



## Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization

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# Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 1:00 pm**

*In Person:*

City Commission Room  
 City Hall  
 1101 Poyntz Ave  
 Manhattan, KS 66502

*Virtual:*

Zoom meeting  
 Meeting ID: 919 154 6755

Voting Members Present		
	Corey Trumpp	Geary Co. Public Works
	Ray Ibarra (Chair)	Junction City Public Works
	Troy Livingston	Junction City/Geary County Zoning
x	Nathan Bergman	Pottawatomie Co. Public Works
x	Casey Frisbie	Wamego Public Works
x	Gregg Webster	Pottawatomie County Zoning
x	Ken Stein	Wamego Zoning
X	Amanda Webb	Riley County Planning
	Karen Becker (Vice-Chair)	Manhattan Public Works
	John Ellerman	Riley County Public Works
X	John Adam	Manhattan Community Development
X	Ryne Dowling	Kansas Dept. of Transportation
X	Anne Smith	Flint Hills aTa Bus
	Jeff Barnes	K-State Transportation Services

Non-Voting Members Present		
	Daniel Nguyen	Federal Highway Admin.
x	Kelley Paskow	Fort Riley
	Eva Steinman	Federal Transit Admin.
	Angela Schnee	City of Ogden
	Vacant	City of Grandview Plaza
	Ben Wheeler	City of St. George
x	Stephan Metzger	PT County Zoning

Staff Present		
x	Jared Tremblay	
x	Abigail Danner	

Members of the Public Present		
	Michael Wilson	Mobility Manager FHCTD

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- Ryne Dowling volunteered and was approved to serve as the temporary Chair, as the elected Chair and Vice Chairperson were not present. The meeting was called to order at called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

### 2. Public Comment Opportunity

- There were no public comments.

### 3. Staff Updates

- Jared Tremblay gave an update of the Transportation Demand Model, noting the consultant has received updated 2022 roadway shapefiles and TAZ edits. He stated the MPO will be reaching out to staffs to get updated traffic counts and any zoning changes updated since the comprehensive plans from 2017/18.

### 4. KDOT Update

- Ryne Dowling noted that with the newly confirmed Census data, KDOT will be working with MPOs to update Urban Area Boundaries (UABs) to align with new guidance and development. The deadline for KDOT to pass changes along is December 29, 2023.
- Jared Tremblay noted he had looked at the new UAB and based on a recent USDOT webinar there should be minor additions.
- Mr. Dowling noted KDOT wants to extend the UAB west to include the Camp Funston area of Ft. Riley so that the K-18 corridor which serves as an urban highway can be included.
- Stephan Metzger inquired about the proposed UAB adjustments. Jared Tremblay said he would send the updated UAB out for review.
- Mr. Dowling noted that one new ruling from the US Census Bureau is the Urban population threshold from 2,500 to 5,000. With this, KDOT recommends Wamego stay within the MPO as they no longer are classified as Urban.
- Mr. Dowling noted that KDOT is looking to increase the number of traffic counters set on locally owned roadways so as to have more accurate counts. KDOT would purchase the counters and then work with MPOs to implement counts. It is likely 2 or 3 would be housed by the MPO and loaned out to local departments for counts.
- Jared Tremblay inquired on the type of counters to be purchased and Mr. Dowling did not have information on this.
- Casey Frisbie noted that the box counters that attach to posts along the roadway are easy for staff to install.
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### 5. ACTION ITEM: Approve May 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Ken Stein noted the misspelling of Moody Road in Item 7. MPO Staff will correct the error.
- Ken Stein motioned for the approval of the minutes. Stephan Metzger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. ACTION ITEM:** Recommend approval of 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Jared Tremblay presented the new 2024 TIP. He noted that there are \$143 million of projects included. He noted the breakout of projects meeting regional and federal Performance Measures and those meeting EJ criteria (currently 31% of funding). Mr. Tremblay then went through the new project specific tables, showcasing the new, easier to read layout.
- Ryne Dowling asked about timing for the amendments. Mr. Tremblay noted the schedule at the end of the TIP, and noted the next update will begin in November with calls for projects.
- Ken Stein motioned to approve, and Stephan Metzger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jared Tremblay also noted the public comment regarding project X-17-2022, the I-70 and Taylor Road interchange. While he noted the inclusion of this project is a political one, and more inclined to Policy Board, he presented the 12 letters and dozens of signatures submitted to the MPO and KDOT requesting the removal of the project.
- Jared Tremblay stated he would forward all letters and signatures to KDOT for review.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- Jared Tremblay went through the proposed 2024 UPWP noting the projects to be included. He asked those present if they had any projects they would specifically like the MPO to add. None were mentioned.
- Jared Tremblay noted the UPWP will go before the Policy Board and be back for approval in November.

**8. Adjournment by Chair**

- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:43p

**Next meeting scheduled for September 6, 2023**