

2022



Environmental Justice Block Groups

-  Zero Car
-  Minority & Low Income
-  Low Income
-  Minority



Year-End Report

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

USD 383 SRTS

Began creating the SRTS report, focusing on parent survey, data collection, and engineering priority projects

LEP & TITLE VI

Updated Limited English Proficiency and Title VI reports, required every few years

KDHE CONTRACT

Completed KDHE contract demonstration projects and renewed contract to provide SRTS report for rural communities across KS

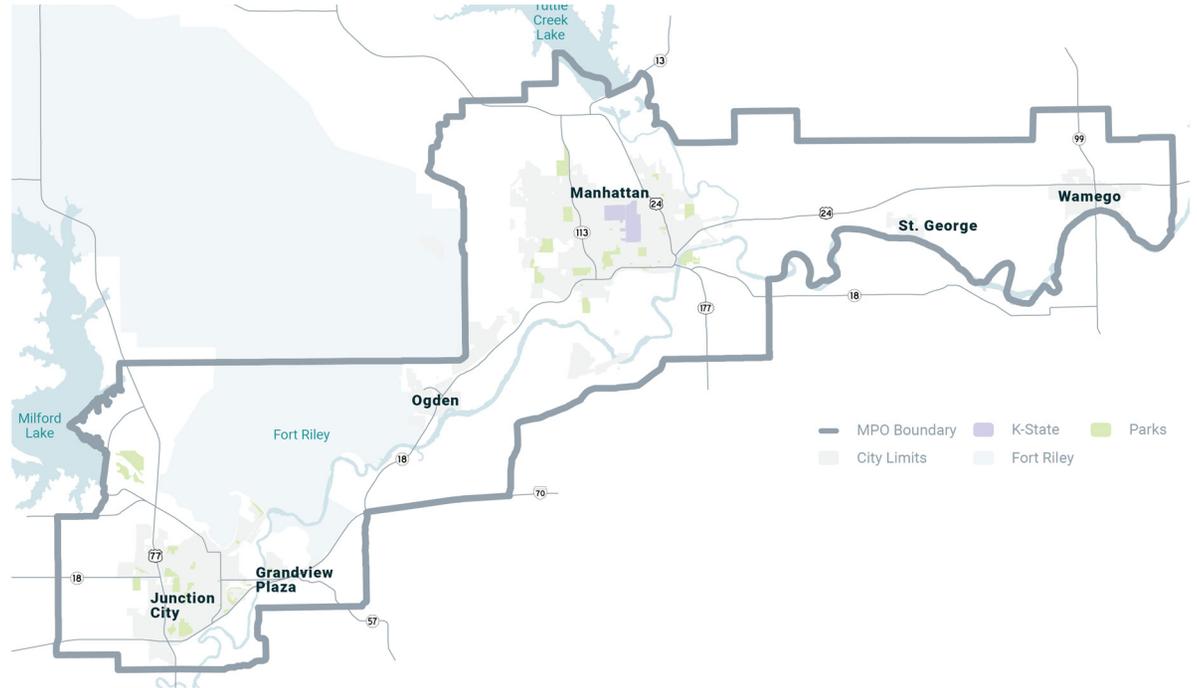
STIC AWARD

Completed the State Transportation Innovation Council grant report to FHWA

THANK YOU

2022 saw the departure of our Director, Stephanie Peterson, who started the MPO in 2013. Thank you for 9+ years of hard work and leadership.

WHO WE ARE



The Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the designated entity to provide regional transportation planning and programming services across portions of Geary, Pottawatomie, and Riley Counties. At both the local and regional scale, the MPO places special emphasis on providing equal access to all modes of transportation. This includes public transit, bicycling, walking, and traveling by vehicle.

OUR MISSION

We provide a **regional forum** to coordinate, encourage, and promote a **safe, efficient, affordable, and integrated** transportation system for all users; in support of **livable communities** and **economic competitiveness**.

2022 FUNDING

FLINT HILLS MPO FUNDING

The MPO receives an annual allocation of federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds to carry out the MPO planning process. Per the Fiscal Agreement, the Cities and Counties are responsible for the local match share. The contribution amount is based on the percentage of the population within the MPO boundary.

2022 LOCAL MATCH

Jurisdiction	% of MPO Population	2022 Match Spent
Manhattan	54.4%	\$18,273
Junction City	24.3%	\$8,163
Pottawatomie County	7.6%	\$2,553
Riley County	5.9%	\$1,982
Wamego	4.5%	\$1,512
Geary County	3.3%	\$1,108
TOTAL		\$33,591

2022 saw the restoration of fully funded CPG funds for the MPO, reversing a trend started several years prior. In addition, with the departure of the Director, the MPO budget was reduced. This led to a reduction in the required Local Match amounts, resulting in no second installment requests.



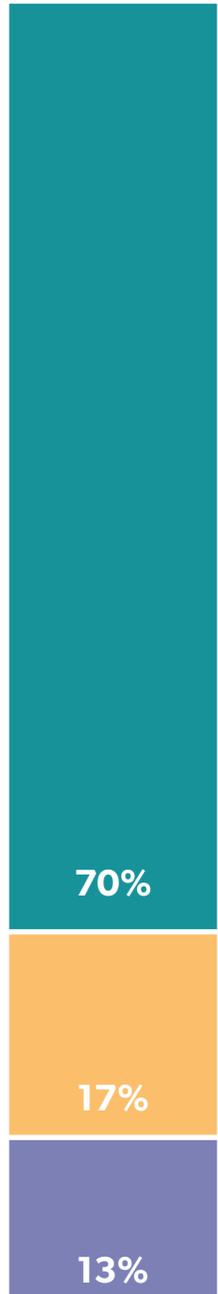
TOTAL:
\$192,294

- CPG (\$134,363)
- Local Match (\$33,591)
- Outside Agencies & Grants (\$24,340)

Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) is a federal funding source the MPO receives to carryout the federally required transportation planning process. The CPG requires a 20% local match.

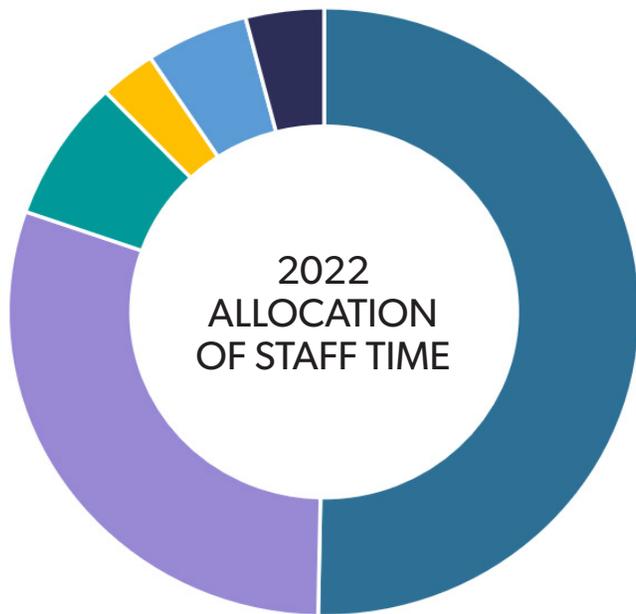
Local Match refers to the funding provided to the MPO by the Cities and Counties to match the CPG.

Outside Agencies & Grants are the contracts the MPO has with external agencies or grants received for a specific work product. MPO staff bills time at 100% when working on activities for these agencies or grants. This helps to reduce the amount of CPG and local match needed for that fiscal year. The outside agencies also benefit from the partnership as they can utilize the expertise of MPO staff at a highly competitive rate.



STAFF TIME

A significant portion of MPO staff time is dedicated to supporting our local jurisdictions and community partners. To provide value to our jurisdictions, the MPO undertakes discretionary projects, represented below as **Community Projects**, that offer a direct benefit to our partners. While the MPO's primary responsibility is to develop and maintain federally required documents and processes, this task represents a small portion of the organization's overall workload.



- 50% - Community Projects
- 30% - General Admin
- 8% - Federal Requirements
- 3% - Flint Hills aTa Bus
- 5% - KS Dept of Health & Environment Contract
- 4% - State Transportation Innovation Council Grant

Consolidated Planning Grant eligible

Community Projects hours encompass MPO staff time to develop community or regional plans. This would include Safe Routes to School plans, active transportation plans, the Regional Connections Plan, or direct support provided to our jurisdictions or community partners.

General Admin includes the day-to-day operations, general management of the organization, or tasks related to accounting, human resources, or other administrative tasks. This also includes all paid-leave employees receive.

Federal Requirements refers to the hours worked to ensure all federally required documents are maintained and approved. This includes the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and Connect 2040, to name a few.

Billed at 100% to the agency listed

Flint Hills aTa Bus and the MPO work together on the planning and implementation of transit routes and services for the region. Effectively, the MPO serves as an extension of aTa Bus staff, as needed.

KS Dept of Health & Environment Contract is a formal agreement with KDHE to work with the Chronic Disease and Risk Reduction (CDRR) rural community grantees. All costs incurred by MPO staff working with the CDRR grantees are covered at 100% by KDHE.

State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Grant reimburses the MPO for staff time spent developing a Demonstration Project How-to Guide. The STIC funds (the federal portion) cover 80% of expenditures, while the *Pathways* grant provides the 20% local match.

2022 PROJECTS

KDHE DEMOS



2022 saw the continuation of contract work with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE). This year's focus was on installing and analyzing demonstration projects with rural communities. Seven projects were installed, including four in Emporia, and three in Neodesha. Projects included pedestrian islands and curb extensions. Data was collected and analyzed with K-State's Dr. Greg Newmark. The 8th project, a streetscape pilot, in Beloit was a particular success as this demo project allowed the community to experience an altered street layout and connection to a park.

Find out more: www.flinthillsmpo.org/cdrr

USD 383 SRTS



Several key steps were completed this year on USD 383 SRTS report.

The MPO partnered with K-State planning students to record and analyze sidewalk conditions near all schools in the USD. This data will be used to identify future projects and policies.

The MPO received over 1,100 parent surveys across the USD. Data from these surveys has provided clear areas of concern and a path forward for design and projects selection.

Priority projects were identified, and detailed cost estimates are being completed, allowing for better project planning and completion in the future.

JUNCTION CITY STIC

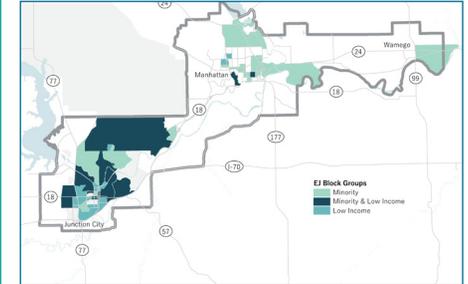


The City of Junction City street crews installed a fifth semi-permanent project in early 2022 to go along with the four installed in 2021. These projects increase student safety by shortening the crossing distance and increasing the visibility of crossings. A testament to the success of this STIC grant can be found in the 6th semi-permanent project, unaffiliated with STIC, that will be installed in 2023. This 6th location was requested by the principal of a school not involved in STIC.

MPO staff created a series of How-To videos alling communities to install their own demo projects

Find out more: www.flinthillsmpo.org/junction-city-stic

LEP & TITLE VI



Staff completed updates to these two core MPO documents. The Limited English Proficiency (LEP) outlines resources available to LEP persons to participate in the transportation planning process. This document is updated every two years.

Title VI Program Guidance outlines the responsibilities of the Flint Hills MPO to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and identifies the procedures to address complaints related to Title VI.

View the plans at: www.flinthillsmpo.org/public-involvement



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