



## Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Policy Board Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2025

3:30 pm

In Person:

Auditorium  
Manhattan Public Library  
629 Poyntz Ave  
Manhattan, KS 66502

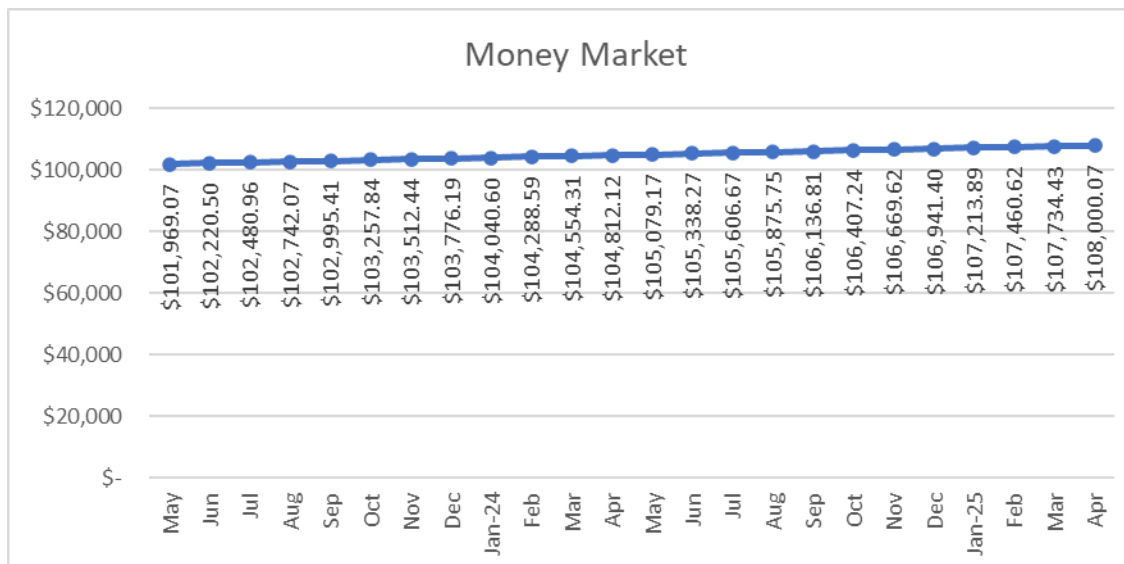
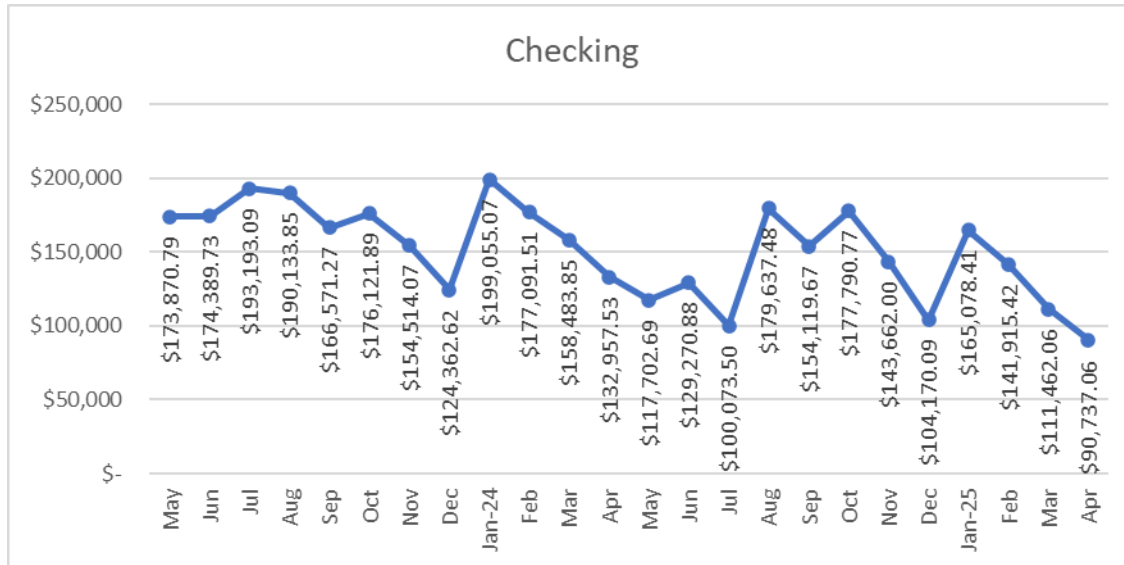
Virtual:

Zoom meeting  
Meeting ID: 919 154 6755  
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1. Welcome
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
3. Financial Update
  - As of 5.14.2025: \$84,657.85 in checking, \$108,000.07 in money market account
  - Monthly statement balances
4. Staff Updates
  - No July policy board meeting
5. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of April 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes
6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of May 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes
7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Connect 2040 Amendment #5
8. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Updates - US-24 Corridor Management Plan Update & 2<sup>nd</sup> Connection Cost-Benefit Analysis
  - MOU
  - Letter of Commitment
  - Timing & Schedule
9. Motion for Adjournment

**Next Meeting June 18, 2025, Manhattan Public Library**

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### Policy Board Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2025 3:30 pm

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 Groesbeck Room  
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 Manhattan, KS 66502

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
x	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
x	Mike Moriarty	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.
X	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		
	Desree Pettera	
	Randy Pettera	
	Ryne Dowling	KDOT

- Welcome
  - Meeting called to order at 3:37p.
- Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
  - No public comment.
- Financial Update
  - Jared Tremblay gave an overview of the accounts and monthly statements.
- Staff Updates
  - Jared Tremblay provided a status update on the US-24 interlocal agreement. FHMPO is looking to get the interlocal agreement sent to local jurisdictions in the next few months.
  - Jared Tremblay stated that there will be no Policy Board meeting for July. The May, June, and August meetings will still take place.

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5. KDOT Update:

- Mike Moriarty reported that the KDOT Area Engineer out of Wamego, Matt Mackeprang, will be relocating to KC. Dale Hershberger from Clay Center has also retired. There is no info on their replacement at this time, but KDOT will keep FHMPO posted on the local KDOT contact.
- Keith Ascher asked for an update from KDOT on the I-70 and K-18 interchange. He wanted to confirm whether bids are still due to go out in June/July, with construction beginning in Fall 2025.
  - Mike Moriarty confirmed that this is the most current information.
- Kelley Paskow stated that the Garrison Commander for Ft Riley traveled to Topeka and met with Joel Skelley and Robert Fuller from KDOT. They discussed future possible partnerships on projects between Ft Riley and KDOT.
  - Jared Tremblay inquired which types of projects were discussed.
    - Kelley Paskow answered that the projects mentioned included road repairs, maintenance, striping, and procuring materials for Ft Riley roads.
  - Keith Ascher asked if the Trooper Gate Bridge and/or Grant Avenue Bridge would be part of the conversation between KDOT and Ft Riley.
    - Kelley Paskow answered that since the bridges are on the Junction City side, they would not be included.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of 2025 UPWP Amendment #1

- Jared Tremblay described the updates in the amendment.
- Keith Ascher moved to approve and Peter Oppelt seconded. Motion passed.

8. **ACTION ITEM:** Special Meeting

- Jared Tremblay stated that there will be an emergency amendment to the TIP to include the Big Lakes Developmental Center Capital CRP funds. The amendment is currently out for public comment. The Policy Board will need to meet to approve the amendment between May 1 (when the required public comment period ends) and May 7 for the funding to be included in the STIP. Jared Tremblay will send out a poll for Policy Board members to indicate their availability.
- Peter Oppelt moved to approve the scheduling of the special meeting. Keith Ascher seconded.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2026 UPWP & Local Match estimate.

- Jared Tremblay presented FHMPO's 2026 planning priorities. He will be sending the 2026 budget estimate to jurisdictions soon so they can estimate their local match.
- Ryne Dowling asked if FHMPO will still be holding a UPWP meeting with KDOT.
  - Jared Tremblay confirmed that this meeting will take place next month.

10. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Connect 2050 Financials – Projected Inflation Rates

- Jared Tremblay presented inflation data from the past 20 years. FHMPO will use a projected inflation rate to determine fiscally constrained projects for Connect 2050.
- Keith Ascher and John Ford both suggested projecting inflation at 4% annually instead of the proposed 3% rate. The rest of the Policy Board members present agreed.

11. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2025 CPG Issues – 2025 & 2026 Budget

- Jared Tremblay stated that FHMPO received extra funds for 2025 due to an error in KDOT's calculations for CPG funding. He presented adjustments in the 2025 and 2026 budgets that will correct for this discrepancy.

12. Motion for Adjournment

- Peter Oppelt moved to adjourn. Keith Ascher seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

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### Policy Board Special Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2025

3:00 pm

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x	Mike Moriarty	KS Dept of Transportation
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#### Staff Present

x	Jared Tremblay	MPO
x	Abigail Danner	MPO

#### Guests Present

Ryne Dowling	KDOT

1. Welcome
  - Meeting called to order at 3:00p.
2. Public Comment Opportunity (for items not on the agenda)
  - No public comment.
3. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7
  - Jared Tremblay presented the amendment, which includes funding for the Big Lakes Developmental Center to replace buses that are past their useful life.
    - Keith Ascher asked to clarify the source of funding for the project.
    - Jared Tremblay responded that the project is funded by federal (CRP) and local dollars.
    - Ronna Larson moved to approve the amendment. Keith Ascher seconded. The motion passed.
4. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2025 Transportation Emissions Reduction Strategy (TERS) – Call for Projects.

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- Jared Tremblay reminded the Board that the 2025 KDOT TERS call for projects went out on April 28. The deadline for submission is July 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. Motion for Adjournment
- Ronna Larson moved to adjourn. Keith Ascher seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:07p.

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