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Policy Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 15, 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		
x	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
x	Ryne Dowling	KS Dept of Transportation
x	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		
	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		
	Desree Pettera	
	Randy Pettera	
	Kaylee Sands	K-State student
	Mike Moriarty	KDOT

1. Welcome
 - Meeting called to order at 3:32p
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
3. Financial Update
 - Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the accounts and monthly statements.
 - Keith Ascher asked about the interest rate in the money market account.
 - Jared Tremblay noted it was 2.5%, but stated it was officially the City of Manhattan’s money.

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4. Staff Updates

- TDM/Connect 2 - EVRP progress
 - TDM – Jared Tremblay noted the FHMPPO will be hosting 7 public meetings across the region the last week of January and first week of February, and that he had requested the attendance of commissioners.
 - EVRP – Jared Tremblay noted the consultant will be sending a rough final draft to staff to review in the next few weeks
 - John Ford mentioned ten pre-written state bills concerning EVs
 - Jared Tremblay stated he will look into bill number 2003, Establishing EV Energy Equity Road Repair Tax.

5. KDOT Update:

- Mike Moriarty stated KDOT is updating the Local Consult project scoring for large Expansion and Modernization projects, based on comments that people would like more transparency behind project scoring and selection.
- Jared Tremblay noted that in 2024, there were 347 vehicular fatalities, which is the lowest in the history of tracking in Kansas (tracking started in 1947).
- Desree Pettera asked KDOT about the Grandview Plaza bridge over I-70 and its crumbling condition.
 - Mike Moriarty stated he would look into the project
 - Keith Ascher stated he thought it'd be best if the project could be constructed during the planned lane closures on I-70 this summer.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the December 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Safety Performance Measures & Targets (PM 1)

- Abigail Danner presented the report and targets
- Motion was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Preservation Performance Measures & Targets (PM 2)

- Abigail Danner presented the report and targets
- Motion was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

9. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Mobility Performance Measures & Targets (PM 3)

- Jared Tremblay presented the report and targets
- Motion was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

10. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of 2024 Audit Engagement Letter

- Jared Tremblay presented the proposed audit letter
- Keith Ascher moved and John Ford seconded. Motion passed.

11. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** TDM Traffic Scenarios

- Jared Tremblay presented the inputs of the model including the population data and road networks. He then showed the results of the model runs, noting that there is little current or future congestion outside of the US-24 corridor.

12. Motion for Adjournment

- Peter Oppelt moved and Keith Ascher seconded. Motion passed.

Next Meeting February 18, 2025, Manhattan Public Library