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Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 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	Ryne Dowling, Mike Moriarty	KS Dept of Transportation
X	Andrew Von Lintel	Manhattan City Commission
	Dee McKee	Pottawatomie Co. Commission
	Sam Yoskowitz	Junction City Commission
	John Ford	Riley County Commission
X	Dwight Faulkner	Wamego City Commission
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
	Javier Ahumada	Federal Highway Admin.
	Kelley Paskow	Fort Riley Representative
	Eva Steinman	Federal Transit Admin.
	Anne Smith	Flint Hills ATA

Staff Present

x	Jared Tremblay	MPO
x	Abigail Danner	MPO

Guests Present

1. Welcome
 - Meeting called to order at 3:34p.
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. As of 6.9.2026, there is \$152,273.47 in the checking account. Due to a QuickBooks error preventing FHMPO from issuing payments over \$5,000, K5 Bookkeeping has ordered FHMPO a book of paper checks for large bills.
 - Keith Ascher asked how FHMPO's own checks will compare to the cashier's checks.

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- Jared Tremblay stated that the cashier's checks have a \$5 fee for the issuer. The checkbook, which cost \$100 to purchase, will be more convenient and avoid fees.

4. Staff Updates

- Jared Tremblay provided an update on the Big Blue River 2nd Connection meetings. 13 of the 24 planned meetings have now been conducted with a total of ~350 attendees.

5. KDOT Updates

- No update at this time.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the April 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Andrew Von Lintel moved to approve the April 15 Policy Board minutes. Dwight Faulkner seconded. The motion passed.

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #5

- Jared Tremblay introduced the 2026-29 TIP Amendment #5, which includes the addition of five new projects and changes in cost, year, or description for six others.
- Andrew Von Lintel moved to approve the 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #5. Ryne Dowling seconded. The motion passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #1 – Revision B

- Jared Tremblay introduced the revision, which adds the Fort Riley Safe Passage Program to Subtask 3.3 in the 2026 UPWP.
- Andrew Von Lintel moved to approve the 2026 UPWP Amendment #1 – Revision B. Ryne Dowling seconded. The motion passed.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** KS Freight Corridors

- Jared Tremblay informed the Board that KDOT is discussing connecting the two freight corridors in the Flint Hills region (currently, US-24 from the MHK mall to Wamego and the I-70 freight corridor). KDOT has identified K-18 from US-24 to I-70 as a Priority 1 consideration and K-177 from US-24 to I-70 as a Priority 2 consideration.
 - Keith Ascher and Dwight Faulkner both agreed that K-99 should be added as another option based on the availability of services, especially the truck stop at K-99 and I-70.
 - Jared Tremblay responded that K-99 could be added to the conversation. K-99 was considered for addition to the freight corridor in 2018 but was ultimately not added.
 - Dwight Faulkner asked whether FHMP or KDOT has traffic counts for K-99.

- Jared Tremblay provided the most recent KDOT traffic count data (2025, data year 2024), which shows that the segment of K-99 adjacent to I-70 sees an average of ~3500 vehicles per day, with 315 being trucks (vs K-177 seeing ~7500 vehicles/~600 trucks).
- Dwight Faulkner moved to formally add K-99 to the KDOT freight corridor discussion as a Priority 3 consideration. Andrew Von Lintel seconded. The motion passed.

10. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Ft Riley Safe Passage – May Ridership

- Jared Tremblay went over ridership data for the first month of the Ft Riley Safe Passage program, including popular pick-up and drop-off locations. The program reimbursed \$13,500 in vouchers for May and is showing even stronger numbers for June so far.
 - Andrew Von Lintel asked if the program will continue next year.
 - Jared Tremblay answered that it will depend on funding. The program is currently on a year-long contract that could be renewed.

11. Motion for Adjournment

- Andrew Von Lintel moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Moriarty seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04p.

Next Meeting July 15, 2026, Manhattan Public Library