

# US-24 Corridor Committee Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Joint Maintenance Facility

1000 Levee Drive, Manhattan, KS

## Introductions

Meeting called to order at 2:02pm.

Jared Tremblay – FHMPPO	John Ellerman – RL County	Gregg Webster – PT County
Matt Mackeprang – KDOT	Nathan Downs – USD 383	Cameron Matthews – City of WAM
Brian Johnson – City of MHK	Dan Tyson – City of MHK	Will Sharp - FHWA
Tyler Garver – PT Sheriffs Off.	David Seitz - KDOT	

## Recent & Current Projects:

1. East Manhattan Gateway Plan
  - o No discussion
2. KDOT Safety Corridor Pilot Program
  - o No discussion

## US-24 Corridor Study Update:

1. Link to plan document & Plates
  - [https://www.ksdot.gov/Assets/wwwksdotorg/bureaus/burTransPlan/AccessMgt/projectsandstudies/US-24-CM-Plan\\_PT\\_Co\\_2009.pdf](https://www.ksdot.gov/Assets/wwwksdotorg/bureaus/burTransPlan/AccessMgt/projectsandstudies/US-24-CM-Plan_PT_Co_2009.pdf)
- o David Seitz provided some background information on the US-24 Corridor Study and previous work, as well as the general plan for the study update.
  - o He noted that the plan is currently to update the current study from Airport Rd east of Wamego, west to Mall in Manhattan, and then include additional segments from the Mall in Manhattan, north and west to the US-77 intersection.
  - o The entire updated plan would cover 31 miles of highway centerline.
  - o He noted that discussions between KDOT and FHMPPO have led to the splitting of the project into two likely projects, with KDOT leading the US-24 Corridor Study, and the FHPMO leading the 2<sup>nd</sup> Connection Cost Benefit study.
    - There was discussion about concerns of a joint project, as previously discussed, specifically in regards to the quid-pro-quo and costs of all jurisdictions, and how those would be perceived by local commissions at this time.

- Both projects would be eligible for the 65/35 KDOT/Local funding split
  - There was discussion about who would lead and administer each project
- Nathan Bergman asked about extending the study eastward from Wamego to Saint Mary's, as this segment is part of KDOT's Safety Corridor, and there are known issues with shoulders
  - David Seitz stated that he agrees there are issues, but felt that the size of the existing study update was quite large, and that a future KDOT study could address the should and turn lane issues
- David Seitz noted the Proposed Review & Reconsideration of the US-24 Corridor Management Plan letter he sent to local jurisdictions is the first outlining KDOT plans to update the US-24 Corridor Study. He stated this is the first step in the process and jurisdictions have 60 days to respond (by end of December 2024). He noted that the letter requires a waiting period of 90-days' notice to proceed with the project, stating that the next steps could not begin until February 2025.
  - Brian Johnson asked about letters of support for jurisdictions to support the project
    - David Seitz stated they would be accepted by KDOT, as well as any concerns and concerns.
- There was discussion about an update to the inter-local MOU
  - Brian Johnson noted his support for updating the agreement as a key concern is securing the local funds that have been allocated towards the project.
  - Brian Johnson stated the FHPMO should present again at the City-County-County meeting
    - Jared Tremblay stated he would reach out to set that up
    - Discussion on dates in regards to new commissioners in Pottawatomie County and holiday schedules.
      - It was decided that the February meeting would be ideal
    - There was a discussion about the wanted results of the City-County-County meeting, with a consensus of support for a letter/MOU between the three local jurisdictions to move the project forward and agreement on funding shares.
      - If such a letter/MOU were agreed upon, then each jurisdiction would provide a formal letter of support for the project at a future commission meeting. This letter would be sent to KDOT.

New Business:

Next Meeting planned for Summer 2025.