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Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 1:30 pm

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

Virtual:
Zoom meeting
Meeting ID: 919 154 6755

Voting Members Present		
	Jeremie Meyers	Geary Co. Public Works
X	Ray Ibarra (Chair)	City of Junction City
	Troy Livingston	Junction City/Geary County Zoning
	Nathan Bergman	Pottawatomie Co. Public Works
	Casey Frisbie	Wamego Public Works
X	Gregg Webster	Pottawatomie County Zoning
X	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
	Adrienne Tucker	K-State Planning

Non-Voting Members Present		
	Javier Ahumada	Federal Highway Admin.
X	Owen Washburn	Fort Riley
	Gerry Doyle	Federal Transit Admin.
	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	
Josh Gray – City of Junction City	

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

2. Public Comment Opportunity

- There were no public comments.

3. Staff Updates

- There were no staff updates.

4. KDOT Update

- Ryne Dowling stated that FHMPO's Q3 reimbursement has been approved.

5. **ACTION ITEM**: Approve July 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes
    - Anne Smith moved to approve the July 1, 2026 TAC meeting minutes. Ryne Dowling seconded. The motion passed 7-0-1 with John Adam abstaining.
6. **ACTION ITEM:** Recommend approval of the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7
    - Jared Tremblay introduced the amendment, which includes 4 new projects and year/cost changes to existing projects. The TIP includes funding for $197M of projects, with preservation and safety projects receiving the most funding.
    - Ryne Dowling moved to recommend approval of the 2026-2029 TIP Amendment #7. John Adam seconded. The motion passed.
7. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2027 Unified Planning Work Program
    - Jared Tremblay provided an overview of the 2027 UPWP, including major MPO projects and local match amounts. He noted that the Fort Riley Safe Passage rideshare program does involve CPG funds and does not require a local match.
        - John Adam asked what the public outreach process has looked like for the Big Blue River 2nd Connection Cost-Benefit Analysis.
            1. Jared Tremblay responded that FHMPO's main method of outreach for BBR2CCBA has been presenting the study's findings to the public at scheduled events. FHMPO has also attended local community events with informational boards about the study.
        - Karen Becker inquired about CPG funds.
            1. Jared Tremblay answered that CPG stands for Consolidated Planning Grant, which is the formula funding MPOs receive from Congress.
8. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Transportation Emissions Reduction Strategy (TERS) Funds
    - Jared Tremblay stated that though KDOT's TERS program is winding down, FHMPO still has $281,000 in funding that needs to be obligated before the ending of FFY 2026. Instead of issuing a call for projects, FHMPO is interested in leveraging the TERS funds as part of a larger project to build a new maintenance facility for ATA Bus in Junction City. This project would be a public-private partnership. Mr. Tremblay asked TAC members to state whether they had any concerns with this approach.
        - Anne Smith added that ATA Bus will also propose using some of the TERS funds for bus stop improvements in Junction City.
        - TAC members did not express any concerns. Jared Tremblay stated that FHMPO will bring the issue before Policy Board for further consideration.

    - Ryne Dowling added that having a plan to spend the TERS funding is important, since there is no guarantee that the program will continue in future years.
- Karen Becker asked when the next application period will be for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant.
    - Jared Tremblay answered that the call for projects will likely go out in early 2028.

9. Adjournment by Chair

- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for November 4, 2026