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Policy Board Meeting Monday, October 20, 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		
	Keith Ascher	Geary County Commission
x	Mike Moriarty	KS Dept of Transportation
x	Susan Adamchak	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		
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 – KS Dept of Transportation	
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Randy Pettera	

- Welcome
 - Meeting called to order at 3:30p.
- 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, including revenue and major expenses. There is currently \$85,895.08 in checking and \$109,365.06 in the money market account. The supplemental agreement with KDOT has been finalized, allowing FHMPO to use carry-over funds from previous years.
 - Jared Tremblay also stated that invoices have been sent to the City of Manhattan, Riley County, and Pottawatomie County for their participation in the Big Blue River 2nd Connection Cost-Benefit Analysis Study. The consultant, Benesch, will bill FHMPO for the study.

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4. Staff Updates

- Jared Tremblay provided an update on the final phase of public outreach for *Connect 2050*, FHMPO's long-range plan. The MPO recently participated in Manhattan Third Thursday, speaking to over 80 people. In addition, FHMPO has completed or scheduled open-house events for Blue Township, Wamego, and Manhattan in October 2025. Two more open houses are planned for Junction City and St. George in November. Finally, FHMPO will host Transportation Trivia in Manhattan and St. George in November.

5. KDOT Update:

- Mike Moriarty stated that KDOT is now in its 3rd week of Local Consult meetings. KDOT will hold additional meetings in Kansas City and Salina in the coming weeks, with a statewide virtual meeting to conclude Local Consult on October 28th.
- Ryne Dowling confirmed that the supplemental agreement and CPG funding has been finalized through the end of FY 2025.
 - Jared Tremblay asked whether the the J Road Hill bridge repair project is running on schedule.
 - Ryne Dowling answered that the project was supposed to let in early April of 2025. There is currently no set construction date. Mr. Dowling offered to investigate the date further and inform FHMPO and the Board of his findings.
 - Jared Tremblay asked KDOT whether a date has been set for a potential kickoff event for the I-70/K-18 project.
 - Ryne Dowling responded that no date has been set for a kickoff event.

6. a. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the August 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- The August 20, 2025 minutes were revisited after being tabled last month due to insufficient votes. Ronna Larson moved to approve the August 20 minutes. Susan Adamchak seconded. The motion passed.

b. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the September 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- Ronna Larson abstained from voting as she was not present at the September 17th meeting. Without her vote, there were insufficient votes to reach quorum.
 - Ronna Larson moved to table the approval of the minutes to the November Policy Board meeting. Susan Adamchak seconded. The motion passed.

7. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1

- Jared Tremblay introduced the amendment. Junction City was awarded a cost-share grant for the Washington St (Trooper Gate) Bridge rehab. Construction will kick off in 2026 if approved in the TIP and STIP.
 - The Board asked for further details on what is included in the bridge rehab.

- Mike Moriarty will be forwarding a description of work for the project for FHMPO to share with the Board.
- Susan Adamchak and John Ford asked what is planned for the Miller Pkwy/Arbor Dr project listed in the TIP.
 - Jared Tremblay responded that the project is currently on hold, but that funds are still allocated.
- Susan Adamchak moved to approve the 2026–2029 TIP Amendment #1. Ronna Larson seconded. The motion passed.

8. **WORK SESSION:** Connect 2050

- Jared Tremblay introduced the projects and financials for *Connect 2050*. He went over the illustrative and fiscally constrained project lists and stated that a deeper overview of how projects are funded at the federal/state level is provided at the MPO's open houses.
- Abigail Danner reminded the Board that *Connect 2050* is currently available to view on FHMPO's website, with a public comment period beginning October 29th and ending November 29th.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2026 UPWP

- Jared Tremblay introduced the 2026 UPWP. He will be sending it to Policy Board members within the month for their review.
 - John Ford requested that the UPWP be sent to staff overseeing budgets at local jurisdictions. Jared Tremblay answered that he will send the UPWP to staff as well.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Planning Manager Compensation

- John Ford moved to enter a 10-minute executive session at 4:08p. Susan Adamchak seconded. Non-voting members, guests, and the FHMPO Transportation Planner were required to leave the room.
- John Ford moved to exit the executive session at 4:18. Susan Adamchak seconded.
- John Ford moved to recommend that the Policy Board act according to the consensus reached in the executive session. Ronna Larson seconded.

11. Motion for Adjournment

- Susan Adamchak moved to adjourn the meeting. John Ford seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20p.

Next Meeting November 19, 2025, Manhattan Public Library