 66441

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

This letter hopes to formally quell the misinformation and concerns about acquisition of private land in regards to the Flint Hills MPO's (MPO) Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) grant.

The MPO is serving as the lead organization for the ATIIP grant. However, the ATIIP grant is a partnership between the MPO, the Flint Hills Regional Council, the cities of Junction City, Ogden, and Manhattan, as well as Riley and Geary counties.

The MPO's ATIIP application requests funding for planning and engineering design work (no construction) on four segments of sidewalk and trail across the region (see map 1). As outlined in the application and stated on the MPO's website (<https://www.flinthillsmmpo.org/atiip>), **no private land will be studied or included in the ATIIP project**. All work will be within the public right of way or on public land.

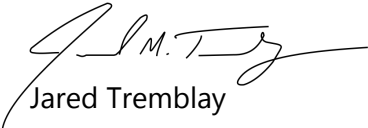
For Junction City, the ATIIP grant is a chance to leverage federal funding for active transportation (think sidewalks and trails) to reimagine Grant Avenue and Washington Street north of 10<sup>th</sup> Street (map 2). This involves all features within the public right-of-way, including the roadway, utilities and stormwater, sidewalks, medians and landscaping. The area of study is in need of investment and maintenance, and the ATIIP would pay for the planning and engineering design work, saving the City money that can be used for future construction to implement the ATIIP designs. Additionally, the required 20% local match for the ATIIP grant will be provide through the Build Kansas Fund, meaning no local money will be required.

The MPO believes the ATIIP project will be a benefit to the region and the City of Junction City. We hope this letter has provided useful information and assurances to your concerns.



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Sincerely,

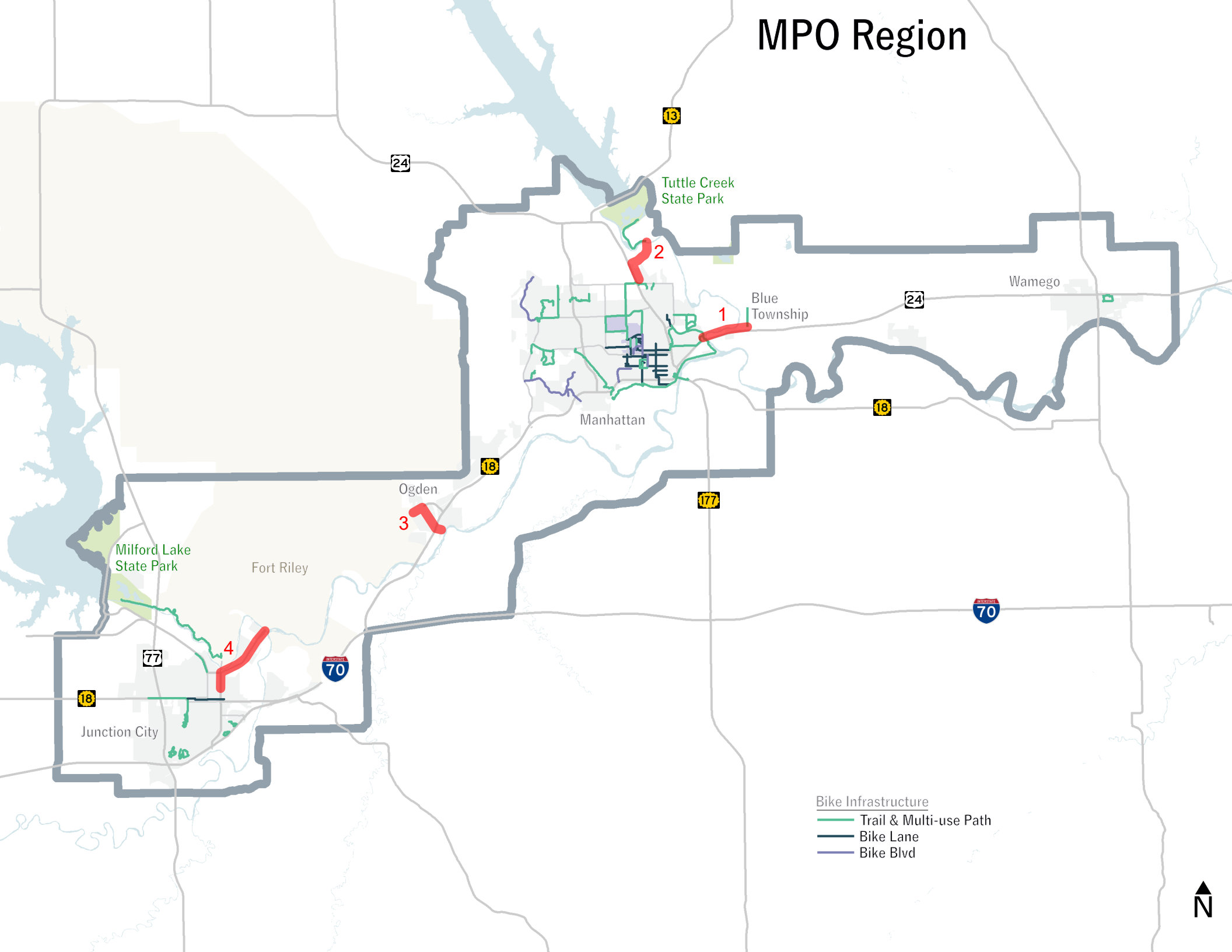


Jared Tremblay

Planning Manager

John Ford  
Policy Board Vice-Chair

# MPO Region



# Junction City



Fort Riley

Low Income Housing

Fort Riley

Grant Ave

Konza Health Center

18th St

Wilson Elem.

Washington St

10th St

Downtown



ATA Bus Stop