



TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Chuck Adams, Kansas Co-Chair
David Bower, Missouri Co-Chair

There will be a meeting of the MARC Transit Committee, **Wednesday, AUGUST 11th, 2010 10:30 AM** at Mid-America Regional Council, Westview Room, Conference Center (2nd Floor), Rivergate Building, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

AGENDA

- 1) **Welcome/Introductions**
- 2) **Approval of July Meeting Minutes***
Meeting minutes for July 7, 2010 are attached to this agenda.
- 3) **STP/Bridge Priorities Committees: Membership** –Karen Clawson (5 minutes)
- 4) **Draft Report: Smart Moves Implementation Phase 2: Commuter Corridors**– Tom Gerend (30 minutes)
- 5) **TIGER Award Update** – Karen Clawson (10 minutes)
- 6) **Transit Committee Field Trip in September** – Karen Clawson (5 minutes)
- 7) **Regional Transit Updates** (15 minutes)
 - Special Transportation – Jobs Access Partnership
 - Transit agency study/project updates
 - Other transit/mobility related studies in the region
- 8) **Other Business**

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Transit Committee Meeting Summary

August 11, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Members and Alternates:

David Bower, JkCo Municip. (MO Co-Chair)	Chuck Adams, WyCO Municip. (KS Co-Chair)
Dick Jarrold, KCATA	Ephthallia 'Lou' Banks, UGT
Mary Hunt, City of Independence	Chuck Ferguson, JCT
Sara Davis, Oates	Martin Rivarola, Mission, KS
Lee Ann Kell, MoDOT	Danny O'Connor, KCATA

Others:

Kite Singleton, RTA	Evelyn Childers, RTA
Mark Swope, Olsson Assoc.	Jared Gulbranson, KCATA
Janet Rogers, TAN	Mark Swope, Olsson Associates
Ron McLinden, TAN	Emerick Cross, UGT
Bill Robinett, MoDOT	

MARC Staff:

Karen Clawson	Tom Gerend
Stewart Nelson	Lisa Pool

1) Welcome/Introductions

Mayor David Bower welcomed the committee and introductions were made.

2) Approval of July Meeting Minutes*

Meeting minutes for August 11, 2010 were approved.

3) STP/Bridge Priorities Committees: Membership

Ms. Clawson brought the membership item back to the committee from last month's agenda. Both STP/Bridge (Surface Transportation/Bridge Program) Committees (KS and MO) need appointments for Transit Committee representatives. This is important as both committees have issued a call for projects and will be accepting, reviewing and approving funding for applications. Transit capital projects are an eligible use of federal STP funds. Ms. Clawson noted that Mary Hunt from the City of Independence and Chuck Ferguson from Johnson County Transit were eligible and interested in representing the Transit Committee. The committee voted in favor of appointing both of these candidates to the respective STP/Bridge Committees.

Mr. Gerend also noted that the representative from Transit Committee for the Kansas STP/Bridge Committee will be a non-voting position. He also asked that transit providers briefly share the transit projects that they are likely to submit for the STP/Bridge programming process. The following projects were listed:

- Bus replacement (KCATA)
- Preventive maintenance (KCATA)

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- Bus replacement, especially for Metcalf/Shawnee Mission Pkwy (JCT)
- MARC will be submitting a pilot planning program for Livable Communities

4) **Draft Report: Smart Moves Implementation Phase 2: Commuter Corridors**

Mr. Gerend provided the draft of the commuter corridor study to the committee and noted that he had given a presentation of the implementation planning at the past Total Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Gerend asked the committee to provide comments on sections of the plan but to focus at this meeting on the strategy section at the end. He also noted that more information, such as modeling data, still needed to be integrated in the draft study. Staff hoped to get all comments on this draft to the consultant by August 20th. MARC staff plan to ask for more definition around near-term strategies. The following comments were captured at this meeting:

- Address issue of Kansas City's spread out employment versus the amount of ridership needed to make these services feasible. More explanation is needed.
- Add executive summary
- Define CBD (Central Business District) – what is the geographical extent? Compare CBD's throughout the region.
- Exhibit 3.1 – Rail schedules – add ranges to trip time from Union Station
- Need more detail on speed assumptions, perhaps a map showing top speeds for each segment
- Include more strategies and costs to non-rail alternatives
- Define short -, mid-, and long-term
- If alignments are only used for modeling purposes, this should be explained. Also explain when alignment alternatives would be developed and analyzed.

Mayor Bower commented on the value of the Transit Committee comments and the potential strength and power that this committee can have in providing informed recommendations to TTPC. Mr. Gerend said that the goal is to have a strong set of strategies solidified by the Transit Committee in September so that they can be presented to TTPC. Mr. Gerend also mentioned the Phase 3 study scope under development which will be presented to the committee in September as well.

5) **TIGER Award Update**

Ms. Clawson provided a brief update regarding the progress of the Kansas City Regional TIGER Project. Project partners are in various stages of crafting agreements and requests for proposals for projects that will be implemented with TIGER funds. MARC is coordinating the partners and working on methodologies for measuring the impact of the TIGER investments, developing a regional communications and outreach plan, developing a system for tracking the projects over time for public information, and visually documenting the changes. The agreement with FTA should be executed in mid-September.

6) **Transit Committee Field Trip in September**

The next scheduled transit field trip is scheduled for September 2nd, which may change to be after Transit Committee. The field trip will be a visit to downtown Kansas City, KS with lunch at El Camino Real. Participants will also get to visit the site of the future downtown transit center that will eventually serve the State Avenue bus rapid transit service. This center is being built using TIGER funds. Mr. Cross also noted that a visit to the Huron Park Cemetery adjacent to the site would be interesting if time allows. Ms. Clawson asked that those who are interested RSVP to her directly.

7) **Regional Transit Updates**

Special Transportation-Job Access Partnership - Mr. Nelson briefed the committee on the recommendation that came out of the Special Transportation (ST-JAP) meeting for 5301 funded vehicles. The next ST-JAP meeting will host a presentation and discussion of the Livable Communities initiative of the partnership between HUD, EPA, and USDOT.

KCATA – Mr. Jarrold noted some of the Troost BRT improvements that can now be seen. Many of the stations are in place and repaving of the street will be underway soon.

Johnson County Transit/Mission, KS – Martin Rivarola noted that RFP's are being drafted for several of the TIGER improvements. He also noted several of the new services opening in Johnson County that serve the city of Mission. There will be a ribbon cutting for these services on August 18th at 75th and Metcalf.

8) Other Business

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.