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OPEN MEETING NOTICE

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE JOB ACCESS PARTNERSHIP

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There will be a Meeting of MARC's Special Transportation - Job Access Partnership Committee at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 in the Board Room of the Mid America Regional Council on the second floor of the Rivergate Center Building at 600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri. For additional information call 816-474-4240 ext 8244

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Tentative Agenda

Some material may be distributed at the meeting

1. **Approval of November 10, 2010 meeting summary** - Approval will be requested.
2. **“A Transportation Guide for All-Hazards Evacuation”** -As part of a national research project to develop “A Transportation Guide for Notice and No-Notice All-Hazards Emergency Evacuations” a January, 2011 Workshop is planned that will convene representatives of agencies and organizations who are knowledgeable about community evacuation needs and resources. Transit systems and providers are a significant resource to consider under such preparatory considerations and Workshop facilitators would like to discuss the emergency scenario beforehand. A representative of the firm leading this

National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Project 20-59(32) is planning on being available for a conversation with committee members. (See attached profile at the tail end of this notice)

3. Transit Committee Report – Karen Clawson and Tom Gerend of MARC staff will be requested to update the committee on the December 1st meeting of the MARC Transit Committee.
4. Updates to the Competitively Selected JARC and New Freedom projects - Logan, Riddle, Gehrke, Ramseyer, M. Brown, S Strate, Greene, Hunt, S. Davis, Beck, Cross, Banks
5. Structure-Vision-Purpose - Thomas Brown will be asked to update the committee on the Work Group's review and/or recommendations regarding the re-visitation of a Committee Vision/Purpose. (see attached memo at the tail end of this notice)
6. Other business

Meeting Summary
Attendance
December 8, 2010

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**Meeting Summary
December 8, 2010**

Chairman Courtney reviewed the handouts available for today's meeting:

- *Copies of the Meeting Notice
- *Pilot Community Evacuation Workshop profile
- *Designated Recipient Report (KCATA) for JARC and New Freedom projects
- * 2010 Work Group Recommendation with STAC 1996-1997 Vision Statement

1. Approval of November 10, 2010 meeting summary - On the motion and second of Valerie Miller and Lou Banks the summary of the November 10, 2010 meeting was approved.
2. "A Transportation Guide for All-Hazards Evacuation" –Julie MacLachlan and Neeli Langdon from Jane Mobley Associates as part of a national research project to develop "A Transportation Guide for Notice and No-Notice All-Hazards Emergency Evacuations" discussed a January 12 and a January 13, 2011 Workshop to convene representatives of agencies and organizations including transit/Special Transportation systems who are knowledgeable about community evacuation needs and resources. The intent of the study effort (National Cooperative Highway Research Program – NCHRP- Project 20-59(32) is to identify template responses i.e. processes and roles that have features replicable in other areas of the country.
3. Transit Committee Report – Karen Clawson and Tom Gerend of MARC staff updated the committee on the December 1st meeting of the MARC Transit Committee. The discussion was primarily about downtown streetcars being added into the Phase III study component and the Horizon Planning year being set at 10 years. Regarding the difficulty in trying to reach consensus in the after-meeting discussion defining "Seamless Transit" Chairman Courtney urged the message returned to the Seamless Work Group that any eventual definition of seamless transit should have adequate flexibility for a region wide cross-system cross-modal application.

Carroll Ramseyer in her role as the Special Transportation-Human Service representative on the Phase III Technical Team questioned the Olsson Consulting (Mark Swope) indication that a product addressing Community Based Service in Phase III might be presented at the February meeting of the Transit Committee. Ramseyer concern was that the Phase III Study Team had not approached the Special Services community (ies) for technical expertise and input as suggested by the fixed route series of core studies referenced by the consulting team for the Community Based Services reference sources.

Clawson commented the study Tech Team would meet in January to look at Community Based Service to guide Swope to a preliminary report in February with source references expected to be Chapter 5 of Outlook 2040 as well as other relevant chapters, the Framework for Senior Mobility, the Johnson County Strategic Plan, outside websites, etc.

The STAC-JARC consensus was to invite Olsson/Swope to the January meeting for a direct discussion regarding how Community Base Service would be addressed in the Phase III study.

4. **Updates to the Competitively Selected JARC and New Freedom projects** – Chairman Courtney reviewed the Monthly sub-contractors project-by-project Summary sheet provided electronically by Tracy Logan of KCATA as the JARC and New Freedom Designated Recipient of federal funds. Courtney additionally called upon project representatives in attendance to report on their projects (OATS, Olathe, Unified Government, Johnson County Transit). Nelson commented the third cycle of project selection would be initiated early in the new calendar year following the holiday season ending.
5. **Structure-Vision-Purpose** - Thomas Brown updated the committee on the Work Group's review and recommendation regarding the re-visitation of the Committee Vision/Purpose. Prefacing his comments with "you will do no good unless you speak up as an advocate both within MARC's processes and to know and to advocate within our own communities, speak up and speak out!"

RECOMMENDATION: On the motion and second of Valerie Miller and Lou Banks the committee accepted the following combined report and recommendation:

The October/November 2010 STAC-JARC Work Group acknowledges that some of the 12 individual actions reflected in the [1996/1997 STAC Vision Statement](#) are incorporated within [Outlook 2040](#) and the Community-based Service section (p. 18 in Chapter 5.5 of Outlook 2040).

With the above acknowledgement, the October/November 2010 STAC-JARC Work Group recommends that [STAC-JARC](#) continue its 1996/1997-based advocacy for the creation of a "Regional Mobility System." Advocacy should include engaging the [MARC Transit Committee](#) and the [MARC Total Transportation Policy Committee](#) in accommodating the Community-based Service concept as a significant element of the [Regional Transit Implementation Plan Phase III: Urban and Commuter Corridors Integration](#).

Furthermore, the Work Group recommends that STAC-JARC advocacy should be extended beyond Phase III to address implementation activity as deemed appropriate by the Membership related to future Community-based Service work that individually or collectively supports a "Regional Mobility System" as defined in the January 8, 1997 STAC Regional Transit Vision.

6. **Other business:** Chairman Courtney commented on the Independent Transportation Network (ITN) volunteer-based system being considered as an added option for senior transportation within the region.