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Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
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

X	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
X	Mike Moriarty	KS Dept of Transportation
X	Andrew Von Lintel	Manhattan City Commission
	Dee McKee	Pottawatomie Co. Commission
X	Sam Yoskowitz	Junction City Commission
X	John Ford	Riley County Commission
	Dwight Faulkner	Wamego City Commission
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
	Javier Ahumada	Federal Highway Admin.
X	Owen Washburn	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

1. Welcome
 - Meeting called to order at 3:31p.
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
 - No public comment.
3. Financial Update
 - Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the accounts and monthly statements, including revenue and major expenses. The largest expenses were the invoice from Lyft for the Ft Riley Safe Passage program and the reimbursement to Benesch for the Big Blue River 2nd Connection Cost Benefit Analysis. As of 7.8.2026, FHMPO's accounts totaled \$148,255.13 in checking and \$0 in the money market account.
4. Staff Updates
 - Jared Tremblay provided an update on the Big Blue River 2nd Connection meetings. FHMPO has had 29 public meetings and spoken to almost 500 people. In the coming months, FHMPO will continue meeting with the public at events and will

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share public comments with the City of Manhattan, Riley County, and Pottawatomie County commissions.

- John Ford informed FHMPO staff that Riley County is considering moving the fairgrounds from CiCo Park to a location near the Public Works building off of US-24. He also stated that he is interested in discussing how maintenance responsibilities would be divided between jurisdictions for the different 2nd Connection options, and recommended FHMPO conduct further public outreach at the upcoming Riley County Fair.
- Jared Tremblay updated the Board on the Fort Riley Safe Passage program. Since its launch in May, the program has reached an increasing number of soldiers and is averaging about 200 rides redeemed per weekend.
 - John Ford asked how long the pilot phase for Fort Riley Safe Passage would last. He also inquired about the cost to ride between Fort Riley to Manhattan.
 - Jared Tremblay answered that the pilot phase concluded at the end of the July 4th weekend, with the program now in regular operation into FFY 2027. He also stated that the price of the ride is based on demand, so the cost of a trip will vary.

5. KDOT Updates

- Mike Moriarty congratulated Junction City on receiving a BUILD grant for Grant Avenue. He stated that 127 BUILD grants were awarded nationwide with 4 in Kansas.
 - John Ford asked for an update on the roundabout at US-24 and K-13.
 - Mike Moriarty answered that he was unsure, but would look into it with KDOT staff.
 - Keith Ascher stated that the pavement replacement on I-70 is behind schedule due to the rainy weather earlier in the summer. The flyover interchange at I-70 and K-18 is also running behind due to design problems.

6. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the June 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Andrew Von Lintel moved to approve the June 17, 2026 Policy Board meeting minutes. Sam Yoskowitz seconded. The motion passed.

7. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6

- Jared Tremblay introduced the amendment, which includes a cost increase to the Wamego school crossing improvements (project 02-2026).
 - Andrew Von Lintel asked whether the TIP must be approved before a project can kick off. He also wanted to know whether Wamego had approved the cost increase to the project.
 - Jared Tremblay affirmed that a project receiving state or federal funding must be approved in the TIP. He stated that Wamego is aware of the cost increase and that jurisdictions inform FHMPO when a project's cost changes, not the other way around.

- John Ford requested to see an overview of the jurisdictions' finances directed towards transportation.
 - Jared Tremblay responded that he would present the financial information (received from the different MPO member jurisdictions during the Connect 2050 update) at the next Policy Board meeting.
 - Sam Yoskowitz moved to approve the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6. Andrew Von Lintel seconded. The motion passed.
8. Motion for Adjournment
- Sam Yoskowitz moved to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Von Lintel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.

Next Meeting August 19, 2026, Manhattan Public Library