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Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
 3:30 pm

Ronna Larson
 7/17/2024

In Person:

Groesbeck Room
 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	Mike Moriarty	KS Dept of Transportation
	Peter Oppelt	Manhattan City Commission
	Dee McKee	Pottawatomie Co. Commission
x	Ronna Larson	Junction City Commission
x	John Ford	Riley County Commission
	Clifford Baughman	Wamego City Commission
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
	Matt McDonald	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		
	Allison Smith	KDOT
	Ryne Dowling	KDOT

1. Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 3:36p

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

3. Financial Update

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the accounts. He showed the statement balance charts and noted the MPO accounts are in good shape.
- John Ford asked about the interest rate on the money market account
- Anne Smith noted ATA has changed accounts several times to get higher rates
- Jared Tremblay noted the funds belong to the City of Manhattan, not technically the MPO's

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4. Staff Updates

- Jared Tremblay noted the EV Readiness Plan kicked off on May 1, and that public & business surveys have been developed and will be sent out in June. The hope is to leverage Policy Board member contacts to share the survey. In-person stakeholder group meetings will be held in June as well.
- Jared Tremblay noted he had sent Letters of Support to all local jurisdictions applying for TA grants
- Jared Tremblay stated he will be presenting at the City-County-County meeting in June on the topic of US-24 Corridor Study updates.

5. KDOT Update:

- Mike Moriarty noted KDOT is finalizing the scope of services and prioritizing local consult projects; more to come soon.
 - Keith Ascher asked about updates on the I-70 & Taylor Road interchange and the I-70 & K-18 bridge projects from the last meeting. He noted he'd received a letter about the K-18 bridge but not heard about the other projects. He wanted to know more about project timelines
 - Jared Tremblay stated construction is scheduled for 2025-26 but was not aware of a bid date
 - Ryne Dowling stated the bid letting will be in June 2025 and engineering plans are still being put together.
 - Keith Ascher noted the past meeting with engineering firms and KDOT at the Farm Bureau Building and requested a follow-up meeting
 - Mike Moriarty noted Dale Hershberger sent an email on both project in April, and that he will arrange a conversation with KDOT staff about a follow-up meeting
 - Jared Tremblay noted the project has its own KDOT website, and asked if that page would suffice for updates
 - Keith Ascher noted some of his constituents would be more helpful as some want to ask questions in person. He recommended the Ft. Riley Garrison be included in conversations as well
 - John Ford noted the new Garrison Commander will be arriving in the short term and suggested the meeting wait until after that
 - Owen Washburn noted the Garrison change will be in July
 - Jared Tremblay noted the in-person meeting would be KDOT led

- Mike Moriarty stated he will be calling to project manager and will be in contact with MPO staff to schedule a follow-up meeting
- Allison Smith & Jared Tremblay reported on KDOT's new Transportation Emissions Reduction Strategy (TERS). They noted there is an on-going call for projects to the MPO, with project selection in late June.
 - John Ford asked if there were no applications, would the MPO region loose out on the funds
 - Allison Smith noted that no the money would likely go towards a TA project in the region
 - Alfonso Leyva requested the TERS slides be make available
 - Jared Tremblay noted he will send them out.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- John Ford motioned and Keith Ascher seconded. Motion passed.

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #3

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the updated document, noting the updates were caused by the Q1 billing and reporting of Complete Streets and the 100% KDOT match. In the amendment Completed Streets are incorporated into item 3.0 and each quarter, 2.5% of all item 3.0 tasks will be reimbursed at 100%.
- Keith Ascher motioned and John Ford seconded. Motion passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Connect 2040 Amendment #4

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the updates to Connect 2040 noting that Chapter 5 Performance Measures were changed to include the latest data and be in line with the PM reports approved by the Board. He also noted the updates to the Fiscally Constrained and Illustrative lists of projects, that are now in line with the latest TIP update.
- John For motioned and Keith Ascher seconded. Motion passed

9. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2024 Local Match – Invoice #2

- Jared Tremblay showed the 2nd installment request for 2024 local match based on UPWP Amendment #3 budgets. The request will be sent in May.

10. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2025 UPWP and Local Match Estimate

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the 2025 budget and noted the lower total budget and therefore lowered local match requests. The estimates will be sent to local staff in May for budget preparation.

11. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** TA Grant History

- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of KDOT's TA Grant program in the Flint Hills Region since 2013. \$12.6 million worth of projects have been built. The slides are available on the MPO's website.

12. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** MPO Office options

- Jared Tremblay noted the MPO has the option of breaking our lease as the landlord has others interested. This would save up to \$3,500 a year, with no loss in productivity for the MPO.

13. Motion for Adjournment

- Ronna Larson asked about the June 19th meeting, noting that is a Federal Holiday.
- Jared Tremblay noted we will need a June meeting so that the TIP can be approved and still meet the STIP deadline
- Allison Smith noted that the STIP is also updated on July 29, so a July meeting would still work
- Jared Tremblay said he would reach out to Ogden to ensure July would still work for Senator's timeline
- The June meeting was canceled with plans for the July meeting
- Kieth Ascher motioned and John Ford seconded. Motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 4:41p.

Next Meeting July 17, 2024, Groesbeck Room, Manhattan Public Library