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**Policy Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2024**  
**3:30 pm**

*Ronna Larson 8/21/2024*

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	Susan Adamchak	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.
x	Owen Washburn	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		
	Ryne Dowling	KDOT
	Desree Pettra	
	Randy Pettra	

1. Welcome
  - Meeting called to order at 3:33p
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 \$108,000. 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 should be deposited in the next few weeks.

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4. Staff Updates

- Jared Tremblay noted the EV Readiness Plan stakeholder meetings had wrapped up, with specific input from Evergy engineering & planning staff.
- Jared noted work on Connect 2050 was awaiting information from the City of Manhattan to integrate into the TDM.
- Jared stated he had been in contact with KDOT staff and the consultant engineer and believed a public meeting will be held in August or September in Junction City.
  - Keith Ascher suggested hosting the meeting at the Senior Citizens' Building as it has a screen and projector.
- Jared Tremblay informed the commission the MPO will be out of the office by July 31<sup>st</sup>. A new address has been acquired via a PO Box, and all local staff were informed of the change.

5. KDOT Update:

- Ryne Dowling noted with the CPG agreement signed, the Q1 & Q2 reimbursements are in motion.
- Keith Ascher asked about a potential US-77 and Lyons Creek Road, noting that turn lanes would be very useful due to speed, traffic volumes, and curves.
  - Jared Tremblay noted the location is just outside the MPO area, but the MPO had provided letters of support for the Lyons Creek Rd bridge replacement that was awarded several years ago
  - Mike Moriarty stated he will reach out internally to KDOT and get some feedback on the idea.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the May 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the changes to the TIP, noting four new projects, including Ogden's Riley Ave improvements that will utilize Congressional Discretionary Funds. He also noted other projects that had change in year and cost.
- Keith Ascher motioned and Susan Adamchak seconded. Motioned passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Transportation Emissions Reduction Strategy (TERS) projects

- Jared Tremblay reviewed the two project submissions, including:
  - Junction City's 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street ITS corridors, which would replace old traffic signal cabinets and electronics with new integrated technology.

- Wamego's two-part application for sidewalk gap infill on 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> streets, and Kaw Valley Road RRFs at crossings
- Jared noted that the two projects would not spend all of the TERS funds allocated to the MPO, leaving \$264,358 remaining for a call for projects next year.
- John For asked about if funds could be used in a collaborative way for Marlatt Ave.
  - Jared Tremblay stated he'd send the project requirements but that it couldn't be used for road widening, etc.
- Susan Adamchak motioned and Keith Ascher seconded. Motion passed.

9. Motion for Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:07p

**Next Meeting August 21, 2024, Groesbeck Room, Manhattan Public Library**