



OPEN MEETING NOTICE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

The MARC Highway Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 18th, 2010**, in the MARC Broadway Room on the 1st floor of the Rivergate Business Center at 6th and Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Transportation Outlook 2040 – Progress Briefing.
3. Review LRTP Roadway Project listing.
4. Discuss content of *Street and Highway* chapter of LRTP TO 2040 document.
5. Other Business.

* Action items

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Highway Committee Meeting Summary

February 18, 2010

Attendees:

(TTPC) Total Transportation Policy Committee –

Dan Miller – City of Overland Park
Michael McDonald – City of Leavenworth
Mickey Schwartzkopf – Leavenworth County
Michael Spickelmier – Leavenworth County

(FHWA) Federal Highway Administration *Ex-officio, Non-Voting* –

State Department of Transportation –

LeeAnn Kell – MoDOT
Allison Smith – KDOT

City/County Technical Staff –

Larry Blankenship – City of Overland Park
Ron Freyermuth – City of Shawnee
Tim Green – City of Lenexa
Mitch Plea – City of Basehor

Others –

MARC Staff –

Nick Freeman – Transportation Planner
Tom Gerend – Assistant Director of Transportation
Jim Hubbell – Transportation Planner II

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions –

Mr. Tom Gerend (MARC Assistant Director of Transportation) welcomed everyone and introductions were made. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Transportation Outlook 2040 – Progress Briefing.

Neither of the Highway Committee Chairmen were present at the February meeting. Tom Gerend led the discussion.

Tom presented an update on the MARC LRTP TO2040 planning process. Mr. Gerend reported on the future land use scenario feedback that was gathered from recent community outreach events.

The MARC board met on March 2nd to reflect on the public comments from the land use scenario discussions and considered different policy assumptions that will help to guide development of a final forecast over the next few months.

Tom stated that the likelihood is that MARC board will decide to meet somewhere in the middle of the baseline scenario and the adaptive scenario based on what members have considered to be doable and what they have considered to be out of reach for the next LRTP document.

The next steps in the LRTP 2040 process will be to work with the Technical Forecast Committee (TFC) to fine tune the assumptions made by the MARC staff and the recommendations of the MARC Board to work towards a finalized employment and population forecast with the appropriate resource allocations.

The next steps for the various MARC Modal Committees is to move forward with their finalized project listings for the 5 primary project categories as well as to develop draft content for their respective chapters of the LRTP 2040 document for review by the general public, the LRTP sub-committee, and eventually TTPC and the MARC Board.

The Highway Committee transitioned into a general review and discussion about the status of the roadway project listing and chapter. Tom briefly reviewed the process of developing the list and discussed modifications to the list based on concerns from various members of the committee. He noted that the roadway project list had been reviewed by the LRTP sub-committee during a February meeting. Mr. Gerend stated that he would like to finalize the listing with a vote during the February meeting.

Mike McDonald (City of Leavenworth) motioned that the project listing be adopted by the Highway Committee and Ron Freyermuth (City of Shawnee) seconded the motion. The group voted unanimously to adopt the listing. No other comments were made about this matter.

Discussion began about the content of the *Streets & Highways* chapter of the LRTP 2040 document. Tom noted that the content presented to the committee was in a first draft stage and that the intention of the February meeting was to examine the chapter page by page and discuss needed changes and modifications.

Mr. Gerend referred to the Policy Framework document of the 2040 plan which he described as an executive summary piece which discusses the high level policies as well as the strategies that support the various plan goals. The policy framework helps to organize the many different strategies referenced throughout the plan in a coordinated way and maintain that consistency is achieved throughout the plan in regards to high level goals.

The Highway Committee began its review of the content of the *Streets & Highways* chapter of the plan. The chapter was edited paragraph by paragraph with Tom explaining the content of each section and taking suggestions from various committee members.

Allison Smith (KDOT) from KDOT noted that she had made some minor changes to the introduction that she would e-mail to Tom or to Nick Freeman (MARC Planner).

Dan Miller (City of Overland Park) had numerous comments about the *Streets & Highways* chapter. These comments were considered in the revision of the chapter and are included in the updated *Streets & Highways* chapter.

Allison asked for clarification regarding the data program for monitoring regional System Condition and what strategies were planned for this performance measure. What exactly would be monitored? How would system condition be rated? Is this goal manageable? Could we monitor this measure uniformly across the MARC region?

Jim Hubbell (MARC Planner) noted that monitoring the Congestion Management Network or the Federal Aid system for condition measures would be more realistic than examining every lane mile in the MARC system.

Tom noted that the collection of condition data by MARC staff in recent months was valuable in that it provided insight into the various metrics available and the different levels of sophistication that municipalities were using to organize and monitor condition data.

Tom also pointed out that the Federal Highway Administration has requested that more system condition related data be included in relation to Long-Range Transportation plans and that it is likely that there will be some requirement of the Metropolitan Planning Process in the next transportation authorization.

Numerous other comments and suggestions were pointed out during the chapter review. These comments have been taken into consideration and have been incorporated into the updated draft of the *Streets & Highways* chapter.

Upon completion of the highway chapter review the Highway Committee was next asked to examine the Performance Measures content that will be included in the final LRTP TO2040 document. The Performance Measures information will act as a supplement to the various chapters of the plan document and contains information and data related to all aspects of the long-range transportation plan. The Highway Committee reviewed this document in its entirety with particular focus on the System Condition and System Performance measures.

This concluded the February 18th meeting of the MARC Highway Committee.

5. Other Business –

None.

6. Adjournment –

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Highway Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the MARC Broadway Room on the 1st floor of the Rivergate Center.