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## OPEN MEETING NOTICE

### KANSAS STP PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

November 9, 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.**

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### AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the August 10, 2023, Meeting Summary\*
3. Status of the Current Program/KDOT Updates\*  
*Discussion of program balances and programmed project status*
4. 2024 Programming Update
5. Connected KC 2050 Update  
*Staff will brief the committee on the status of the update to Connected KC 2050 and upcoming development activities*
6. Kansas City Regional Freight Study  
*Staff will brief the committee on the kickoff of this regional study*
7. Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policies  
<https://www.marc.org/About-MARC/pdf/Conflict-of-Interest-Boards>  
<https://www.marc.org/About-MARC/pdf/WhistleblowerPolicy>
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

\* Action Items

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 8, 2024

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**Kansas STP Priorities Committee  
November 9, 2023  
Meeting Summary**

**Voting Members Present/Representation**

Nate Baldwin, Olathe, Chair  
Celia Kumke, Vice Chair  
Lorraine Basalo, Overland Park  
Keith Bredehoeft, Prairie Village  
Thomas Cole, Leavenworth (alt.)  
AJ Farris, KCATA  
Vernon Fields, Basehor  
Tim Green, Lenexa  
Mark Lee, Bonner Springs  
David Ley, Leawood  
Keith Moody, Roeland Park (alt.)  
Bill Noll, Leavenworth County  
Tod Salfrank, KDOT (alt.)  
Donnie Scharff, Roeland Park  
Troy Shaw, Unified Government of Wyandotte  
County and Kansas City, KS  
Ryan Sims, Johnson County (alt.)  
Allison Smith, KDOT  
Loren Snyder, Shawnee  
Jacob Speer, Spring Hill  
Mike Spickelmier, Lansing

**Other Attendees:**

Jean Carder, Louisburg  
Randy Gorton, BHC  
Art Gough  
Mark Hoppe, Affinis  
Jen Jordan-Spence, Gardner  
Holly Robertson, Edgerton  
Ben Sinnett, Lamp Rynearson  
Bill Stogsdill, Fairway  
John Sullivan, Westwood  
Maddie Waldeck, Basehor

**MARC Staff:**

Marc Hansen  
Ron Achelpohl  
Megan Broll  
Beth Dawson  
Darryl Fields  
Martin Rivarola  
Patrick Trouba  
Ray Webb

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Nate Baldwin welcomed the attendees and asked new committee members to introduce themselves, then proceeded with the meeting.

**2. Approval of Meeting Summary**

Vernon Fields moved to approve the August 10, 2023 Meeting Summary as presented, and Celia Kumke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**3. Status of the Current Program/KDOT Updates**

Marc Hansen shared updates on the 2024 STBG Program, noting projects in Bonner Springs, DeSoto, and Leawood had been deferred from 2023. The balance forward from 2023 is \$5.7m, and KDOT has encouraged spending down that balance as we move into 2024. The new allocation is just under \$14m, bringing the total programming funding available for 2024 to \$19.7m.

Mr. Hansen noted that the Operation Greenlight project is obligated, and with the three projects deferred from 2023 and three new projects from Basehor (155<sup>th</sup> St Improvements), Olathe/Johnson County (Blackbob, 159<sup>th</sup> to 167<sup>th</sup>), and KCATA (Regional Transit Corridor Improvements on State Ave), the final balance forward would be \$189,465. Allison Smith of KDOT noted that the allocation is not final as the budget has not been set, but does not expect it to increase dramatically.

Mark Lee of Bonner Springs shared that their project plans are at KDOT's office, utility relocations are nearly complete, and they plan to be let in January. David Ley of Leawood shared their project should be let in August of next year. De Soto did not have a representative present to report on their project, but Tod Salfrank of KDOT noted they have sent correspondence to De Soto concerning railroad clearances for the bridge they are replacing, which De Soto will need to discuss with the railroad.

#### **4. 2024 Programming Update**

Marc Hansen noted there were not significant updates to 2024 programming activities, but the schedule will likely follow that of 2022. He expects the Phase I call for projects to open in late February, with a request to be brought to the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) in June to authorize Phase II call for projects, and programming work/scoring to follow in the fall. Mr. Hansen expects recommendations to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be brought to TTPC by December.

Mr. Hansen noted there would be many calls for projects in 2024, including the Planning Sustainable Places Program, safety programming, and 5310 programming (mobility assistance). Carbon reduction programming will also be programming in February. Mr. Hansen commented that he expects federal funding to follow historical trends, and expects no major changes to CMAQ funding (which is generally about \$2.8m overall).

#### **5. Connected KC 2050 Update**

Chair Baldwin introduced Martin Rivarola, MARC Assistant Director of Transportation & Land Use, to share about the update to the long range transportation plan, Connected KC 2050. Mr. Rivarola reviewed what has been accomplished so far and plans for next steps; the update to the plan is expected to be completed by June of 2025. Included is an update of the financial capacity analysis, which will result in a list of financially constrained projects that we expect to be able to afford over the lifespan of the plan. Additional resources for transportation investments have become available since the original plan was developed, but inflation has impacted those increases.

The update has also included scenario development of land use, development types, and growth patterns, and engagement efforts for public participation (including the updated website, surveys, pop-up events and public meetings, and targeted presentations). Links to social media and the public survey were shared with committee members.

The call for projects for sponsors to update existing projects or add new ones is currently open until December 8; the call is not an application for specific funding, but inclusion in the plan may be a requirement (or advantage) for future funding opportunities. Mr. Rivarola reviewed the different types of regionally significant projects, and noted that projects currently included in the 2024-2028 TIP do not need to be submitted (as they will already be included). A second, repeat pre-application workshop will be held November 15, 2023, and a link to register for the workshop was shared with the committee. After the submission deadline, project scoring and prioritization will continue into spring of next year.

The committee discussed the two survey formats for the update, and Mr. Rivarola noted the self-select survey will be compared against the random survey (which has not been done with this kind of planning work before). Results will be reported out and used to inform the policy framework and priorities of the plan update.

#### **6. Kansas City Regional Freight Study**

Marc Hansen presented on behalf of Darryl Fields, Principal Planner. This is an expanded study to include 14 counties (including all MARC counties), evaluating both rural and urban needs. The goal is to preserve and improve the multimodal freight network, to assess economic and freight development in selecting projects, and to develop a proactive freight planning process. Mr. Hansen reviewed the four main components of the project management plan, and some of the challenges involved (such as engaging private sector stakeholders and integrating land use and freight decisions). The consultant selected for the study is CDM Smith and the study is expected to take 18 months, and Mr. Hansen briefly reviewed the components of the three phases of the study.

This study will inform funding through the scoring process for freight related projects (so results from this study will not be in place to impact the 2024 call for projects). Mr. Fields noted the study will focus on economic development and transportation choices, and how those factors impact freight generators. This will also be an opportunity to link urban and rural freight movement. Many members of the committee will be involved in the study either directly or via committee.

**7. Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policies**

Marc Hansen shared the annual update of the conflict of interest and whistleblower policies. Links to each policy were included in the agenda packet for members. No questions were shared at the meeting, and Mr. Hansen welcomed members to reach out if any questions arise.

**8. Other Business**

Chair Baldwin called for other business; none was presented.

**9. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

**Next Meeting:**

February 8, 2024