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OPEN MEETING NOTICE

KANSAS STP PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

August 10, 2023

9:30 AM

This meeting will be held in a hybrid in-person/virtual format from the Westview Room in the MARC offices at 600 Broadway, Suite 200 in Kansas City, Missouri, 64105 and online via Zoom.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the May 11, 2023, Meeting Summary*
3. Committee Chair & Vice-Chair Elections*
4. Status of the Current Program/KDOT Updates*
Discussion of program balances
5. Congestion Management Policy & Toolbox Update
Please review the attached materials in advance of the meeting
6. Complete Streets Policy Update
Please review the attached materials in advance of the meeting
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 9, 2023

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MARC staff kindly request your review of these materials before the committee meeting as this will allow for more discussion time.

Congestion Management Policy & Toolbox Update - Agenda Item #5

- [Congestion Management Policy & Toolbox Update video link](#)
- [Congestion Management Process webpage](#) on MARC website
- [Congestion Management Process](#)
- [Congestion Management Toolbox](#)

Complete Streets Policy Update - Agenda Item #6

- Complete Streets policy video link: [Complete Streets Policy Presentation Video.mp4](#)
- [Complete Streets page on MARC website](#)
- [MARC Complete Streets Policy](#)
- National Complete Streets Coalition – [10 Elements of a Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [MARC Complete Streets Network Assessment](#)

A survey for committee members and stakeholders to give additional input on both the Complete Streets Policy and Congestion Management Policy & Toolbox can be found [here](#).

Kansas STP Priorities Committee
August 10, 2023
Meeting Summary

Voting Members Present/Representation:

Vernon Fields, Basehor, Chair
Nate Baldwin, Olathe, Vice Chair
Tim McEldowney, Gardner
Celia Kumke, Merriam
Mike Spickelmier, Lansing
Bill Noll, Leavenworth County
Allison Smith, KDOT
Mark Lee, Bonner Springs
Tim Green, Lenexa
Brian Scovill, Leawood (alt.)
Donnie Scharff, Roeland Park
Lorraine Basalo, Overland Park
Loren Snyder, Shawnee

Other Attendees:

Steve Schooley, Lenexa (alt.)
Brian Shields, Overland Park (alt.)
Dan Merkh, Edgerton
Kyle Dieckmann, Overland Park
Maddie Waldeck, Basehor
Krystal Voth, Basehor
John Sullivan, Westwood
Bill Stogsdill, Fairway
Bryce Shields, KCATA
Mark Hoppe, Affinis
Zac Coppersmith, TranSystems
Dan Miller, Lamp Ryneerson
Nick Voss, WSP

MARC Staff:

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| Marc Hansen | Terry Anderson |
| Ron Achelpohl | Martin Rivarola |
| Ray Webb | Darryl Fields |
| Selina Bur | Beth Dawson |
| Patrick Trouba | Megan Broll |

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Vernon Fields welcomed the attendees and self-introductions were made.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 11, 2023, meeting summary as presented. With no objections the motion passed.

3. Committee Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Committee chair and vice chair positions are two-year terms. The committee was notified during the May meeting of this upcoming election. Marc shared that no nominations were received prior to the meeting.

- Chair nominations: Vernon Fields nominated Nate Baldwin. With no additional nominations and no objections, the committee approved Nate Baldwin as chair.
- Vice chair nominations: Celia Kumke volunteered to serve if no one else was interested. With no additional nominations and no objections, the committee approved Celia Kumke as vice chair.

The terms will expire August 2025. Thank you for your interest in serving in these leadership positions.

4. Status of the Current Program/KDOT Updates

Marc Hansen reported that there have been region-wide issues for projects reaching obligation this year. He shared that KCATA's Regional Transit Fleet Electrification project of \$1,750,000 shifted forward from FFY 2025 to FFY 2023 which helped spend some funds. The Kansas STBG balance for FFY 2023 ended at \$5,755,269.

Two FFY 2023 projects are scheduled to shift to FFY 2024:

- Bonner Springs, 138th Street Improvements, Phase 1, \$2,720,000, is still having right of way issues and will be shifting to FFY 2024.
- De Soto's 83rd Street Bridge Replacement, \$1,500,000, bridge height is an issue with the railroad and will shift to FFY 2024 unless an agreement is reached.

The FFY 2024 program was shown. The 2023 balance of \$5,755,269 carried over to 2024 plus the new allocation of \$13,367,999 totals to \$19,123,268. If all seven FFY 2024 projects obligate, the program will end with a negative \$401,788. The 2024/2025/2026 STBG programs appear to be in good shape.

Allison Smith confirmed that Edwardsville's 98th Street Corridor \$3,797,356 project had obligated. KDOT will not receive any redistribution funds this year. KDOT was able to help the CRRSAA project by swapping funds behind the scenes.

5. Congestion Management Policy & Toolbox Update

Selina Zapata Bur, a principal planner at MARC, provided an overview of updating the Congestion Management Policy. The update is required in coordination with updates to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and a review and update of the toolbox is recommended at least every four years. The policy describes MARC's congestion management process of monitoring, measuring and diagnosing the causes of current and future regional congestion; evaluating and recommending alternative strategies to manage current and future regional congestion; and monitoring and evaluating the performance of strategies implemented to manage congestion. The policy also responds to requirements set by federal transportation legislation. The policy is integrated with the MTP and TIP.

Input from attendees was received through MARC's EV poll regarding how well the policy and toolbox currently functions. Approximately one third indicated improvements were needed, 56% indicated they were adequately helping the region and 11% indicated they were helping very well. No suggestions were voiced regarding elements to add or change in the policy. Members were encouraged to enter their ideas after they have had time to consider as it would be used for discussions with workgroup sessions.

Next Steps: (also applies to Agenda #6)

The workgroup would meet on August 23 and 30; both sessions from 12 to 2 p.m. in the MARC office. The workgroup will work on updates and create a draft policy for both the Congestion Management and Complete Streets policies, as well as the CM Toolbox. The draft policy and Toolbox updates shared with committees September – October. TTPC and Board approval November - December. Email sbur@marc.org or ptrouba@marc.org by 5 pm, August 15, if interested in volunteering.

6. Complete Streets Policy Update

Patrick Trouba, transportation planner, reported. The Complete Streets Policy applies to MARC's planning processes, including the programming of suballocated federal transportation funds. The policy recommends re-evaluation before adopting each new or updated regional transportation plan. The policy requires that planned and programmed projects shall provide safe accommodations for all users who have legal access and who may reasonably be expected to use the facilities, while being sensitive to both current and future community context. Planned and programmed projects shall make use of policies, guidelines and design standards that reflect best practices. Project sponsors retain design decision authority over their projects.

The policy does not apply in these cases:

- Projects that aren't streets
- Where modes are prohibited by law
- Where costs of providing facilities would be excessively disproportionate to need or likely use.
- Where population scarcity or other factors indicate an absence of need for both current and future conditions of the anticipated project life.

Input from attendees was obtained through MARC's EV poll regarding how well freight (70% well), city transit and transit users (majority indicated not well), motorists (56% well & 44% avg) and cyclists (44% well & 33% avg) are served.

Staff is soliciting input from MARC committees and stakeholders to frame the discussions with a workgroup. As previously mentioned, the workgroup will update both the Congestion Management and Complete Streets

policies, as well as the CM Toolbox. Email sbur@marc.org or ptrouba@marc.org by 5 pm, August 15, if interested in volunteering.

Links to all the information was provided in the meeting packet for further review. A link to provide input on either or both policies and Toolbox was provided as well.

7. Other Business

- Marc Hansen announced Terry Anderson's retirement date of September 8.
- Allison Smith shared that KDOT will hold local consult meeting(s) in October to help develop the next program. Dates and details will be shared soon.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Next Meeting:

November 9, 2023