



**Citizen Advisory Committee**  
**July 20, 2010**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Brentwood Recreational Complex**  
**2505 Brentwood Blvd**  
**Brentwood, MO**

Attendance

Members

Shana Albright  
Jennifer Ash  
Stephanie Co  
Gary Crews  
John D'Agostino  
Joe Gallo  
David Gipson  
Karen Karabell  
J. Donovan Larson  
Chris Linneman  
Rob Mosbey  
Robert Maltby  
Benjamin Niesen  
Gerry Noll  
Wes Ridgeway  
Shelley Smith  
Romona Taylor Williams  
Seth Teel  
Joe Torrisi  
Larry Welty  
Jeremy Wolfmeyer  
Sarah Worthington  
Benjamin Zalasky

Project Sponsor and Core Partners:

Todd Antoine, Deputy Director for Planning, Great Rivers Greenway  
Carey Bundy, Project Manager, Great Rivers Greenway  
Laura Ellen, Missouri Department of Transportation  
Mike Murray, GRG Board

In Partnership With:

East West Gateway  
Council of  
Governments

St. Charles County

St. Louis City

St. Louis County

METRO

MoDOT

St. Louis Regional  
Bicycle Federation

Trailnet

#### Project Team:

Paul Wojciechowski, Project Manager, CH2MHill  
Beth Quindry, Public Engagement, Shockey Consulting  
Julie Padberg-White, Public Engagement, FPA Group

#### **Welcome and Update on Project Activities**

Paul Wojciechowski welcomed everyone and presented information on activities to date and what will be coming up with Phase 2 (see *CAC 3 PowerPoint and Municipal Survey Report*).

Romona Taylor Williams asked whether the BMP effort was connecting with the HUD Sustainability Planning Grant initiative at East-West Gateway. She also noted the plan needs to cross racial boundaries to be successful. Stereotypes for bicyclists are a concern, because of those who rely on it for transportation. The project team agreed. Todd Antoine said he was familiar with the HUD initiative and mentioned that he and Paul would be presenting an update to bicycle pedestrian committee at East West Gateway in August.

#### **Vision, Goals and Objectives Discussion**

Beth Quindry facilitated discussion of CAC members on vision statements and goals introduced and discussed at the May meeting.

#### **Vision Statement Discussion**

Two statements were presented for discussion, one from the TAC and one from the CAC. In a show of hands vote, CAC members preferred the CAC statement 13 to 7. Discussion followed. Below are each of the statements, with pros and cons for each:

##### CAC Vision Statement

The St. Louis region will have a transportation network that accommodates all users.

Pros – it is simple/would be easy to remember, it is high level and offers a big picture perspective that can capture all the different agencies that must work together on the bike plan, it represents Complete Streets philosophy, it is more “visionary”- something to work toward that is challenging but achievable

Cons – all users may be too vague, bicycling should be mentioned specifically; the lack of specificity could lead some in St. Charles County and elsewhere to think “here comes Metrolink again,” others may think we are focused on accessibility issues

##### TAC Vision Statement

The St. Louis region will offer bicyclists of all skill levels a network that fosters connectivity and multi-modal travel.

Pros – specific to bikes

Cons – being specific to bikes may be scary to some, “multi-modal” is too jargon-y, statement is not as “visionary”/too technical, saying “all skill levels” isn’t necessary

Other general issues: what do we mean by St. Louis region, are we developing a vision for the plan or for biking.

Revised statement offered for further evaluation:

The BMP will develop the bicycle component of a regional transportation network that accommodates all users.

### **Goals and Objectives**

Next, goals and objectives were reviewed. By a show of hands (with the number of fingers shown representing the level of support – 5 being very supportive, 0 being not at all supportive), the CAC unanimously approved (with everyone indicating they were very supportive) of the goals/objectives developed during the previous meeting (see *Goals and Objectives Handout*).

Goals and objectives were then reviewed to ensure a common understanding and allow for additional comments. Comments included:

- Enforcement by police is critical for success – police officers need to be trained and empowered to regulate behavior of both cyclists and motorists
- Education is critical for success – users need to be educated as well as the driving public; staff of implementing agencies also need to be trained; education needs to be culturally sensitive in both content and distribution
- One member commented that as written, the goals will be difficult to quantify. Beth Quindry agreed and stated that more refinement would be needed before performance measures were developed.

### **Draft Network Review and Comment**

CAC members reviewed the draft bicycle network. They were asked to comment on where they would like to go on their bikes so the study team could evaluate the draft network's ability to accommodate their needs. At the conclusion of the meeting, Todd Antoine asked the group how they felt about the network in general. Comments were positive. Specific suggestions for the network follow as recorded by CAC members on the maps themselves and note sheets.

#### **Map 1 (St. Charles/Chesterfield):**

- A route is needed to Augusta and Defiance.
- Add high schools
- Add bike shops/wheel sports
- Add YMCA's, recreation centers.
- Add business parks (MasterCard, Research Park, Citi)
- Add Family Arena to destinations.

- Ohmes Road connects to Woodlands Sports Park
- Indian Camp Creek Park
- Alligator's Park
- Lakeside 370 Park
- Mueller Field
- RSC and YMCA along Route K
- Wal Mart Shopping area at Rte. N and I-64
- Dardenne Prairie town Center at Rte. N and Hanley Road
- Add Interstate Drive West of Rte, 61
- Use parallel routes instead of Rte. K/Rte. M at I-70
- Spencer Road is a great route south of Mexico, and N/O I-70
- Use all of Mexico Road.
- Executive Center parkway is better than the outer roads of I-70.
- Elm point extension to Spencer.
- Some roads are 20' two lane roads. Need shoulders before they are in the system.
- Ehlmann/Industrial Drive turns into Executive Parkway and is great alternative to Zumbel.
- Stay off Zumbel from Mexico through the I-70 Interchange.
- Park E/O Upper Bottom Road and Rte. 364.
- Hemsath over Pralle, plus Backstone and Shear Parkway to connect to Friedens.
- Fairgrounds Road is a great bike road from Friedens to Rte. 94.

**Map 2 (North City and County):**

- Forest Park
- Katy Trail
- Airport
- Major Employers - Emerson, Boeing, Gov. Records Center, Monsanto
- Universities – Wash. U., UMSL, Flo. Valley
- Old Chain of Rocks Road
- Parks

- Metrolink
- Riverfront Trail
- Delmar Loop
- Old town St. Charles
- Ferry Boats – Mississippi and Missouri Rivers
- Grafton
- Met Trails
- Old North St. Louis
- Downtown Business Districts
- Access to major attractions like the Muni, Zoo, Mary Meacham Crossing
- Shopping districts
- Adjoining jurisdictions
- Direct route needed from North County to Great River Road
- Sunset Park
- Old Towne Florissant
- Old Ferguson
- Maline Greenway
- Chain of Rocks Bridge
- Bellefontaine Home
- Confluence

**Map 3 (South City and County):**

- A safe well designed way to get to Grant’s Trail at Hoffmeister to Union Road.
- South Grand Business District
- Carondelet Park to Shrewsbury Metrolink connection.
- Downtown Kirkwood
- Downtown Webster Groves
- Manchester Grove District
- Ability to ride from Benton Park through Tower Grove to Shaw and the Hill W/o fear of life on streets.

- Jefferson Barracks Park
- Delmar Loop
- Old North Business District
- Skinker north of U. City and the Loop.
- Unger Park
- West Pine is a great route and better than on Lindell from Kingshighway to E/O Compton
- Crown Candy
- Cornerstone Café

**Map 4 (West County):**

- Creve Coeur Park
- Babler State Park
- Page Avenue Extension Bridge to connect to St. Charles trailheads
- Castlewood State Park
- Bowles at I-44 Business Area and Fenton City Park
- Need bridge from Chubb to Castlewood.
- Add Ridge Road
- St. Paul?
- Need to add Barrett Station N/O Dougherty ferry
- Fountains at Clarkson and Clayton is a lifestyle center.
- Wildwood Town Center
- Barrier is the Missouri going from Chesterfield to St. Charles along I-64

**Meeting Wrap Up/Discussion of Upcoming Project Activities**

Beth Quindry thanked everyone for coming. She mentioned the joint CAC/TAC meeting scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend. Details regarding location and time will be sent once they are available.

Beth asked the group whether they would be willing to travel to other locations in the metro for meetings in the future. She mentioned West County or St. Charles County.

The group was open to moving meetings around to different locations but requested that meeting locations be transit accessible. One member suggested the possibility of carpooling and several others (both riders and drivers) said they would be willing to carpool. Beth agreed to identify locations that were transit accessible.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.