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## **ASCE October Meeting Minutes**

Speakers: David Seitz – KDOT Special Projects Manager, Michael Bailey – Gannett Fleming TranSystems Assistant VP, Les Mangus – City of Andover Director of Community Development

Topic: KDOT Access Management and Corridor Program

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Location: Wichita Advanced Learning Library

 711 W 2nd St N

 Wichita, KS 67203

Vice-President Macee Crowell called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and opened with announcements.

**Announcements**

* Hands on engineering will be happening each month and we are looking for a volunteer for October 5th.

Vice-President Macee Crowell introduced the speakers: David Seitz, who is a Special Projects Manager for KDOT, Michael Bailey, who is an Assistant VP at Gannett Fleming TranSystems, and Les Mangus, who is the Director of Community Development at the City of Andover.

**Presentation Notes**

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The presenters opened with KDOT’s Corridor Management program. According to KDOT, the “Corridor Management set-aside program was created to address the growing need for KDOT, cities, and counties to jointly manage transportation corridors, particularly in high-growth developing areas.” Both the Andover Founder’s Parkway project, located in Andover, and the K-254 project, located between Wichita and El Dorado, are being developed under the Corridor Program. The program provides funding on a rolling basis for both planning and construction projects; planning projects follow KDOT Planning Instruments and District Access Management plans and construction projects must also be located in these areas. Planning projects have a local cost-share, whereas construction projects have a $2 million maximum. More information about KDOT’s Access Management policies, applications and permits, planning instruments, and programs can be found here: [default.asp (ksdot.gov)](https://www.ksdot.gov/accessmanagement/)

The second section of the presentation was about the US-54/400 East Kellogg corridor. The master plan MOU for this corridor was first formed in 1999 and has driven development to the present day. This corridor is the “most significant east-west corridor in south central Kansas” and it facilitates several thousand trips per day. Most of these trips are Butler County workers commuting to Sedgwick County, but several thousand are also students commuting between Andover and Wichita. The Kellogg/US-54 expansion project has two phases; Phase 1 (K-96 to Onewood Drive) is in the engineering and right-of-way acquisition phase and Phase 2 (Onewood Dr. to Prairie Creek Road) is in the engineering phase.

The US-54/400 Corridor Study recommended that US-54/400 be a freeway with backage roads. The Founder’s Parkway backage road was planned and developed in conjunction with several intersection improvements and signalizations along the corridor. The intersection modifications were constructed between 2006 and the present day; Founder’s Parkway construction began around 2022 and will continue through the next couple years.

The Founder’s Parkway project contains three phases: Phase 1 has been completed but has not yet opened, Phase 2 was just bid and will be completed in 2025, and Phase 3 is in preliminary design. Phase 1 begins at Onewood Drive and continues around Green Valley Apartments, a planned residential development. Phase 2 begins at Green Valley Apartments and continues east to Andover Road. Phase 2 contained some unique right-of-way challenges, including the purchases of a Day’s Inn and a Braum’s restaurant. Phase 3 will connect to an already built section near Heritage Square. The section near Heritage Square features landscaping, pedestrian access, and other aesthetic components. Interestingly, the Heritage Square building is *podium construction*, which is a-typical for Kansas. The building features parking and commercial businesses on the ground floor and residences on the upper floors.

Finally, the presenters discussed the K-254 Corridor Management Plan. This plan includes 22 miles of K-254 from the west side of Wichita to El Dorado. The plan extends to include one mile on each side of the highway. The goal of the plan is to “establish future land development and access management approaches that serve the communities while keeping traffic moving efficiently and safely.” The plan includes short term improvements such as Restricted Crossing U-turns (RCUTs), acceleration and deceleration lanes, pavement markings, rumble strips, and lighting. The plan also includes long-term improvements such as interchanges, overpasses, intersection closures, and frontage roads. Many of the planned interchanges are diamond interchanges. The K-254 Corridor Management Plan is currently under review by the public through a series of open-house style meetings. The next step will be finishing the plan with the final recommendations. More information about the K-254 Corridor Management Plan, including videos and details from previous public meetings, can be found at the project website: [K-254 Corridor Management Plan - KDOT IKE Program (ksdot.gov)](https://ike.ksdot.gov/k-254-corridor)

**Meeting Attendees**

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| 1 | Shane | Albritton | 31 | Matthew | Haug |
| 2 | Makenzie | Allen | 32 | Jeff | Herlocker |
| 3 | Mike | Armour | 33 | Julianne | Kallman |
| 4 | Eric | Armstrong | 34 | Kyle | Kerns |
| 5 | Debra | Ary | 35 | Derek | Kratzer |
| 6 | Allison | Atkinson | 36 | Steve | Lackey |
| 7 | Tim | Aziere | 37 | Brett | Letkowski |
| 8 | Gregory | Baalman | 38 | Dmitry | Lomachenko |
| 9 | Travis | Bailey | 39 | Ky | Louanghaksaphone |
| 10 | Don | Basken | 40 | Ben | Mabry |
| 11 | Jeff | Bell | 41 | Jesse  | Madsen |
| 12 | Scott | Bernhardt | 42 | Dakota | McKee |
| 13 | Sangeeta | Bhattacharjee | 43 | Daniel | Mealiff |
| 14 | Jeff | Bradley | 44 | Logan | Mills |
| 15 | Maisy | Brouillette | 45 | David | Navarro |
| 16 | Mark | Buckingham | 46 | Ron | Nuessen |
| 17 | Mariela | Carrera-Piedra | 47 | John | Oswald |
| 18 | David | Casebeer | 48 | Tia | Raamot |
| 19 | Paul | Cater | 49 | Behrooz  | Rahbar |
| 20 | Colin | Costley | 50 | Garrett | Reed |
| 21 | Macee | Crowell | 51 | Jessica | Rhein |
| 22 | Tyler | Dehn | 52 | Drake | Sawyer |
| 23 | Slade | Engstrom | 53 | Kristy | Skaggs |
| 24 | Scott | Evans | 54 | Jessica | Slavik |
| 25 | Ahmad  | Farraj | 55 | Mike | Thompson |
| 26 | Alan | Farrington | 56 | Mike | Thompson |
| 27 | Harlan  | Foraker | 57 | Tyler | Ummel |
| 28 | Traci | Grant | 58 | David | Seitz |
| 29 | Derek | Hake | 59 | Michael | Bailey |
| 30 | Justin | Harris | 60 | Les | Mangus |

Meeting adjourned by Vice-President Macee Crowell at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Allison Atkinson.