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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

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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| x | Keith Ascher | Geary County Commission |
| x | Ryne Dowling | KS Dept of Transportation |
| x | Peter Oppelt | 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. |
| | Owen Washburn | Fort Riley Representative |
| | Eva Steinman | Federal Transit Admin. |
| x | Anne Smith | Flint Hills ATA |

Staff Present

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| x | Jared Tremblay | MPO |
| x | Abigail Danner | MPO |

Guests Present

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| Desree Petra | |
| Randy Petra | |
| Chad Kinsley | Pottawatomie Cty |

1. Welcome
 - Meeting called to order at 3:31p
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 \$88,000. 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.
 - Ryne Dowling noted the paperwork had been processed and the funds should be deposited any day.

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4. Staff Updates

- Jared Tremblay noted that the Travel Demand Model (TDM) for Connect 2050 is moving forward with the future scenarios, as staff has sent GIS data to the consultant. Those model runs should be completed in the next month or so.
- Jared Tremblay stated that work on the 2023 audit had begun with AdamsBrown, who purchased Vonfeldt Bauer Vonfeldt.

5. KDOT Update:

- Ryne Dowling noted the I-70 & K-18 public meeting will be held on today, 8.21.2024 at the Ogden Community Center

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the July 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Jared Tremblay noted the printed copies have the wrong date, but the official version has the correct dates.
- John Ford moved and Keith Ascher seconded. Motion passed.

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the changes to the TIP, noting six new projects, and projects that had change in year and cost. He provided an overview of the funds in the TIP.
 - John Ford expressed that he would like to see local entities project lists and costs by year
 - Jared Tremblay noted this will be part of the fiscal analysis for Connect 2050.
- John Ford motioned and Peter Oppelt seconded. Motioned passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Manhattan Functional Classification updates

- Jared Tremblay went over the proposed changes to the City of Manhattan road network with South Wreath, Hemlock, and Firethorn being downgraded from Minor Collector to Local.
- Peter Oppelt motioned and John Ford seconded. Motion passed.

9. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Public Participation Plan

- Jared Tremblay covered the updates to the Plan and explained the purpose of the plan and how it is used. He noted that the MPO has removed their social media accounts and instead leverage local partners outreach networks.
- Keith Ascher moved to approve, and John Ford seconded. Motion carried.

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

- The board requested staff send out the review paper work to all board members.
- The board requested an Executive Session in September or October to review the Planning Manager.

11. Motion for Adjournment

- Keith Ascher asked about Pottawatomie County participation.
 - Jared Tremblay stated that there had not been a representative in several years, however he has met with the PT County member several times. He also noted that he has a good working relationship with Wamego staff.
- Keith Ascher moved to adjourn the meeting, and John Ford seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:08p

Next Meeting September 18, 2024, Groesbeck Room, Manhattan Public Library