



## Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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

#### VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
x	Ryne Dowling	KS Dept of Transportation
x	Peter Oppelt	Manhattan City Commission
x	Dee McKee	Pottawatomie Co. Commission
x	Ronna Larson	Junction City Commission
x	John Ford	Riley County Commission
	Clifford Baughman	Wamego City Commission
<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT</b>		
	Will Sharp	Federal Highway Admin.
	Kelley Paskow	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. He reported that FHMPO has received the CPG agreement from KDOT, and that FHMPO will receive reimbursement for Q1 once the CPG is signed and processed.
4. Staff Updates
  - Jared Tremblay reminded the Board that TERS applications are due July 18, 2025.
    - Dee McKee inquired if a project in northern Pottawatomie County would be eligible for TERS funding.
    - Jared Tremblay replied that only projects in the MPO area are eligible.

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- Jared Tremblay informed the Board that FHMPO is making progress on changing some language in core documents to comply with new requirements from the federal government.
  - Anne Smith asked if there will be similar changes required of transit agencies.
  - Ryne Dowling replied that public transit at KDOT is still waiting for federal guidance and is conducting work as normal.
- 5. KDOT Update:
  - Ryne Dowling stated that KDOT issued CPG agreements on June 16. Once the agreement is finalized, FHMPO will be reimbursed for Q1 2025.
- 6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the May 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - Ronna Larson noted that the “next meeting” date in the May 21 minutes is incorrect.
  - Ronna Larson moved to approve the minutes from the May 21 Policy Board meeting with this correction. Dee McKee seconded. The motion passed.
- 7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8
  - Jared Tremblay introduced the amendment, which adds four projects. Other changes are cost and year adjustments. Jared Tremblay also noted that FHMPO has changed some language in the TIP to comply with federal guidance.
    - John Ford noted that project KA-7731-01 (mill and overlay on KS-113) is listed for construction in 2025. He inquired how construction on 7731 would proceed given the existing construction on KS-113 and US-24.
      - Ryne Dowling replied that the letting date for this project is October 2025. He will check to see if there is any overlap in timing.
      - Jared Tremblay asked if construction on the US-24 roundabouts will continue through the winter.
      - Ryne Dowling responded that he is unsure and will be looking into it.
    - Dee McKee asked where and when the pavement restoration will be taking place in Wamego.
      - Jared Tremblay answered that project KA-7261-01 spans from the Kansas River bridge to Valley St on the south side of town. He asked Ryne Dowling if it would be possible to coordinate with the railroad to avoid overlap between this project and the upcoming railroad bridge reconstruction in southern Wamego.
      - Ryne Dowling noted that the letting date for KA-7261-01 is November 2025. He will be forwarding contact information for the railroad to Jared Tremblay.
  - Peter Oppelt moved to approve TIP Amendment #8. Dee McKee seconded. The motion passed.
- 8. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Updates – US-24 Corridor Management Plan Update & 2<sup>nd</sup> Connection

- Jared Tremblay provided an update on the current state of the US-24 Corridor Management Plan and cost-benefit analysis. Riley County and the City of Manhattan have approved the MOU, with approval pending from Pottawatomie County. Once all jurisdictions have signed, Jared Tremblay will attach the MOU to the Letter of Commitment required by KDOT. When the final funding agreement is signed, an RFP will be issued.
9. Motion for Adjournment
- Ronna Larson moved to adjourn the meeting. Dee McKee seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54p.

**Next Meeting August 20, 2025, Manhattan Public Library**