



From City Council meeting . . . to Business Council MEMBERS ONLY

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Note: As a reminder, the notes below represent topics that, in my judgement, might be of interest to the business community. It does not include everything that was on the agenda.

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## **Overview**

There were no significant items on the Regular Agenda. Most of the meeting was devoted to various Discussion Item update reports. Of greatest interests is probably the Bicycle Master Plan update. See below.

## **Reminder:**

Every business in North Kansas City has two City Council representatives. The ward division lines run north and south from the Missouri River to the northern city limits. Don't hesitate to reach out to them concerning any issues you have that involve the City.

Mayor and City Council representatives:

Bryant DeLong – Mayor

- Tabitha Todd – Ward 1
- Anthony Saper – Ward 1
- Lisa Tull – Ward 2
- Jesse Smith – Ward 2
- Connor Fitzgerald – Ward 3
- Linda Alvarez – Ward 3
- Amie Clarke – Ward 4
- Katie Stokes – Ward 4

## **Discussion Items**

### **Bicycle Master Plan Update**

Although several bicycle-related projects have been proposed and some research and planning has occurred only the Burlington Complete Streets project has MoDOT approval to move forward. And construction for that is discouraged until after the opening of the new Buck O'Neill Bridge in late 2024.

MoDOT considerations are dependent on the final recommendations of the I-29/I-35/US 169 PEL (Planning and Environmental Linkages) study. Among other things that project is likely to recommend widening I-29/I-35 by one lane each way from the Bond Bridge to the I-29/I-35 split.

**Scenario 5**  
 Highway Mainline Capacity + Focus Interchanges Improvement Lite + Complementary Alternatives



Includes an additional lane in each direction for the limits shown, plus limited interchange improvements

**Scenario 6**  
 Highway Mainline Capacity + Focus Interchanges Improvement Full Build + Complementary Alternatives



Includes an additional lane in each direction for the limits shown, plus rebuilding the focus interchanges plus complementary alternatives.

**Scenario 7**  
 Highway Mainline Capacity + Focus Interchanges Improvement Full Build + Consolidated/ Eliminated Access + Complementary Alternatives



Includes an additional lane in each direction for the limits shown, plus rebuilding the focus interchanges plus complementary alternatives. Some ramps may be eliminated or consolidated to improve highway mobility, but local mobility will be maintained.

**Preliminary PEL Recommendation**

Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7
<p>Highway Mainline Capacity +            Focus Interchanges Improvement Lite +            Complementary Alternatives</p>	<p>Highway Mainline Capacity +            Focus Interchanges Improvement Full Build +            Complementary Alternatives</p>	<p>Highway Mainline Capacity +            Focus Interchanges Improvement Full Build + Consolidated/            Eliminated Access +            Complementary Alternatives</p>
<p>Specific corridor recommendations will be identified in the NEPA phase</p>		

				<b>budget</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>budget</b>	
Burlington I (east) – Cycle Track	MoDOT	protected bike lanes/ shared use path/ landscape	engineering/ design/ ROW acquisition	FY2023	Buck O’Neil Bridge/ Christopher Bond Bridge	Buck O’Neil: Reopen around Oct. 2024/ Bond bridge: Sep. 2023	Move forward
Burlington II (west)	MoDOT	widening sidewalk/ landscape	engineering/ design	FY2023 FY2025	Buck O’Neil Bridge/ Christopher Bond Bridge	Buck O’Neil: Reopen around Oct. 2024/ Bond bridge: Sep. 2023	Consult with MoDOT
Burlington III (median)	MoDOT	landscape	engineering/ design	FY2023 FY2025	Buck O’Neil Bridge/ Christopher Bond Bridge	Buck O’Neil: Reopen around Oct. 2024/ Bond bridge: Sep. 2023	Consult with MoDOT
14 <sup>th</sup> Ave/Diamond Pkwy Shared Use Path	MoDOT/ Private/ Railroad	shared use path	Planning-current	FY2025	PEL	N/A	Consult with MoDOT
E/W Connection	MoDOT/ NKC	shared use path	Planning-complete	N/A	PEL/ Resurfacing 210	N/A 2025	Consult with MoDOT
Riverfront Levee Trail	MoDOT/ NKC	shared use path	Planning-current	N/A	PEL	N/A	Consult with MoDOT
Multi-County Barrier Removal/Hillside Levee Trail	MoDOT/ NKC/ KCMO/ Riverside	protected bike lanes/ shared use path	Planning-current	N/A	3 bridge rehabilitation projects on Route 9	2025	Consult with MoDOT

Staff will continue to work with MoDOT on results from the said PEL study, which would largely impact the City. Meanwhile, staff recommends the City reprioritize projects recommended by the Bike Master Plan. A list of other projects that could be considered are shown below:

- 18<sup>th</sup> Ave Streetscape project – from Burlington to Iron;
- 32 Ave shared use path – from Burlington/N Oak to Howell;
- Iron Street shared use path – from Armour to 18<sup>th</sup> Ave;
- Howell Street shared use path North – from 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave to Clark Ferguson Dr;
- Howell Street shared use path South – from Ferguson Dr to Armour;
- Hospital Campus share use path – follow Clay Edwards Dr from Vernon St to Walker Rd;
- Clark Ferguson bike lanes – from Howell to Ozark;
- Ozark Street bike boulevard – from Clark Ferguson Dr to Armour;
- E 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave bike boulevard – from Swift to Howell/Iron to Ozark;

The **Consent Agenda** include approvals for spending related to move forward with the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan.

**Staff Comments** included an overview of an evaluation of the **Business License process**. One of the outcomes will be assistance by the North Kansas City Business Council to communicate to businesses more details about how the business license process works and when payments and related documentation are required. Business licence renewals traditionally have a March 1 deadline. Unless your business has a “professional” certification by the State of Missouri then you need to have an annual business license.

City Council Comments included a request from Anthony Saper for feedback about the revised City Council schedule beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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