



## Technical Advisory Committee Meeting One

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Meeting 1: March 25, 2010  
 Time: 1:15 – 3:30 PM  
 Location: The Heights, 800 Dale Avenue

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#### Attendees:

<b>Jennifer Allen</b>	Trailnet	<b>Rachael Pawlak</b>	EWGCOG
<b>Steve Bender</b>	O'Fallon	<b>Bryan Pearl</b>	City of Maryland Heights
<b>Gerald Brown</b>	Sunset Hills	<b>Mark Phillips</b>	Metro
<b>Tim Brunzman</b>	Richmond Heights	<b>Terry Rigdon</b>	City of Lake St. Louis
<b>Kevin Corwin</b>	City of St. Charles	<b>Don Roe</b>	City of St. Louis
<b>Laura Ellen</b>	MoDOT	<b>Bill Schwer</b>	City of Ellisville
<b>John Greifzu</b>	St. Charles County	<b>Mariela Tapi</b>	City of University City
<b>John Kohler</b>	City of St. Louis	<b>Ryan Thomas</b>	Wildwood
<b>Ann Lamitoli</b>	Sunset Hills	<b>Helen Yane</b>	City of St. Louis
<b>Craig Mueller</b>	Richmond Heights	<b>Michael Zeltmann</b>	St. Louis County
<b>Terry O'Neill</b>	City of Ferguson		
<b>Gary Padhorsky</b>	St. Charles Co.		

#### TEAM Attendees:

<b>Paul Wojciechowski</b>	CH2M Hill	<b>Julie Padberg-White</b>	Vantage now FPA Group
<b>Peter Lagerwey</b>	Toole Design Group	<b>Beth Quindry</b>	Shockey Consulting

#### GRG Attendees:

<b>Todd Antoine</b>	GRG	<b>Carey Bundy</b>	GRG
<b>Patrick Owens</b>	GRG	<b>Susan Trautman</b>	GRG
<b>Lonny</b>	GRG	<b>Janet Wilding</b>	GRG



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#### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting was brought to order and introductions were given by:

- Paul Wojciechowski, Project Manager, CH2M Hill
- Susan Trautman, Executive Director, GRG
- Todd Antoine, Deputy Director of Planning, GRG

#### **2. Agenda Review / Brief House Keeping Notes / Meeting Ground Rules**

- Paul Wojciechowski, Project Manager, CH2M Hill
- Julie Padberg-White, FPA Group

#### **3. Group Introductions**

Each attendee was asked to stand and introduce themselves, state what municipality or organization they represent and to offer one item they would like to get from the Regional Bicycle Master Plan. The results were recorded on a flip chart and are as follows, Ranked from most repeated to less repeated:

- i. Cross –Government / Inter-Government Collaboration for Network consistency
- ii. Will be Built, Implementable
- iii. Inter-Connectivity
- iv. Identify future routes and prioritize
- v. Create Regional Standards
- vi. Communicate to Government Officials the Benefits of the plan, communicate and sell to officials
- vii. Connections between on & off street facilities and between incorporated and unincorporated areas (how to connect those nodes)
- viii. Implementable into existing
- ix. Tie to multiple modes of transportations
- x. More bikeability
- xi. Keep the Streets Dept. happy

#### **4. Regional Bicycle Master Plan Project History**

Power Point presentation presented by Peter Lagerwey , Toole Design Group and Paul Wojciechowski, CH2M Hill.



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#### 5. **Capturing Goals & Objectives Work Session**

Julie Padberg-White introduced the work session and distributed note collection forms to the facilitators. The attendees were broken into four groups and provided a group facilitator to help lead the discussion and to take notes.

**Question 1:** *Have you installed or been involved with the installation of bicycle facilities in your community?*

- Use existing shoulders for bike facilities
- Evaluate projects
- Ped and Bike Master Planning
- St. Peters / Cottleville / St. Charles Co. have separate bike facilities
- St. Charles City shared use paths
- Adding bike lanes, resurfacing, shared-use paths-took sidewalks out.
- Evaluate Enhancement
- Bicycle / Pedestrian master planning
- Partnered on facility upgrades, multi-use project
- Incorporates into most projects or in enhancement projects
- Involved in some off-road facilities
- Incorporation of bike racks on multi-modal facilities
- Share the Road signage on Collectors,
- No Funds available to pay for facilities and maintenance

*If not, has it been considered? If not, why not?*

- Management opposition ✓
- Elected officials not interested ✓
- No money for maintenance ✓
- Yes, have a plan in place but have yet to implement

**Question 2:** *Name three goals for the Master Plan.*

- Improve **interconnectivity**, including off-road to on-road and greenways ✓✓✓✓
- Consistent **Standards**, uniformity, continuity of design ✓✓✓✓
- Destination **accommodations**
- Established Planning Strategy - Coordination ✓
- **Implementable** Plan (Give People the Tools?) ✓✓
- **Funding** Sources
- Higher understanding for the **reason for the plan - educate**
- Improved **Collaboration - Inter-Gov't Cooperation** ✓



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- Improve **transit connections**
- Maintain the plan...**Maintenance Plan**
- **Prioritize** the projects ✓
- **Safe biking** for children.
- **Improve safety**
- Plan for **diversity of cyclists and destinations**
- **Comprehensive Network**
- **Increase in Users** of multiple age groups, especially younger than 16
- **One Document** that incorporates all plans, ensures connectivity between communities
- **Increase accessibility**
- **Maintenance**
- **Signage** that users know they are on a bike facility, and the same signage
- **Feasibility** of providing improvements

**Question 3:** *Name three outcomes you would like to see in your community as a result of the Master Plan.*

- Increased Safety
- Consideration of Cycling facilities in new construction
- Strong, high level of, political support ✓
- Coordination Between of road and bike paths
- New Development/Construction which must enhance the network
- Standard creation of a usable/user friendly network; design, signage & amenities
- Reduction in vehicular miles traveled
- Availability of Multi-modal travel options
- Residents to see trails as safe & healthy option
- Expand on what we already have (St. Louis City)
- Better connections to destinations
- Raise funding for maintenance
- Link facilities to neighborhood communities
- Adoption / Incorporation of relevant parts of the plan into municipal codes/ ordinances
- Constituent support
- Ongoing outreach /Advocacy
- Implemented facilities
- Improved facilities ✓
- Cities to provide healthy living environments



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- Bicycles considered as part of the transportation system
- Lack of funds for maintenance translates into lack of support of bike plan from municipality

#### **Question 4:** *What would you like to gain from being a part of the TAC?*

- Collaboration ✓
- Resources, understanding resources ✓
- Commitment level
- Promotion of alternative modes of transportation
- Getting to know different agencies and City Structures
- Level of Commitment in other Cities
- Being part of a growing movement towards a better biking region
- Promote the goals of the plan
- Cultural change to be Bicycle / Pedestrian friendly
- User Group understanding
- The Plan itself, supported by committee members
- Understanding information from MoDot perspective
- Technical aspects
- Networking with other agencies and advocates
- Education
- Be more informed about rules / regulations
- Be a part of planning from the beginning, not just involved when it's time to maintain ✓
- Be able to Properly train personnel
- Educating public works personnel ✓
- Prioritization of all projects
- Stay informed on possible facility funding for bike/ped improvements
- Be able to influence decisions by using experience / background
- Ability to Input
- PW involved up front in planning and implementation
- Adjust trigger lights to accommodate people on bikes
- Ownership of Road conflict which prevents facility connectivity



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**Question 5:** *Are there any other comments you would like to mention?*

- It's about time
- Maintenance or other modifications may be warranted due to increased facilities and bicycle users
- Bike racks
- Opportunity to influence decisions
- Chance to share my 2 cents
- Coordination between all agencies that have jurisdiction over the roads throughout and within the city

**6. Session Wrap - Up**

Julie Padberg-White had each group report out on their top answers to the questions.

The Summary is as follows:

	Rank	Answer
<b>Question 1</b>		The strong majority of attendees reported that their municipalities had incorporated bicycle facilities into project plans
<b>If Not, Why not</b>		
		Management
		Politically no support or interest
		No funding
<b>Question 2</b>		
	1	Interconnectivity between municipalities & between on / off road facilities
	2	Consistent and uniform standards throughout the region
	3	Implementable
<b>Question 3</b>		
		Building relationships with other agencies and advocates
		Improved Political Support
		Improved facilities
<b>Question 4</b>		
		Collaboration / Networking
		Public Works involved from the beginning



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The session was brought to an end by Paul Wojciechowski and Todd Antoine.