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Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
3:30 pm

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
x	Andrew Von Lintel	Manhattan City Commission
	Dee McKee	Pottawatomie Co. Commission
x	Sam Yoskowitz	Junction City Commission
x	John Ford	Riley County Commission
x	Zac Kreider	Wamego City Commission
NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
x	Javier Ahumada	Federal Highway Admin.
	Kelley Paskow	Fort Riley Representative
	Eva Steinman	Federal Transit Admin.
	Anne Smith	Flint Hills ATA

Staff Present

x	Jared Tremblay	MPO
x	Abigail Danner	MPO

Guests Present

Ryne Dowling - KDOT	
Larry Fox – Manhattan City Commission	

1. Welcome
 - Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm.
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 February 11, there was a balance of \$249,441.40 in the checking account and \$110,474.90 in the money market account.
 - Zac Kreider asked if the general liability insurance for FHMPO staff is an annual or a 6-month premium.
 - Jared Tremblay answered that it is an annual premium.
4. Staff Updates
 - Jared Tremblay provided an update on the Big Blue River 2nd Connection Cost-Benefit Analysis. The consultants will be finishing work on the project by May 2026.

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FHMPO staff will be presenting the study's findings to jurisdictions before public engagement begins this summer.

5. KDOT Updates

- Ryne Dowling stated that CPG agreements are in the works and that KDOT hopes to have them out within two to three weeks.

6. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the January 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Zac Kreider moved to approve the January 2026 Policy Board minutes. Sam Yoskowitz seconded. The motion passed.

7. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3

- Jared Tremblay presented TIP Amendment #3, which includes cost and date adjustments for several projects.
- Sam Yoskowitz asked if the SS4A grant included in the TIP covers all of Geary County or just Junction City.
 - Keith Ascher answered that the SS4A grant awarded only covers Junction City, but that Geary County is also in the process of applying for an SS4A grant.
- John Ford stated that he will be in Washington, DC next week to meet with legislators and asked whether he should bring up the SS4A grant.
 - Jared Tremblay answered that it would be worth bringing up.
- Zac Kreider asked about the purpose of the project to pave a segment of Elm Slough Rd near Wamego.
 - Jared Tremblay answered that this project is the first step towards paving all of Elm Slough Rd.

8. ACTION ITEM: Approve the Safety Performance Measures and Targets (PM1)

- Abigail Danner presented the FY 2024 crash data for the MPO region. She noted the five FHWA performance measures and how the data is used.
- Policy Board members recommended using the future targets for PM1 as they stand today.
 - Keith Ascher moved to approve the safety performance measures and targets. Sam Yoskowitz seconded. The motion passed.

9. ACTION ITEM: Approve the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1

- Jared Tremblay presented the update to the UPWP, which now includes FHMPO grant work as an item under Complete Streets.
 - Zac Kreider moved to approve the UPWP. Andrew Von Lintel seconded. The motion passed.

10. ACTION ITEM: Recommendations and Approval of Officers

- Keith Ascher moved to continue John Ford's tenure as chair. Zac Kreider seconded. The motion passed.
- John Ford moved to nominate Keith Ascher for vice chair. Andrew Von Lintel seconded. The motion passed.

11. Motion for Adjournment

- Sam Yoskowitz moved to adjourn the meeting. John Ford seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.

Next Meeting April 15, 2026, Manhattan Public Library