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Policy Board Meeting **Wednesday, April 15, 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

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

X	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
X	Ryne Dowling	KS Dept of Transportation
X	Andrew Von Lintel	Manhattan City Commission
	Dee McKee	Pottawatomie Co. Commission
	Sam Yoskowitz	Junction City Commission
X	John Ford	Riley County Commission
	Zac Kreider	Wamego City Commission
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
	Javier Ahumada	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

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1. Welcome
 - Meeting called to order at 3:39p.
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 4.8.2026, there is \$182,249.39 in the checking account. Since the written agreement between FHMPO and the City of Manhattan on the money market account has expired, the money market account has been dissolved. The City of Manhattan absorbed the funds previously in the money market account, and there is a new verbal agreement between FHMPO and the City in case the MPO needs to access emergency funds.
 - John Ford asked if the emergency funds were able to be placed into a bond or other interest-earning account.

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- Anne Smith recommended that the emergency funds be placed into a high-yield savings account.
- Jared Tremblay answered that he will contact the City to see if either of these options is possible.

4. Staff Updates

- Jared Tremblay stated that the Ft Riley Safe Passage program is still planning to launch on May 8th.

5. KDOT Updates

- Ryne Dowling reminded the Board that the KDOT safety conference will be on April 21st at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan.
- Ryne Dowling also stated that Q1 CPG reimbursement requests have been reviewed and will be coming back to FHMPO soon.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the February 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Andrew Von Lintel moved to approve the February Policy Board minutes. Keith Ascher seconded. The motion passed.

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4

- Jared Tremblay presented TIP Amendment #4. The amendment includes the Junction City BUILD grant and the Ogden SS4A grant for inclusion in the STIP, as well as cost and date adjustments for several projects.
 - John Ford recommended contacting Ft Riley and the Kansas Senators' offices to build momentum for a combined grant for Junction City and Ogden, rather than the two jurisdictions competing for funds.
- Keith Ascher moved to approve the 2026-29 TIP Amendment #4. Andrew Von Lintel seconded. The motion passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve the Preservation Performance Measures (PM2)

- Abigail Danner presented the report data on pavement condition (data year 2024) and bridge condition (data year 2025).
 - Keith Ascher asked about the Exit 304 Humboldt Creek Rd bridge, noting that the bridge appeared to be in poor condition with rebar exposed.
 - MPO staff said they would reach out to KDOT and ask about plans to replace or repair the bridge.
- Keith Ascher moved to approve the PM2 targets. Andrew Von Lintel seconded. The motion passed.

9. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve the Mobility Performance Measures (PM3)

- Abigail Danner presented the report data on system mobility and reliability for data year 2024.
- Andrew Von Lintel moved to approve the PM3 targets. Keith Ascher seconded. The motion passed.

10. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Population Updates and Local Match Percentages
 - Jared Tremblay went over the process of estimating population and determining local match percentages for each of the MPO member jurisdictions,
 - Keith Ascher moved to approve the population estimates and local match percentages. Andrew Von Lintel seconded.
11. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2027 UPWP and Local Match Estimates
 - Jared Tremblay introduced the 2027 local match estimates for each jurisdiction so Board members can inform their staff.
12. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1 – Revision
 - Jared Tremblay introduced the revision, which reorganizes subtask 3.3 to include internal and MPO-led committees and adds a parking committee.
13. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Big Blue River 2nd Connection Cost-Benefit Analysis Public Meetings
 - Jared Tremblay stated that FHMPPO will be leading public outreach for the cost-benefit analysis in Summer 2026. The MPO is releasing a flyer for the meeting dates and locations.
14. Motion for Adjournment
 - Keith Ascher moved to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Von Lintel seconded The meeting was adjourned at 4:25p.

Next Meeting May 20, 2026, Manhattan Public Library