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Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday November 18, 2026
3:30 pm

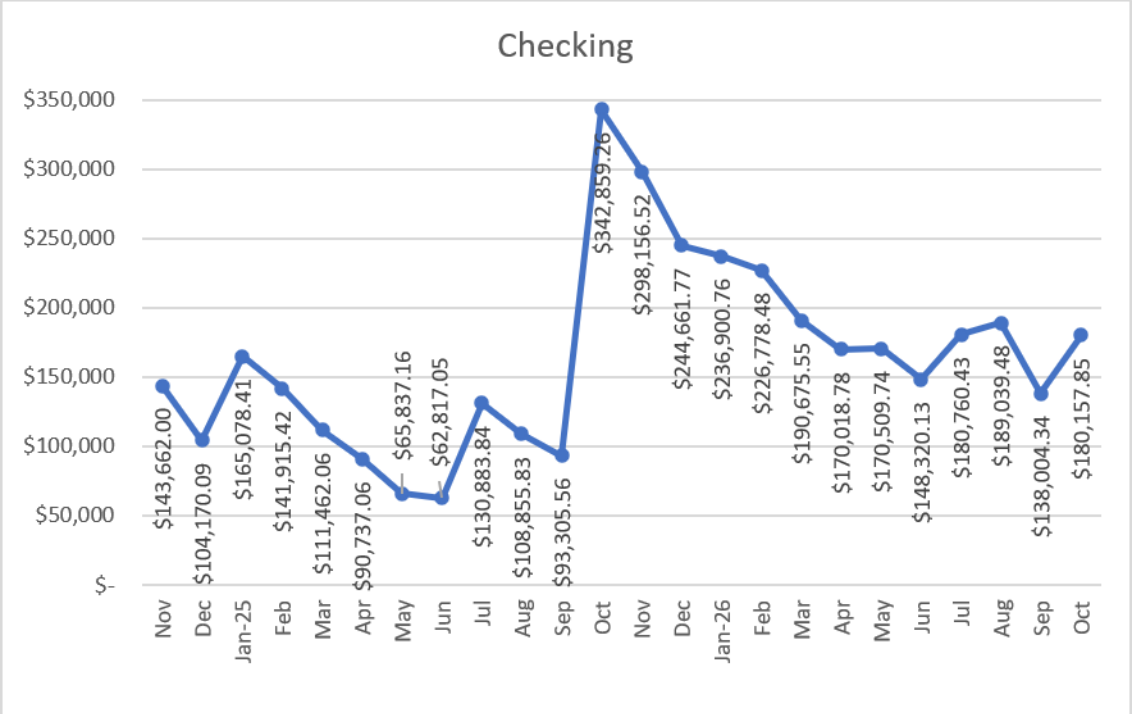
In Person:
Auditorium
Manhattan Public Library
629 Poyntz Ave
Manhattan, KS 66502

Virtual:
Zoom meeting
Meeting ID: 919 154 6755
Passcode: 148813

1. Welcome
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
3. Financial Update
    - As of 11.11.2026: $178,914.17 in checking
    - Monthly statement balance & Revenue & Major Expenses
4. Staff Updates
5. KDOT Updates
6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve of October 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes
7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve 2026 Unified Public Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2
8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve 2027 Unified Public Work Program (UPWP)
9. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve awarding of Transportation Emissions Reduction Strategy (TERS) funds
10. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Safety Countermeasures: RRFBs
11. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** KDOT Freight Plan
12. Motion for Adjournment

Next Meeting December 16, 2026, Manhattan Public Library

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Revenue & Major Expenses

	Oct 2026		
	Debits	Credits	Notes
10.07		$ 32,244.85	KDOT: FRSP Reimbursement
10.08	$ 416.58		K5: Bookkeeper
10.08	$ 21,361.17		Lyft Inc: FRSP Sept.
10.13	$ 127.00		Quickbooks
10.14		$ 17,390.19	KDOT: Complete Streets Reimbursement
10.14		$ 45,874.72	KDOT: Q3 Reimbursement
20.21	$ 126.00		Farmers Ins. General Bonds
10.27	$ 307.50		State of KS: Audit filing
Total	**$ 22,338.25**	**$ 95,509.76**	

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
X	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
	Mike Moriarty	KS Dept of Transportation
X	Andrew Von Lintel	Manhattan City Commission
X	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	
Desree Pettera	
Randy Pettera	
Chad Kinsley – Pottawatomie County Administrator	

1. Welcome
    - Meeting called to order at 3:30p.

2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)

    - Desree Petterra stated that she is concerned about the cost increase to the planned roundabout at McFarland & Eisenhower in Junction City. She asked whether it would be an option for KDOT to rescind the grant funding, and whether there would be consequences if Junction City chose to do so.

        - No KDOT representatives were present. Jared Tremblay stated that he will contact KDOT to ask.

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3. Financial Update

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the accounts and monthly statements, including revenue and major expenses. FHMPO received reimbursements from KDOT for Fort Riley Safe Passage and Complete Streets. As of 10.21.2026, FHMPO's checking account totaled $220,355.88.

    - John Ford stated that he had spoken about FRSP to Rep. Derek Schmidt and staff from Rep. Tracey Mann's and Sen. Jerry Moran's offices. All were supportive of the program.

    - Andrew Von Lintel asked whether FRSP is sufficiently funded through the end of the year.

        - Jared Tremblay answered that he is not concerned. After fluctuations in ridership at the start of the program, FRSP has now reached a more stable level of ridership. Should higher usage occur in the future, FHMPO can implement further restrictions on rides to conserve funding if needed. FHMPO and KDOT have also discussed some options for additional funding.

    - Keith Ascher asked whether DUI statistics are available yet.

        - Jared Tremblay answered that DUI data has not been examined yet, but that DUIs will be assessed per capita to account for varying populations of soldiers on post.

        - John Ford stated that he has heard some concerns that DUIs have not gone down, but he believes it is too early to tell how effective the program has been in reducing DUIs. He agreed that DUIs should be assessed per capita, and asked how the upcoming change of command at Fort Riley could affect the program.

            a. Owen Washburn responded that the incoming general is supportive of the program. He stated that the garrison has already begun looking at FRSP data and that initial findings are positive. Preliminary data has shown a decrease in DUIs per capita.

4. Staff Updates

- Jared Tremblay reported that he had investigated the signal at Riley Ave & Skyway Dr in Ogden in response to concerns expressed at the September Policy Board meeting. An engineering study from the City of Manhattan found the light is functioning normally, but Mr. Tremblay has been testing the signal himself and has observed long delays (>4min) while waiting to make a left turn. Karen Becker, City Engineer for Manhattan, has been informed of the issue and is also investigating.

- Jared Tremblay stated that he has reached out to KDOT Division 2 to resolve the question of who is responsible for the portion of 6th St east of the sale barn in Junction City. KDOT is currently investigating to determine the exact boundary.

    - Sam Yoskowitz asked why the road's ownership has come into question.

        - Keith Ascher answered that while trying to obtain easements for snow removal from the owners of the sale barn, he learned the road was KDOT-owned. The road's ownership would determine whether KDOT or Junction City is responsible for its maintenance.

- Jared Tremblay stated that work has been ongoing on the detailed safety report requested by City of Manhattan Public Works. FHMPO will also be assisting the City of Ogden with demonstration projects and a cost-benefit analysis for two federal grants.

- Jared Tremblay asked if Board members had any further questions for FHMPO or KDOT.

    - Andrew Von Lintel asked for a follow-up on who is responsible for maintaining the medians near the meeting of Tuttle Creek Blvd & Ft Riley Blvd in Manhattan.

        - Jared Tremblay answered that KDOT had determined the City of Manhattan is responsible.

    - Dee McKee stated that the US-24 medians in Pottawatomie County have now been mowed, but she is still wondering whether the right-of-way is owned by KDOT or Pottawatomie County. She expressed concern about noxious weeds.

- Jared Tremblay answered that he will check with KDOT District 1 about ROW ownership and noxious weed removal.

5. KDOT Updates

    - No KDOT updates at this time.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the September 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

    - Andrew Von Lintel moved to approve the September 16, 2026 Policy Board meeting minutes. Keith Ascher seconded. The motion passed.

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7

    - Jared Tremblay introduced the TIP Amendment #7. The amendment adds four new projects and changes in cost and year for others.
        - Andrew Von Lintel asked what would be needed to initiate construction on the delayed Miller Pkwy & Arbor Dr project.
            - Jared Tremblay answered that the City of Manhattan would be responsible.
        - Dee McKee stated that she had been hearing concerns about the curb extensions on Lincoln Ave for Wamego SRTS making the road too narrow for agricultural equipment, as well as the removal of parking for the crosswalk project in downtown St. George.
            - Jared Tremblay replied that the curb extensions on Lincoln Ave are the same width as a parked car, so ag equipment drivers who are able to drive past the parallel parking on Lincoln Ave should be able to pass the curb extensions with no issues. He also stated that only two parking spaces would be removed to accommodate the crosswalk improvements in St. George, with parallel parking remaining available along the rest of the street.
        - John Ford asked whether the City of Manhattan was scaling back the planned Marlatt Ave reconstruction.
            - Andrew Von Lintel answered that he was unsure.
            - Jared Tremblay stated that the project in the TIP covers the portion of Marlatt from Browning Ave to Denison Ave.

a. John Ford clarified that he was referring to west of Browning Ave.

i. Jared Tremblay stated that he has not heard of any immediate plans for construction on Marlatt west of Browning, but that it may have been mentioned in the Seth Child Ave Corridor Plan. He will investigate the issue further and report back.

- Andrew Von Lintel moved to approve the 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #7. Keith Ascher seconded. The motion passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2
   - Jared Tremblay stated that KDOT now requires the UPWP to be sent out for a public comment period. The UPWP will not be eligible for approval until November, once the public comment period has concluded.
     - Dee McKee requested that a copy of the UPWP be sent to the MPO member counties. Jared Tremblay agreed to do so.
   - Sam Yoskowitz moved to table this Action Item to the November Policy Board meeting. Dee McKee seconded. The motion passed.

9. **ACTION ITEM:** 2027 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
   - Jared Tremblay presented Policy Board with the COLA percentage amounts for each of the MPO member jurisdictions for 2027.
     - Andrew Von Lintel asked whether COLA had been factored into FHMPO's 2027 budget.
       - Jared Tremblay replied that he has accounted for COLA in the UPWP and that the budget would not change.
     - Dee McKee asked whether FHMPO had been informed of health insurance cost changes for 2027.
       - Jared Tremblay answered that FHMPO has not yet received health insurance premiums for 2027. He stated that he can present any cost changes for health insurance to Policy Board in November.

- Dee McKee moved to approve a 2% COLA for FHMPO staff for 2027. The motion was not seconded.

- Andrew Von Lintel moved to approve a 3% COLA for FHMPO staff for 2027. Keith Ascher seconded. The motion passed 4-1-0, with Dee McKee opposed.

10. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

    - Jared Tremblay stated that the 2027 budget will be finalized by the November Policy Board meeting.

11. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** US-77 & Lyon Rd KDOT Study

    - Jared Tremblay shared the results of KDOT's study at US-77 & Lyon Rd. The study found the crash rate at the location to be above both the critical crash rate and the statewide average. KDOT recommended no change to the speed limit; installing signage in the southbound lane to warn drivers of an upcoming change to speed; and installing larger signage throughout the intersection. KDOT has not yet identified funding for these improvements, and a local match would likely be required.

        - Randy Pettera stated that he had recently had a near-miss at this intersection and expressed support for improving safety conditions.

        - Keith Ascher questioned whether changes are needed for the northbound lanes. He also stated that the person who owns the land on the west side of the intersection has expressed interest in donating a portion of their land for improving the intersection.

            - Desree Pettera asked whether the land donation could be counted toward the local match amount.

                a. Jared Tremblay stated that it might, and that he will inquire with KDOT.

12. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Transportation Emissions Reduction Strategy (TERS) Funding

    - Jared Tremblay stated that FHMPO has leftover federal TERS funding after two TERS projects were awarded to Junction City and one to Wamego. In lieu of issuing a new call for projects, FHMPO proposes awarding the money directly to FHATA for a planned new facility and bus stop improvements in Junction City. Mr. Tremblay

asked the Board their thoughts on this proposal and whether they would prefer to issue a call for projects.

- Dee McKee asked whether TERS could fund a new signal at US-24 by the site of the former Scorpius project.
    - Jared Tremblay answered that this location would require an updated traffic study to be eligible.
- Sam Yoskowitz expressed her support for using the TERS funding for the new ATA facility and improving ADA accessibility for bus stops in Junction City.
    - Anne Smith added that the current KDOT funding ATA Bus receives cannot go toward bus stop improvements, but the federal TERS funding can.
- Andrew Von Lintel asked about possible locations for bus stop improvements.
    - Anne Smith replied that the bus stops targeted for improvements would be in high-traffic areas in Junction City, such as grocery stores.
- Keith Ascher asked whether the planned projects in Junction City and Wamego would continue if ATA Bus were to receive TERS funding.
    - Jared Tremblay clarified that those projects are already funded, and that the proposed ATA Bus project would use the funding left over.
- Andrew Von Lintel requested additional time to think about how the TERS funding should be used. He asked whether Manhattan had pursued TERS funding in the past.
    - Jared Tremblay responded that past Manhattan commissions had decided not to apply for TERS funding.
    - The Board supported revisiting the TERS discussion at the November Policy Board meeting.

13. Motion for Adjournment
    - Sam Yoskowitz moved to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Von Lintel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34p.

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