

## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

May 10, 2023  
Meeting Summary

### Attendees

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Alysen Abel, Garver	Kelly Wray, Cass County
Andrew Robertson, GBA	Maddie Waldeck, City of Basehor
Bradley Hocevar, City of Edwardsville	Marisela Ward, MoDOT
Brian Geiger, City of Overland Park	Mark Lee, City of Bonner Springs
Brian Nowotny, Jackson County (Co-Chair)	Mayra Toothman, City of Smithville
Dave McCumber, City of Grandview	Michelle Silsbee, City of Osawatomie
DuRon Netsell, MO Community Representative	Mike Driskell, Clay County
Garrett Kauss, Wilson & Company	Nicole Brown, Johnson County
Grant Purkey, City of Harrisonville	Rodney Riffle, Johnson County
James Burgess, City of Blue Springs	Ron McLinden
Jean Carder, City of Louisburg	Scott Fricker, Platte County
Jen Jordan-Spence, City of Gardner	Stephen Lachky, City of Parkville
Jermel Stevenson, City of Overland Park	Steve Casey, City of Lee's Summit
John Davis, Clay County	Tim Nebergall, City of Gladstone
John Jacobson, Leavenworth County	Travis Hoover, City of Riverside
John Neuberger, Sierra Club (Co-Chair)	Wendy Shay, City of Independence
Juan Yin, MoDOT	Zach Baker, City of Olathe

### MARC Staff

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Martin Rivarola  
Patrick Trouba  
Ryan Umberger  
Selina Zapata Bur

### Agenda:

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **VOTE: February 8, 2022 meeting summary:** motion made, seconded, and approved
3. **VOTE: Scope changes**
  - a. **Johnson County: Comprehensive Safe Routes to School Program in Johnson County**
    - i. Nicole Brown explained why Johnson County was seeking to return funds to the program: funding started during the pandemic, no chance to return to school for 18 months. Johnson County has gotten behind schedule on the spending, the contractor is under capacity/staffing, and there was a reduction in costs, leading to a lower rate of spending. Someone else has the funding for the funding cycle after this one; don't want to be competing. Johnson County can stay on schedule for the rest of their funding if they give up this year's funding.
  - b. **Louisburg: K-68 W. Crestview to S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Broadway**

- i. Jean Carder: Project was approved a couple years ago, there was a design change to move off of Amity to 2<sup>nd</sup> street (approved); reworked the alignment to minimize impact to assisted living facility property. Council has changed since, and there has been pushback on the trail and expenditures. Inflation has increased Louisburg's cost, and Council wanted to manage the project alone, but there has been no movement on it.
- ii. Jean is disappointed in the decision; sees people struggling to get to that part of town that have mobility issues; hopeful that the Council will come up with the solution to that area.
- iii. John Neuberger: clarifying that Louisburg is returning all funding (\$350,000) and that Johnson County is returning \$50,000. Total of \$400,000. Sponsors confirmed.
- iv. Vote to accept the scope changes (returned funds) for both projects passed.

#### 4. DOT and MoDOT TAP balances

- a. **MoDOT balance:** Marisela Ward: TAP balance as of March is a little over \$13 million. Looks like the last project obligated was in March.
- b. **KDOT balance:** KDOT is not represented at the meeting.
- c. **Options for unprogrammed TAP funds**
  - i. John Neuberger: what to do with the \$400,000? Need to spend it?
  - ii. Patrick Trouba: ideally, yes. Both state DOTs have been pushing for MARC to spend down the TAP balances. Sent out a table to project sponsors and committee members of projects that could accept more federal funds. Staff is open to ideas on how to reallocate funds. Staff is not necessarily asking for motion, but the Committee can make one.
  - iii. Nicole Brown: One thought would be to divide it proportionally among projects.
  - iv. Maddie Waldeck: Would like to see the Committee consider federal share; Basehor's project is well positioned to accept additional funding. Basehor is also a small community and an additional \$400,000 would be significant.
  - v. Mark Lee: 138<sup>th</sup> Street project has seen significant cost increases over the pandemic era. Bonner Springs would be happy to consume that funding.
  - vi. Brian Geiger: Overland Park would like to get back to the original \$200,000 requested for the Wayfinding signage project.
  - vii. Patrick Trouba: Committee can send staff back to crunch more numbers if needed, to calculate proportionate amounts.
  - viii. Maddie Waldeck: Would appreciate MARC staff coming back with a firmer proposal, but again, this funding would mean a lot to Basehor.
  - ix. Martin Rivarola: Is there anyone from Edwardsville or UG that can speak to projects on the list?
  - x. Bradley Hocevar: hired engineers and field checks should be in 60-90 days. Any opportunity to improve the community is welcome, open to ideas to reallocate funding.
  - xi. Martin Rivarola: there is a small number of projects and sponsors; looking for guidance from the Committee on how to reallocate funds.

- xii. John Neuberger: the other option to allocate funds is by score. Would like to hear what the Committee wants to do.
- xiii. Martin Rivarola: If the Committee isn't ready to vote, staff could produce different scenarios.
- xiv. Patrick Trouba: staff didn't make more scenarios for this meeting because staff wasn't sure the Committee would want to reallocate the funds.
- xv. Nicole Brown: Do we need a vote, or only consensus discussion?
- xvi. Patrick Trouba: Consensus discussion.
- xvii. Martin Rivarola: Changes will be reflected in the TIP, which will require a vote. Due to large TAP program balances, our interest is to get funds spent. It does require a vote.
- xviii. Martin Rivarola: Two preferences: split equally, or focus dollars on specific projects.
- xix. John Davis: Is this just for the Kansas side, or does the entire committee vote?
- xx. Patrick Trouba: entire Committee votes.
- xxi. John Davis: Make a motion to split funds equally among cities.
- xxii. Kelly Wray: agree to split equally among cities.
- xxiii. Nicole Brown: since Overland Park project is smaller, should there be a smaller amount allocated to Overland Park?
- xxiv. Patrick Trouba: divided equally, each project would get \$66,000-\$67,000.
- xxv. Nicole Brown: Amendment to motion for \$25,000 for Overland Park, split rest equally between bigger projects.
- xxvi. Motion seconded.
- xxvii. Amendment to motion failed on vote.
- xxviii. Motion to divide equally failed on vote.
- xxix. John Neuberger: Motion to allocate \$200,000 each to Basehor's Parallel Road and 158<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements project and Bonner Springs's 138<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements – Phase 1 project.
- xxx. Maddie Waldeck seconds motion.
- xxxi. Motion succeeds on 8-2 vote.

## **5. Project Progress**

- a. Basehor – Maddie Waldeck
  - i. Parallel Road: on schedule; utility relocation happening now
  - ii. Civic Campus Trails: under design
- b. Bonner Springs – Mark Lee: 138<sup>th</sup> St.: designed and moving forward with right-of-way acquisitions and utility relocations.
- c. Edwardsville – Bradley Hocevar; survey work underway, also in the process of finding an architectural firm for a town center project; also in the process of platting historic cemetery for restoration.
- d. Johnson County – Nicole Brown: school programming continues to go well, having great luck with municipal partners; working with partners to do SRTS plans for schools that are having transportation issues.
- e. Mission Hills – Jennifer Lee: talking with adjacent property owners about the trail; may be back in August for request with a scope modification.

- f. Olathe – Zach Baker – Cedar Creek Trail Phase 2 should be completed by the end of this year; bids for Phase 3 planned for mid-2024/2025.
- g. Overland Park – Brian Geiger: Wayfinding project cleared KDOT field check. No updates on others.
- h. Gladstone – Tim Nebergall
  - i. Linden Connector – expecting to submit right-of-way plans to MoDOT in a month.
  - ii. Vivion Road Trail – looking at doing a cost-share application with MoDOT, RFP for detailed design going out in a month.
- i. Grandview – Dave McCumber: Blue Ridge Blvd. Railroad Overpass project slated to get underway for construction later this year.
- j. Lee’s Summit – Steve Casey: no project updates at this time.
- k. Parkville – Stephen Lachky: no updates at this time
- l. Riverside – Travis Hoover: Vivion Road Trail Segment 1: utility relocation is completed and working on ROW acquisition now.
- m. Smithville – Mayra Toothman
  - i. Smithville Streetscape Phase III – Hoping to have project out for bid this summer, start construction late summer/early fall.
  - ii. Commercial Pedestrian Project - Waiting for final design from engineer to start construction next year.
  - iii. No updates on other projects. Probably starting engineering next year.

**6. Missouri Unfunded Needs – Project Prioritization (Martin Rivarola)**

- a. This process is focused on Missouri side and does not impact work on Kansas side. KDOT has a similar process but looks a little different.
- b. MARC receives a request on an annual basis from MoDOT for an update on unfunded transportation needs, with a deadline by May 31<sup>st</sup> this year.
- c. Goal of the process is to be able to react quickly with projects when funding is identified.
- d. There are three tiers of road and bridge priorities, and one multimodal project priority list, with different dollar targets.
- e. Considered projects can come from the prior prioritization process, MoDOT district priorities, and Connected KC 2050 project lists.
- f. Have presented this to several MARC committees, will present to Aviation Committee and TTPC soon.
- g. Some road and bridge projects from Tier 3 were moved to Tiers 1 and 2 recently.
- h. Goods Movement Committee and Regional Transit Coordinating Council has identified needs for those modes.
- i. For bike/ped, \$25 million would go to pedestrian safety improvements on state routes. The remaining \$35 million would go toward implementing the Regional Bicycle Network. MoDOT says that in order to get projects funded, specific projects should be identified, not programs. If bikeways were to be funded, staff would spend more time identifying corridors.
- j. Dave McCumber – items cover cities within counties, not just counties? Martin: Correct. Regional Bicycle Network covers incorporated and nonincorporated areas. Dave: will

identification be in partnership with municipalities? Martin: Yes, need to workshop with local governments.

- k. Next steps: Aviation Committee considers their list, then TTPC and the MARC Board reviews and approves.
- l. John Neuberger: what is staff thinking of for “protected bicycle facilities” on the slide?  
Martin: when we worked with BPAC and ATPC, protected bicycle facilities were preferred by committees. John: not talking about bike lane with concrete barriers?  
Patrick: yes, and could be shared use paths. Martin: could be shared use paths. Difficult to say now since we only have placeholder amounts.
- m. Ron McLindon: The term “unfunded needs” implies an objective evaluation has been done and criteria of need have been met. “Unfunded requests” is a more precise term. Transportation projects used to be called “improvements,” but that term is subjective and the term “projects” was more appropriate.

## **7. Adjournment**