



## TRANSIT COMMITTEE

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

There will be a meeting of the MARC Transit Committee, **Wednesday, October 6th, 2010**  
**10:00 AM** at Mid-America Regional Council, Westview Room, Conference Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor),  
Rivergate Building, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

### AGENDA

- 1) **Welcome/Introductions**
- 2) **Approval of September Meeting Minutes\***  
Meeting minutes for September 1, 2010 are attached to this agenda.
- 3) **Presentation: Rockhill Greens Development** - *Kelley Hrabe with Sonoma Development Partners will present a 13.5-acre development initiative at the Research Medical Center - Brookside Campus and how it will integrate transit and other mobility services. – Karen Clawson/Kelley Hrabe (30 minutes)*
- 4) **Missouri Transportation Alliance** – *Information and discussion around funding assumptions and scenarios for the Kansas City area (See end of packet) - Tom Gerend (15 minutes)*
- 5) **Updated Peer City Transit Research** - – *Stephen Lachky (15 minutes)*
- 6) **Smart Moves Implementation Plan: Phase 2 and 3 Update** – *Tom Gerend (15 minutes)*
- 7) **Regional Transit Coordination (Seamless Transit Concept)** - *Karen Clawson (5 minutes)*
- 8) **Regional Transit Updates (10 minutes)**
  - Special Transportation – Jobs Access Partnership
  - Transit agency study/project updates
  - Other transit/mobility related studies in the region
- 9) **Other Business**

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## Transit Committee Meeting Summary

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### ATTENDANCE

#### Members and Alternates:

Chuck Adams, WyCO Municip. (KS Co-Chair)	David Bower, JkCo Municip. (MO Co-Chair)
Sara Davis, Oates	Martin Rivarola, Mission, KS
Mary Hunt, City of Independence	Dan O'Connor, KCATA
Mark Huffer, KCATA	Kite Singleton, RTA
Kite Singleton, RTA	Jim Courtney, Mr. Goodcents Foundation
Dick Jarrold, KCATA	Martin Rivarola, City of Mission
Chuck Ferguson, JCT	Lee Ann Kell, MoDOT
Shawn Strate, JCT	

#### Others:

Mark Randall, Pleasant Hill	Jared Gulbranson, KCATA
Bill Robinett, MoDOT	Debra Parson, Comprehensive Mental Health
Janet Rogers, TAN	Mark Swope, Olsson Associates
Ron McLinden, TAN	Carroll Ramseyer, City of Olathe
Sandy Silva CPB/KC4AC	John Dobies, HNTB
Emerick Cross, UGT	Terry O'Toole, KCTG
Kathy Pembroke, The Whole Person	Bill Rogers, NWCDC
Dan Egan, The Whole Person	Jake Jacobs, EITAS
Ryan Greathouse, The Whole Person	Nolan Sunderman, City of Lansing

#### MARC Staff:

Karen Clawson	Tom Gerend
Stewart Nelson	Stephen Lachky
Ron Achelpohl	Tyler Means
Mell Henderson	

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### 1) Welcome/Introductions

Councilman Chuck Adams welcomed the committee and introductions were made.

### 2) Approval of September Meeting Minutes\*

Mr. Courtney asked for the meeting minutes to be amended to include two points that were not captured from the conversation relating to the Smart Moves Implementation Plan. These points included:

1. The need to see economic information in Phase 2 of the plan, and
2. Accessibility should be part of Smart Moves Phase 3.

Meeting minutes as amended for September 1, 2010 were approved.

### 3) Presentation: Rockhill Greens Development

Mr. Kelley Hrabe introduced himself to the committee. Mr. Hrabe is from the Net Giver, a sustainability-focused for-profit community development and services company that is working on a new project called Rockhill Greens. The new development will be located at the Research Medical Center-Brookside campus,

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formerly the Baptist-Lutheran Medical Center, into a mixed-use community including assisted living, apartments, commercial and retail uses focused on a healthy-living lifestyle. The development hopes to support aging in place in the community as well as other needs for the area.

Mr. Hrabe acknowledged the importance of accessibility to and personal mobility within the development. The site is currently served by three KCATA bus stops, including stops for the new Troost MAX service. Mr. Hrabe met with MARC and KCATA to discuss opportunities and issues related to integrating bus service and the new development so that they mutually support each other. Mr. Hrabe asked for support from the Transit Committee that may help in the financing process of the development.

Mr. Singleton asked how parking has changed from existing layout to the new site plan. Mr. Hrabe noted that the development is trying to reduce the parking for the development, and; he noted that while the hospital wants to keep the parking, seniors do not drive up the parking demand. Mr. Hrabe pointed out several of the amenities within the site including trails and an amphitheatre for the community to use. Mr. Courtney asked how many housing units there would be. Mr. Hrabe said that skilled nursing units and affordable housing units would total 320 units.

Mr. McLinden said he did not see a clear pedestrian connection and asked if part of the development could be re-oriented to face Troost. Mr. Hrabe said that he is working with KCATA to better integrate the bus service with the development and providing amenities such as a café near the Troost MAX stop. The pedestrian connection still needs to be integrated.

Councilman Adams asked what the employment will be at full build-out. Mr. Hrabe said 220 new jobs and nearly 400 total. Mayor Bower asked if it would be wise to hold off on support of the project until the plan was updated to better reflect comments from the Transit Committee.

Several people mentioned the importance of connecting transit and special transportation services, making everything wheelchair accessible, including the trails.

Mr. Ferguson asked when Mr. Hrabe could come back to the committee with the development plan. Mr. Hrabe said 60 days.

#### **4) Missouri Transportation Alliance**

Mr. Mark Huffer spoke about the Missouri Transportation Alliance's (MoTA) statewide effort that is sponsored by Chambers of Commerce, heavy construction, and various unions. MoTA is proposing to develop a ballot initiative for the state of Missouri for 2010. The funding scenario in this initiative proposes a state sales tax increase that would yield \$125 million for Kansas City for all modes over ten years. The transit share of this revenue would be \$25 for Kansas City. MoDOT has asked MARC to explore scenarios for how this funding could be used if it were to come to us so that voters would know exactly how the tax revenue would be spent. The KCATA has worked with consultants at HNTB to develop priorities. Four priorities have been developed: 1) System preservation, 2) System expansion, 3) Capital improvements, and 4) fixed route starts. Mr. Huffer noted that any new state revenue should not replace local revenue as that would be a bad situation. Local funds demonstrate a community commitment and can be used for matching of federal funds.

Mr. Courtney asked if paratransit was part of the priorities. Mr. Huffer said that ADA paratransit would be included in preservation and expansion. Mr. Courtney said that ADA was woefully inadequate and this needs to be talked about.

Mr. Huffer said that the state currently gives the Kansas City area \$119,000 which will not even purchase half of a bus.

Mr. Henderson asked if any discussion was targeted to inter-jurisdictional vs. local service. Mr. Huffer said that most of the discussion had been on inter-jurisdictional service.

## 5) Updated Peer City Transit Research

Mr. Stephen Lachky gave a brief presentation on MARC's peer city research. This research was performed to support work by Johnson County's Transit Funding Task Force (START) committee. The research compares the regions transit agencies and various statistics to peer cities throughout the country. The data was obtained from 2008 data in the National Transit Database. Comparisons include services provided, population, densities, transit mode split, fare revenue and local, state and federal revenue sources. Seven peer cities were selected for comparisons: Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Phoenix, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Louis.

The report can be found here: <http://www.marc.org/transportation/pdf/Peer-Cities-Transit-Research.pdf>

Mr. Gerend pointed out some interesting findings from the research. There is a strong correlation between investment and ridership. The Kansas City region is towards the bottom of the list on regional investment. Mr. Singleton mentioned that the research shows that Johnson County is the densest in the region. Mr. Gerend noted that MARC is checking on this. Mr. Ferguson noted that the START committee is made up of 23 non-technical and one thing they have brought up is that a lot of money is spent for just 4% of the population. We need to be able to respond to these ridership concerns. Mr. Courtney asked if ADA paratransit is included in the research. Mr. Gerend said that staff would go back and check to see if it was included.

Mr. Rivarola thought it would be interesting to see peer cities added that do not have rail in place and have similar or less population. Mr. Gerend mentioned that the START committee has suggested adding Louisville and a couple of other comparable cities. Mr. Huffer suggested researching efficiency between the regions, what are we getting for the money we do spend?

## 6) Smart Moves Implementation Plan: Phase 2 and 3 Update

Mr. Gerend noted that TTPC and the MARC Board took action on the Phase 2 transit strategies and the initiation Phase 3. Phase 3 will be formally kicked-off at the November Transit Committee meeting. MARC will be in consultation with Transit Committee to identify stakeholders that need to be around the table.

Phase 2 still requires more modeling work and changes to the draft will be brought back to the committee at the next committee meeting.

Ms. Ramseyer said the human service transportation needs to be an integral part of the Phase 3 at the outset.

## 7) Regional Transit Coordination (Seamless Transit Concept)

Ms. Clawson mentioned the desire to continue work on the concept of seamless transit and moving it forward. Although the topic is on the 2010 work plan staff feels the best way to approach the topic is to form a work group that could convene and address seamless transit more deeply. Ms. Clawson asked for those who are interested to make themselves known and she would follow up to move the workgroup strategy forward. Members of the Transit Action Network expressed interest. Sandy Silva also expressed interest after the meeting.

Councilman Adams suggested that the work of this group remain as high level including long term funding, long-term coordination, etc. and not get bogged down in the minutia. Mr. McLinden said he hoped that at least one member from each transit agency would participate. Mr. Jarrold from KCATA said he would participate.

## 8) Other Business

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.