



## Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

3:30 pm

In Person:

Collaboration Space & Classroom  
Manhattan Public Library  
629 Poyntz Ave  
Manhattan, KS 66502

Virtual:

Zoom meeting  
Meeting ID: 919 154 6755  
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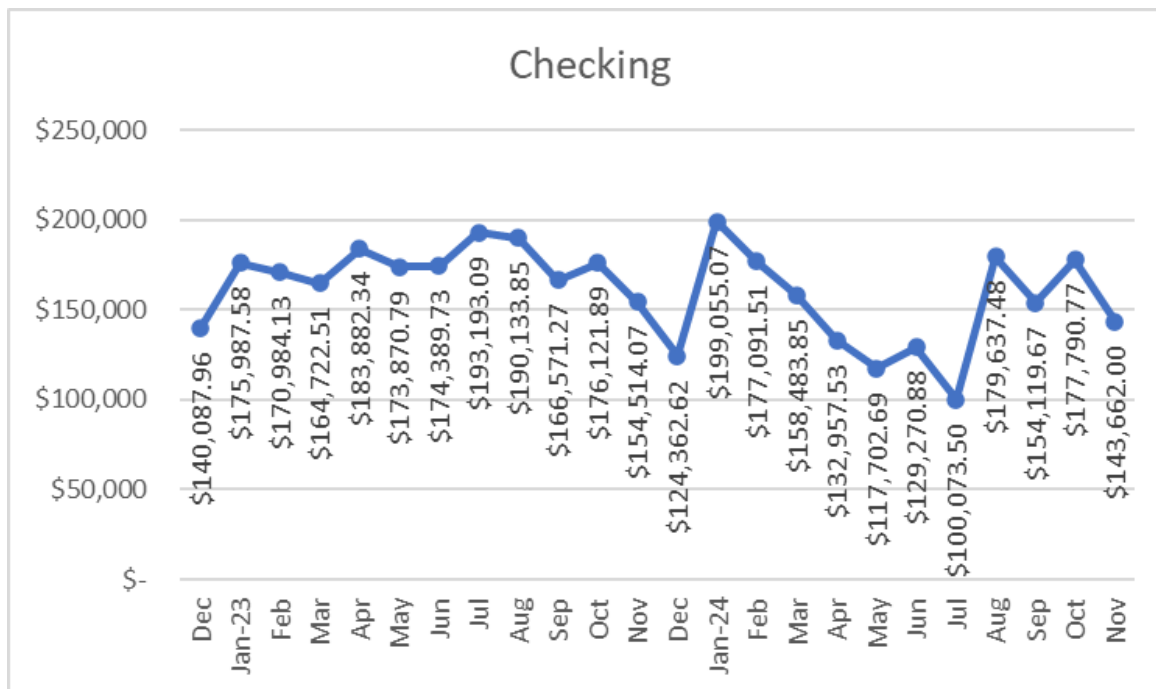
1. Welcome
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
3. Financial Update
  - As of 12/11/2024: \$141,267.15 in checking, \$106,669.62 in money market account
  - Monthly statement balances
4. Staff Updates
  - TDM - EVRP - US-24 Corridor Study progress
  - Connect 2050
    - Financials
    - Survey
5. KDOT Update:
6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting Minutes
7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Amendment #5 of the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2025 COLA
9. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
10. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** City of Junction City DCIP Application

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11. Motion for Adjournment

**Next Meeting January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, Manhattan Public Library**

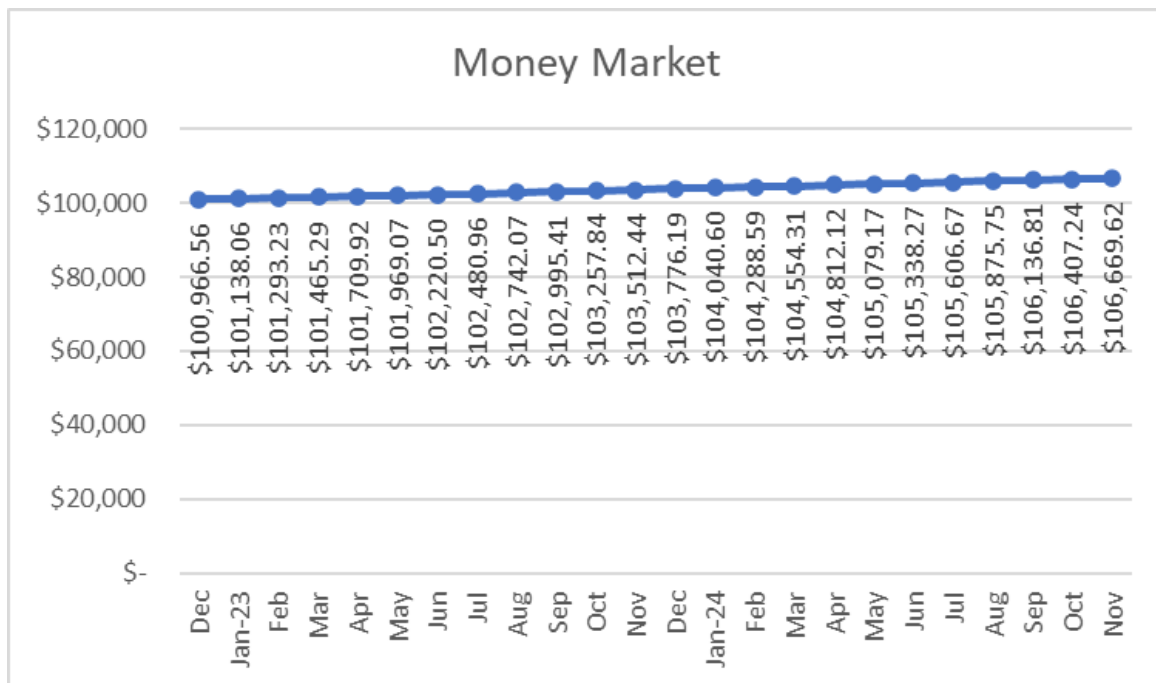
### Monthly Statement Balances



As of 12.11.2024 balance = **\$141,267.15**

Large expenses in Oct/Nov

1. Olsson EVRP Invoice: \$13,868.02



### TDM Progress

Total Paid	\$ 32,208.75	72%
Contract Total	\$ 44,580.00	
Remaining	\$ 12,371.25	28%

- Future scenario model runs have been completed and data sent to FHMPO
  - o Future TAC & PB meetings will review results
- Public Open house meetings will be held in late January/early February
- Contract addendum on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> to include 26 US-24 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Connection (Manhattan to Green Valley) scenarios. This data will be paired with future US-24 Corridor Study update and Cost-Benefit Analysis (2<sup>nd</sup> Connections) to provide a clear matrix of options with pros, cons, and costs, etc.

### EVRP Progress

Total Paid	\$43,641.16	44%
Contract Total	\$99,348.50	
Remaining	\$55,707.34	56%

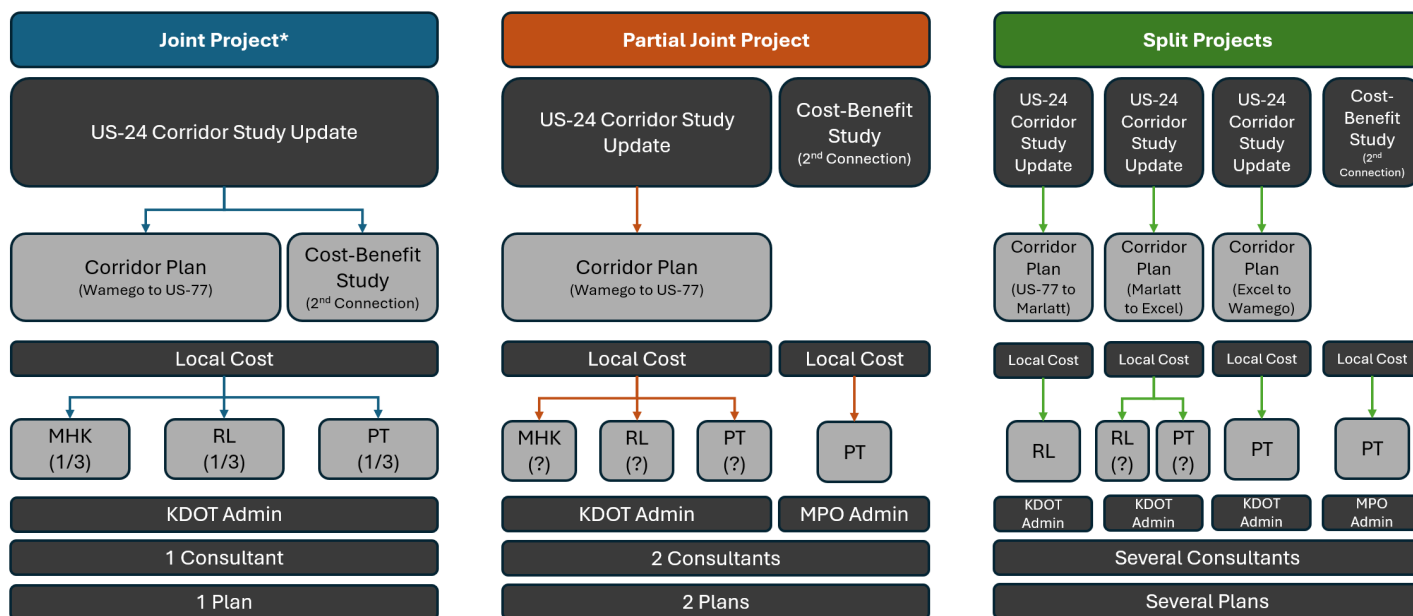
- FHMPO staff holds monthly meeting with consultant
- Last meeting was on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, discussions on policy recommendations for local jurisdictions & FHMPO
- FHMPO held Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with City of MHK Community Development staff to review policy recommendations
- Consultant delivered draft report to FHMPO on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> for review
- Public Open house meetings will be held in winter/spring

### US-24 Corridor Study Update

- Committee meeting held on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2p at the Joint Maintenance Facility
  - o FHMPO staff has added a US-24 Corridor Study page to the website, complete with minutes to the meetings. Link: <https://www.flinthillsmmpo.org/us-24-corridor>
- City-County-County Meeting: FHMPO staff will present on the topic at the Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> City-County-County meeting
  - o Goal, per Committee minutes, is to have consensus as a region on path forward. Each City and County would formalize the agreement via formal Commission

action. Each jurisdiction would then send a formal letter of support for the joint project to KDOT.

- o If a consensus can't be reached, then the project could be split into segments, with each City and County funding pieces applicable to them. This is not an ideal option, due to costs, multiple project/management, and lack of region-wide cohesion/plan.
- Timing: Timing for moving forward with joint project for the US-24 Corridor Study is likely to mid-2025
- US-24 Corridor Study + Cost-Benefit Study options: (chart below)



\* As discussed at June 2024 City-County-County meeting



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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
x	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
x	Ryne Dowling	KS Dept of Transportation
x	Peter Oppelt	Manhattan City Commission
x	Dee McKee	Pottawatomie Co. Commission
x	Ronna Larson	Junction City Commission
	John Ford	Riley County Commission
	Clifford Baughman	Wamego City Commission
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
x	Will Sharp	Federal Highway Admin.
	Kelley Paskow	Fort Riley Representative
	Eva Steinman	Federal Transit Admin.
x	Anne Smith	Flint Hills ATA

Staff Present		
x	Jared Tremblay	MPO
x	Abigail Danner	MPO

Guests Present		
	Desree Pettera	
	Randy Pettera	

1. Welcome
  - Meeting called to order at 3:31p
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
  - Desree Pettera commented on the ATIIP memorandum provided by MPO staff at the September 2024 Policy Board meeting, and noted she has yet to see a copy of the June 12<sup>th</sup> letter of support from Junction City Mayor Landes.
    - Jared Tremblay stated he had a copy and would send it via email
3. Financial Update
  - Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the accounts and monthly statements.
  - Jared Tremblay then showed updates on the expenses in Sept. and Oct. in regards to the audit and two consultant projects.

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4. Staff Updates

- Project Updates – Jared Tremblay reviewed the document sent in the agenda on the road projects the Board had inquired about at the Sept. meeting.
- TERS Awards – Jared Tremblay reviewed the document in the agenda showing the revised timeline and noting that awards letters had been sent, and that local staff should be working with KDOT’s Bureau of Local Projects.
- TDM & EVRP progress – Jared Tremblay provided an update on the timelines and funds spent
- US-24 Corridor Study – Jared Tremblay noted that funding had been secured from all three local governments involved and that a meeting with KDOT staff had started the process to move forward. A US-24 Corridor Committee meeting will be held in early December.

5. KDOT Update:

- Ryne Dowling noted that he had received the MPO’s Q3 billing and that he would be reviewing and reimbursing shortly.
- Jared Tremblay asked about the complete streets reimbursement since the paperwork had been signed.

Ryne Dowling stated that in 2024 the funds will likely be a lump sum at the end of the year. However, in 2025 he hoped that they funds would be sent quarterly.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the September 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Keith Ascher moved and Dee McKee seconded. Motion passed.

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2023 Audit Report

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the items that required action. He stated he had met with the bookkeeper and all issues had been resolved via simple drop down reassignments. Going forward the issues will not be present.
- Dee McKee motioned and Keith Ascher seconded. Motioned passed.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Planning Manager Annual Review

- Keith Ascher moved to have a 10 minute executive session. Peter Oppelt seconded. Motion passed and session began at 4:05p.
- No action was taken in the Executive Session.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2025 UPWP

- Dee McKee asked for acronyms to be spelled out in future agendas/meetings

- Jared Tremblay provided an overview of the proposed 2025 UPWP noting local match and the key projects the MPO will be working on.
  - Dee McKee asked about the economic impact of removing oil/gas jobs and funding with the adoption of EVs. She stated this should be part of the EVRP.

10. **DICSUSSOIN ITEM:** City of Junction City DCIP Application

- Jared Tremblay noted he had attended a meeting hosted by the JC Chamber of Commerce and attended by Ft. Riley and numerous other community members. The goal of the project is to be awarded funds to reconstruction Grant Avenue.
- Keith Ascher questioned the prioritization of the East Street extension. He stated the county's priority is Grant Avenue. He questioned who would be responsible for the new East Street since it would pass through the county, not the City.
  - Ronna Larson stated the East Street extension would be for improved access directly to the interstate from Ft. Riley, and that if built the City would likely annex the ROW along the road. She stated the last meeting was just an exchange of ideas, and nothing had been solidified yet.
- Jared Tremblay noted the DCIP application is due in late spring 2025.

11. Motion for Adjournment

Dee McKee motioned and Peter Oppelt seconded. Motion passed at 4:25p

**Next Meeting November 20, 2024, Groesbeck Room, Manhattan Public Library**



## 2025 COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment)

	2025		
	COLA	Merit	Total
MHK	0.0		<b>0.0</b>
JC	6.0		<b>6.0</b>
RL	3.8		<b>3.8</b>
PT	4.5		<b>4.5</b>
GE	2.0		<b>2.0</b>
WAM			
Social Security	2.6		<b>2.6</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.2</b>		<b>3.3</b>
<b>Avg w/ Social Sec.</b>	<b>3.3</b>		<b>3.2</b>
<b>MPO</b>		<b>2.0*</b>	

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## Past 4 Years COLAs

	2021	2022	2023	2024
	COLA	COLA	COLA	COLA
MHK	0.0	2.0		4.0
JC	3.0	3.0		6.0
RL	0.0	1.0		5.0
PT	1.6	1.6		5.0
GE	2.0	1.0		1.0
WAM				
Social Security	1.3	5.9		3.0
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>		<b>4.0</b>
<b>Avg w/SS</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>		<b>4.2</b>
<b>MPO</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>n/a**</b>	<b>5.0</b>

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\*\* No COLA request as current Planning Manager was hired in late 2022

## 2025 UPWP Budget Options

Based on Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) direction of Policy Board

### COLA Options - Local Match Comparison

2025 UPWP Budget									
	0% COLA	1% COLA	2% COLA	2.5% COLA	3% COLA	3.5% COLA	4% COLA	5% COLA	
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 330,796.69</b>	<b>\$ 334,354.93</b>	<b>\$ 335,468.77</b>	<b>\$ 336,025.69</b>	<b>\$ 336,582.61</b>	<b>\$ 337,139.53</b>	<b>\$ 337,696.45</b>	<b>\$ 340,122.65</b>	
CPG	\$ 265,667.14	\$ 268,535.11	\$ 269,429.93	\$ 269,877.34	\$ 270,324.75	\$ 270,772.16	\$ 271,219.57	\$ 273,168.69	
Local Match	\$ 65,129.55	\$ 65,819.82	\$ 66,038.84	\$ 66,148.35	\$ 66,257.86	\$ 66,367.37	\$ 66,476.88	\$ 66,953.96	
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>% of pop</b>	<b>Local Match Breakout</b>							
Manhattan	54.1%	\$ 35,235.09	\$ 35,608.52	\$ 35,727.01	\$ 35,786.26	\$ 35,845.50	\$ 35,904.75	\$ 35,963.99	\$ 36,222.09
Junction City	22.9%	\$ 14,914.67	\$ 15,072.74	\$ 15,122.90	\$ 15,147.97	\$ 15,173.05	\$ 15,198.13	\$ 15,223.21	\$ 15,332.46
Pottawatomie County	9.9%	\$ 6,447.83	\$ 6,516.16	\$ 6,537.85	\$ 6,548.69	\$ 6,559.53	\$ 6,570.37	\$ 6,581.21	\$ 6,628.44
Riley County	5.0%	\$ 3,256.48	\$ 3,290.99	\$ 3,301.94	\$ 3,307.42	\$ 3,312.89	\$ 3,318.37	\$ 3,323.84	\$ 3,347.70
Wamego	4.8%	\$ 3,126.22	\$ 3,159.35	\$ 3,169.86	\$ 3,175.12	\$ 3,180.38	\$ 3,185.63	\$ 3,190.89	\$ 3,213.79
Geary County	3.3%	\$ 2,149.28	\$ 2,172.05	\$ 2,179.28	\$ 2,182.90	\$ 2,186.51	\$ 2,190.12	\$ 2,193.74	\$ 2,209.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 65,129.55</b>	<b>\$ 65,819.82</b>	<b>\$ 66,038.84</b>	<b>\$ 66,148.35</b>	<b>\$ 66,257.86</b>	<b>\$ 66,367.37</b>	<b>\$ 66,476.88</b>	<b>\$ 66,953.96</b>