



## Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

3:30 pm

*Karina Jan  
05/15/2024*

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		
x	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
x	Mike Moriarty	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		
	Matt McDonald	Federal Highway Admin.
	Owen Washburn	Fort Riley Representative
	Eva Steinman	Federal Transit Admin.
x	Anne Smith	Flint Hills ATA

Staff Present		
x	Jared Tremblay	MPO

Guests Present		
	Susan Adamchak	City of MHK

1. Welcome
  - Meeting called to order at 3:35p
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
3. Financial Update
  - Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the accounts. He showed the statement balance charts and noted the MPO accounts are in good shape.
4. Staff Updates

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- 2024 & 2025 projects: Jared Tremblay gave a quick overview of the projects planned for this year and next, noting the large amount of work that will be completed, and how that could impact budget requests.
- IRS Update: Jared Tremblay stated he received a letter this week from the IRS. He then contacted Sen. Jerry Moran's office and they assured him this was standard and their staff was working on the issue.
- Carbon Reduction Program: Jared Tremblay noted this is a new program and the MPO will be responsible for a call for projects to fund. The estimate for the MPO region is ~\$665,000, and funds must be obligated by mid-2025.
- Wamego Sidewalk Master Plan: Jared Tremblay noted the FHMPO had completed the plan and was awaiting adoption by Wamego. They have already leveraged the plan, as they hope to apply for TA funds.
- Connect 2040 Amendment: Jared Tremblay noted he will be updated this plan with board approval at a future meeting.

5. KDOT Update:

- Mike Moriarty noted there was an update of projects to the IKE pipeline for construction, however no projects in the FHMPO region were awarded.
- John Ford requested an update on the K-177 construction as he's been contacted about issues with the traffic control.
- Keith Ascher requested updates on the I-70 and K-18 bridge and Taylor Rd interchange.
- KDOT staff said they will send updates.

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

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

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Amendment #2 of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the changes in the TIP, specifically noting the reduction in cost for the Old Miflord Rd bridge project.
- Keith Ascher motioned and Peter Oppelt seconded. Motion passed

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the updated document, noting the updates arose after reviewing time spent on projects over the first two months of the year. He noted this fine tuning of the budget is standard.
- Peter Oppelt motioned and Keith Ascher seconded. Motion passed.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Preservation – Transit Performance Measures

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the performance measures which were discussed in January. He noted that based on reporting years, there was no need for the measures to be approved, rather since the MPO is updating the long-range plan, staff choose to update the data.

10. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Preservation Performance Measures

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the data, pointing out areas of concern. He noted that with the reconstruction of I-70 several of the metrics will improve in the next few years.

11. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Local Population Trends

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of population data he has aggregated as part of the long-range plan update, Connect 2050. The data is showing that over the last 30 years, the region has not maintained the same growth as the USA as a whole, yet future growth projections show the region outpacing the USA in the next 30. He noted that this is a concern, as plans and budgets and projects are created now based on projected data.

12. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** US-24 Corridor Study Update

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the US-24 study update options, including several pieces that could be added. He noted the MPO will be presenting at City-County-County in May.

13. Motion for Adjournment

- Kieth Ascher motioned and John Ford seconded. Motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 4:34p.

**Next Meeting April 17, 2024, Groesbeck Room, Manhattan Public Library**