

US-24 Corridor Committee Meeting - Minutes

Friday, August 4, 2023

Joint Maintenance Facility

1000 Levee Drive, Manhattan, KS

Introductions

Jared Tremblay – FHMPPO	Abigail Danner – FHMPPO	David Seitz – KDOT
Matt Mackeprang – KDOT	Gregg Webster – PT County	Stephan Metzger – PT County
Ken Stein – City of Wamego	Judd McCormack – City of StG	Doug Adams – PT Co. Sheriff
Shane Jager – PT Co. Sheriff	Nathan Bergman – PT County	Eric Reid – USD 383
Robert Ott – City of MHK	Stephanie Peterson – City of MHK	Ryan Rindt – KDOT
Carla Anderson - KDOT		

Recent & Current Projects:

1. Mill and overlay with shoulder expansion
 2. Levee Drive Intersection
 3. Black Jack Creek Bridge replacement
 4. Columbian Road Signal
 5. Flush Road Safety Study
 - Carla Anderson stated this report is being finalized and reviewed. The report should be shared in the next weeks to month. KDOT will distribute it to Matt Mackeprang, who will forward it on to the MPO, who in turn will send out to TAC and the US-24 Corridor Committee for their review.
 - Carla noted that the top recommendations include R-Cuts/J-Cuts and median U-turns.
 - Judd McCormack, asked a series of questions, and expressed some concern.
 - The US-24 Corridor Study proposed a fully separated intersection; however, it was noted the development since the study has resulted in reduced land and ROW. Matt Mackeprang suggested that if an interchange were installed, these restrictions could be solved by having the highway re-constructed to narrow near Flush Road by utilizing the median (effectively removing the median), which would also allow for a shorter and less costly bridge.
- Jared Tremblay gave an overview of PowerPoint slides showing US-24 Corridor Study plates with completed projects from TCB to Excel Rd

Upcoming Projects:

1. Excel Road Intersection
 - Nathan Bergman & City of MHK staff confirmed that this project will be contingent on Scorpius development. Current plan is that the project will be underway in 2024/25. David

Seitz noted the project could be eligible for the Cost Share program, and suggested applying for the grant funds when ready.

2. KDOT Safety Corridor Pilot Program

Link to program overview <https://www.ksdot.gov/bureaus/burTrafficSaf/safetycorridor.asp>

- Carla Anderson, KDOT State Highway Safety Engineer, discussed KDOT's new program which has identified US-24 from Manhattan to Topeka as one of four Safety Corridors. She noted the initial phases looked at crash data, which is available via a dashboard on the website.

US-24 Corridor Plan Review:

1. Link to plan document & Plates

https://www.ksdot.gov/Assets/wwwksdotorg/bureaus/burTransPlan/AccessMgt/projectsandstudies/US-24-CM-Plan_PT_Co_2009.pdf

2. Plan update

- Upon information upon the timing of completion of the East Manhattan Gateway Plan and the Flush Road Study, and potential Scorpion development, the group agreed that 2026 would be the appropriate time to move forward with a new Corridor Study
- David Seitz noted the local Cities and Counties should submit a written request in January of 2025 to KDOT to update the plan. He stated he believed the plan would be eligible for a cost share, with similar recent plans having an 80/20 split.

New Business:

1. East Manhattan Gateway Plan

- Stephanie Peterson gave an overview of the City's plan goals, including updates to comprehensive plans, etc. She noted the plan will be completed in 2025.
- Robb Ott noted the plan will also look at Transportation, Water, Stormwater, and Wastewater capacities and issues.

2. The committee discussed