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**Technical Advisory Committee  
 Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm**

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

*Virtual:*  
 Zoom meeting  
 Meeting ID: 919 154 6755

Voting Members Present		
X	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	Cameron Matthews	Wamego Zoning
X	Amanda Webb	Riley County Planning
	Karen Becker (Vice-Chair)	Manhattan Public Works
	John Ellerman	Riley County Public Works
X	Ben Chmiel	Manhattan Community Development
X	Eleanor Matheis	Kansas Dept. of Transportation
X	Kazi Jahan	Flint Hills ATA Bus
X	Lisa Johnson	K-State Planning

Non-Voting Members Present		
	Daniel Nguyen	Federal Highway Admin.
	Owen Washburn	Fort Riley
	Eva Steinman	Federal Transit Admin.
x	Angela Schnee	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	

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

- Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

**2. Public Comment Opportunity**

- There were no public comments.

**3. Staff Updates**

- Jared Tremblay noted projects recently completed; Wamego Sidewalk Master Plan, currently being worked on; Connect 2050, EV Readiness Plan, and those in the future; US-24 Corridor update.

**4. KDOT Update**

- Eleanor Matheis noted the KDOT Safety Conference April 15-17 in Topeka.

**5. ACTION ITEM: Approve January 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

- Cameron Matthews motioned and Eleanor Matheis seconded. Motion passed unanimously

**6. ACTION ITEM: Recommend approval of Amendment #2 of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- Jared Tremblay noted the only change was for KDOT project C-5231-01 (Old Milford Bridge Replacement) which had a cost reduction. Upon approval of the TIP KDOT will make changes to the STIP and the project will move forward.
- Lisa Johnson moved and Cameron Matthews seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. ACTION ITEM: Recommend approval of 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2**

- Jared Tremblay gave an update of the changes, mainly the adjustment of funds by item (1.0, 2.0, & 3.0) based on hours worked and funds spent over the first two months of the year. He noted there is no change to the overall budget or local match.
- Cameron Matthews moved to approve and Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. DISCUSSION ITEM: Preservation – Transit Performance Measures**

- Abigail Danner presented the updated data for the region's pavement and bridge condition. She noted numerous measures are off target, although most slightly.
- Jared Tremblay noted that the Interstate pavement conditions should improve following the current construction.

**9. DISCUSSION ITEM: Regional growth projections**

- Jared Tremblay presented on forecasted population data in regards to Connect 2050, and how while there has been growth in the last 30 years, the last 10 have been basically stagnant, with JC and Manhattan losing population. He

questioned why future projections are so high in comparison with the USA as a whole, despite the region underperforming the USA the last 30 years.

- Lisa Johnson asked how the data obtained from the Wichita State University – Center for Economic Development & Business Research takes into account factors such as NBAF, Fort Riley, and K-State.
- Jared Tremblay replied that he wasn't sure, but he believed they did, as the data is a standard and widely used.

#### **10. Adjournment by Chair**

- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:34p

**Next meeting scheduled for April 3, 2024**