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**Technical Advisory Committee  
 Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 1:00 pm**

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

*Virtual:*  
 Zoom meeting  
 Meeting ID: 919 154 6755

Voting Members Present		
	Jeremy Meyers	Geary Co. Public Works
x	Ray Ibarra (Chair)	City of Junction City
	Troy Livingston	Junction City/Geary County Zoning
x	Nathan Bergman	Pottawatomie Co. Public Works
	Casey Frisbie	Wamego Public Works
	Gregg Webster	Pottawatomie County Zoning
	Cameron Matthews	Wamego Zoning
x	Amanda Webb	Riley County Planning
x	Karen Becker (Vice-Chair)	Manhattan Public Works
	John Ellerman	Riley County Public Works
x	John Adam	Manhattan Planning & Development
x	Ryne Dowling	Kansas Dept. of Transportation
x	Anne Smith	Flint Hills ATA Bus
	Lisa Johnson	K-State Planning

Non-Voting Members Present		
	Javier Ahumada	Federal Highway Admin.
	Kelley Paskow	Fort Riley
	Gerry Doyle	Federal Transit Admin.
x	Angela Shepard	City of Ogden
	Vacant	City of Grandview Plaza
	Ben Wheeler	City of St. George

Staff Present		
x	Jared Tremblay	
x	Abigail Danner	

Members of the Public Present		

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

- Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.

**2. Public Comment Opportunity**

- There were no public comments.

**3. Staff Updates**

- Jared Tremblay informed TAC members that KDOT’s call for Transportation Alternative (TA) grant projects opened on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will close at the end of the month, with Concept Forms due on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. **KDOT Update**

- Ryne Dowling stated that KDOT is wrapping up its 2026 CPG agreement. Due to the partial federal government shutdown, full apportionment is not yet available. However, the amount currently available is enough to get agreements started. A second agreement will be required when the full apportionment rolls in.

#### 5. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve January 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Ryne Dowling moved to approve the January 7 TAC meeting minutes. John Adam seconded. The motion passed.

#### 6. **ACTION ITEM:** Recommend approval of the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3

- Jared Tremblay introduced the new amendment, which reflects cost increases and changes of year for several projects.
- Angela Shepard asked whether the City of Ogden's Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) is required to be listed in the TIP. The study is funded by a federal Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant.
  - Jared Tremblay stated that he will discuss the project with KDOT.
- John Adam moved to recommend approval of the 2026-29 TIP Amendment #3. Karen Becker seconded. The motion passed.

#### 7. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Recommend approval of Safety Performance Measures (PM1)

- Abigail Danner presented FHMPO's 2024 safety data and targets. The full report is available to view online.
- Ryne Dowling suggested adding the locations of recent and planned safety projects to the report.
- Karen Becker recommended looking into crash data from other Kansas MPOs to see how FHMPO's numbers compare.
- Ryne Dowling moved to recommend approval of the Safety Performance Measures. Karen Becker seconded. The motion passed.

#### 8. **ACTION ITEM:** Recommend approval of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1

- Jared Tremblay introduced the amendment, which adds the BUILD, SS4A, and Recreational Economy for Rural Communities grants to Complete Streets – Item 3.5.
- Ryne Dowling asked if the addition of new tasks to Item 3.5 in the UPWP will result in a lower local match requirement for MPO member jurisdictions.
  - Jared Tremblay answered that it could, but it will depend on whether FHMPO uses the full amount budgeted towards Item 3.5.

- Karen Becker asked if FHMPO can use more than the budgeted amount for Item 3.5.
  - Ryne Dowling answered that the MPO cannot receive more funds for Item 3.5 than the amount currently budgeted in the UPWP, and that changing this would require a supplemental agreement with KDOT.
- Angela Shepard asked if the Item 3.5 amount will be higher next year due to the addition of the grants. She also asked if the communities working with FHMPO will need to track the hours FHMPO staff spend working on grants.
  - Jared Tremblay answered that if the Complete Streets funding is continued in the next federal surface transportation bill, it's possible FHMPO could get more Complete Streets funding next year. He asked Ryne Dowling whether KDOT had any information on whether Complete Streets funding will be continued.
    1. Ryne Dowling responded that he is unsure whether Complete Streets will be part of the next federal transportation bill.
  - Jared Tremblay added that communities working with FHMPO on grants are not required to track Item 3.5 hours, and that FHMPO tracks hours internally.

## **9. Adjournment by Chair**

- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:41p.

**Next meeting scheduled for March 4, 2026.**