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## OPEN MEETING NOTICE

### MISSOURI STP/BR PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

March 8, 2011

1:30 – 4:00 PM

Board Room, MARC Offices

600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

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### AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the February 8, 2011 Meeting Summary\*
3. CMAQ Committee Representation\*  
*Consideration of a request by the City of Parkville to modify the committee's representation on the CMAQ Committee.*
4. MoDOT Updates
5. STP/BR Reasonable Progress\*
  - a.) *Consideration of a request for a second schedule modification for Kansas City's Longview Road (Sec. 2) project. Please reference the attached document.*
  - b.) *Monthly reasonable progress update*
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

\* Action Items

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: April 12, 2011

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**Missouri STP/BR Priorities Committee**  
**March 8, 2011**  
**Meeting Summary**

**Voting Members:**

Steve Hansen, Chair, City of Liberty  
Patty Hilderbrand, Vice-Chair, City of Kansas City  
Richard Allen, City of Kansas City  
Oliver DeGrate, City of Blue Springs  
Jeff Fisher, City of Belton  
Brian Faust, City of Raymore  
Ryan Hunt, City of Grain Valley  
Duane Jackson, Clay County  
Lee Ann Kell, MoDOT  
Dena Mezger, City of Lee's Summit  
Keith Moody, City of Harrisonville  
Lee Morris, Cass County  
Earl Newill, Jackson County  
Michael Park, City of Lee's Summit  
John Powell, City of Independence  
Dennis Randolph, City of Grandview

**MARC Staff:**

Ron Achelpohl  
Marc Hansen  
Terry Anderson  
Darryl Fields

**Other attendees:**

Rick Arroyo, City of Grain Valley  
Helen Madison, MoDOT  
Mark Peutz, City of Grain Valley  
Ron McLinden, Transit Action Network  
Chad Thompson, City of Kansas City  
Hope Visconti, MoDOT  
Frank Weatherford, TranSystems

**1. Welcome**

Chairman Steve Hansen welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with introductions.

**2. Approval of the February 8, 2011 Meeting Summary**

Dena Mezger moved and Earl Newell seconded to approve the meeting summary as presented, the motion carried.

**3. CMAQ Committee Representation**

Background: Ron Achelpohl reviewed last month's discussion that staff had received a verbal request from Parkville's Mayor Gerry Richardson, one of the committee's representatives on the CMAQ Committee asking approval for Kirk Rome to take over that position. Since the position is not tied to a jurisdiction and is an election by this committee, attendees determined that a more appropriate representation change would be to ask Oliver DeGrate, currently Mayor Richardson's alternate, if he would be willing to be the CMAQ member and Kirk serve as his alternate. Since Oliver was not present at the February meeting and CMAQ was not scheduled to meet again until April, the discussion was tabled to the March agenda.

With a brief review of the February discussion and approval from Oliver DeGrate, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Keith Moody moved and Oliver DeGrate seconded to approve replacing Gerry Richardson with Oliver DeGrate to serve as one of this committee's representatives on the CMAQ committee with Kirk Rome to serve as alternate; the motion carried unanimously.

**4. MODOT Updates**

Hope Visconti provided a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the new five-year 2012-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). A draft plan will be provided in May during the public review and comment period. The following are several key points of interest:

- MoDOT's 5-year direction: honor their commitments, keep major roads in good condition, improve minor roads, hold our own on bridges, make better use of existing resources and provide outstanding customer service.
- Federal funding projections are flat lined, based on SAFETEA-LU levels.
- Changes: Slight increase of \$189M in STIP redirected from operating budget; all awards savings and completed project adjustments were added into the STIP this year; an increase of the economic development and cost share program from \$40M to \$35M; all project components will be federally eligible for funding (PE, CE, RW, CN).
- STIP will include mostly Taking Care of the System projects to maintain major routes at 85% good, improve minor roads to 75% good, for bridge rehab and maintenance, safety and bicycle/ped improvements.

- Five specific major project/emerging needs projects are listed: I-35: Flintlock flyover in Liberty; Rte 169 bin wall, bridge and pavement work north of Broadway bridge; US 71 conversion to I-49 projects in Cass County; Chouteau Trafficway in Kansas City; I-70/Rte 40/Rte AA/BB improvements in Grain Valley.
- Additional major projects: KC Scout/motorist assist, unprogrammed SAFETEA-LU earmarks, and projects identified on the investment priorities list.
- Projecting that by fiscal year 2016, there will be \$20.49M available for major projects and emerging needs (cumulative) and could be spent on the remaining SAFETEA-LU earmark projects.
- The public comment period: May 4 – June 5. The document will be posted at [www.modot.mo.gov/plansandprojects](http://www.modot.mo.gov/plansandprojects). At the July 13th Commission meeting, changes will be presented and will request approval.

Discussions:

Lee Ann stated that the system needs to be kept in good shape or additional funds might not be received.

Oliver DeGrate mentioned an issue of the quality of the local limestone used for curbs and that Texas imports aggregates. Lee's Summit shared they no longer use limestone. The discussion was tabled.

MoDOT invited Ryan Hunt to share the status of their I-70 Interchange project. It is a cost share with MoDOT and has funds from Amendment 3 in 2009. The city has an \$8M shortfall and looking at suspending portions of the project to save \$4.5M. The community supports this project. The original letting date was scheduled for July and they have one possible condemnation issue. They have met with Beth Wright to discuss. Lee Ann asked attendees for input whether MoDOT should fund the shortfall out of the major projects pot. After further discussions of other projects also waiting for funds, Ron Achelpohl asked attendees for input. Lee Ann added that this is a safety issue as well. The city specifically needs a cost share match of \$1.4 and will work with the developer to make it work. Kansas City and Independence representatives indicated it was a good project.

**MOTION:** Oliver DeGrate moved to approve MoDOT providing an additional \$1.4M to the Grain Valley project; the motion was seconded and carried.

**5. STP/BR Reasonable Progress**

a) Consideration of a request for a second schedule modification for Kansas City's project, Longview Road (Sec. 2) Blue Ridge Blvd to Spring Valley (TIP # 611009). A letter of request dated February 9, 2011, from the project manager was provided with the distribution of the agenda.

The letter explains that in April 2011, Jackson County notified Kansas City that they would no longer manage this project; therefore it was prematurely transferred back to Kansas City. Shortly after the transfer, MoDOT ceased all ROW activities due to change of design, which again delayed the project. The city remains committed to the project and intends to complete final design in time to meet the obligation requirements. ROW is proceeding but it is unknown if there will be additional complications and therefore request the schedule change to 2012.

Patty Hilderbrand shared that ROW issues have been cleared and the project is moving along, scaled back to 3 lanes. The schedule is off by a couple months due to land acquisitions. They will be able to meet the match. MoDOT indicated positively to the request and if the committee approved, MARC staff would take the committee's recommendation to the MARC Board for approval.

**MOTION:** Oliver DeGrate moved and Dena Mezger seconded to approve Kansas City's request to reschedule their Longview Road (Sec. 2) project to 2012; motion carried.

b) Marc Hansen provided a current FY 2011 STP/BR program status report. The current total obligations: \$28,510,631 and the unobligated balance is \$24,035,631. Kansas City's Forrester Viaduct, Santa Fe to St. Louis project had been obligated (\$4,475,000). Marc mentioned that Kansas City requested a one-time schedule change for the North Brighton project.

Ron Achelpohl shared that MARC has been asked to look at our reasonable progress policy to consider limiting the length of schedule changes. The TE Committee is also looking at their process.

**6. Other Business**

Staff provided a handout reflecting population by city from the PL-94 2010 Census, provided for future discussion. The list reflects that 1) North Kansas City's population fell below the 5,000 threshold but staff recall a special arrangement of using their daytime population instead of residential population. 2) the city of Greenwood has an increased population that reflects they are now eligible to become a voting member.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., April 12, 2011.

Corrected and approved: April 12, 2011.